

# CPRI August Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

- CPRI Investigates ESP
- CPRI plans to conduct an investigation in NYC
- New Paranormal Themed Movie hits theatres
- Book Spotlight—a little paranormal fiction
- CPRI Names First Ever Honorary Member

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## CPRI Investigates Eastern State Penn with Fangoria TV

On July 21st 2005 CPRI met up with Fangoria TV producer David Rein to film an investigation at one of the nation's most infamous prisons—Eastern State Penitentiary. It is located in Philadelphia PA.

The prison has enjoyed a long history of alleged paranormal activity despite the fact that not one single execution was conducted on site. However there were many inmate murders by other inmates which has helped to fuel these stories. The prison has also enjoyed somewhat of a renaissance in recent years due to a lot of high exposure in such nationally broadcast

shows as Fox's "World's Scariest Places", MTV's "Fear" and most recently Sci-Fi's "Ghost Hunters". If you are a fan of the show "Ghost Hunters"

featuring the T.A.P.S. paranormal researchers you will remember that at ESP a hooded apparition was allegedly captured on video. The group had such great success there that T.A.P.S and the production crew were actually there a week before CPRI conducted their investigation with Fangoria TV. We are still reviewing film and photos and will

actually be going back to ESP sometime in September to get additional footage at the prison. No one from CPRI is complaining though because re-



CPRI members pose outside of ESP

gardless of whether or not the prison is actually "haunted" it's a pretty creepy place. If you want to see pics of the prison and investigation go to [virginia-ghosts.com/eastern\\_staste.php](http://virginia-ghosts.com/eastern_staste.php)

## Lost Recorder @ ESP

During the investigation at ESP there were many EVP or electronic voice phenomena capture attempts using tape recorders. One such tape recorder was placed in a specific cell in one of the more notorious cell blocks. All tape recorders and other equipment were gathered at

the conclusion of the investigation—a sweep through the prison was conducted before everyone left to make sure that all equipment was gathered. However upon returning to the hotel CPRI investigator Ed Pritchard couldn't find his recorder. Even stranger—his flashlight which

had gone out during the investigation (despite fresh batteries) had come on by itself during the night and was shining brightly even though Ed hadn't replaced the batteries...were the ghosts of ESP following Ed? We may never know but to date Ed's recorder is still MIA.

One if By Land,  
Two if By Sea



in Greenwich  
Village - NYC

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Robert M. Snow of the U.K.'s The Ghost Club was made an honorary member of CPRI.

## CPRI Hits the Big Apple in September

CPRI will investigate a famously haunted restaurant in the city's Greenwich Village section—One if By Land, Two if By Sea.

The restaurant's ghost stories are known to the locals in the area.

The haunted history goes as follows: Once a carriage house owned and operated by Aaron Burr, the place is apparently running with ghosts. Not

the least of which is supposedly Burr's own beloved daughter Theodosia Burr Alston, who vanished off the coast of North Carolina while on her way to visit her father in New York. Apparitions of Theodosia and various other spirits have actually been seen and several women sitting at the bar have had their earrings popped off by an enamored Theodosia. CPRI

will be filmed by Fangoria TV while conducting the investigation for their new show entitled “Ghost Stories and EVP”. Hopefully CPRI will be able to explain some of the “unexplained” phenomena that has occurred over the years. Stay tuned to the website for more information.

## Virginia Paranormal Conference in Williamsburg Cancelled

The Virginia Paranormal Conference\* that was to be held in Williamsburg during August 20th—22nd has been cancelled for unknown reasons. The conference was hosted by the Old Dominion Paranormal Investigations (<http://virginiaparanormal.com>). A litany of speakers were going to be featured including L.B Taylor, the prolific au-

thor of the wildly popular “Ghosts of Virginia” book series. Also Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Dale Kazarmark and other notable speakers from the paranormal conference circuit were expected to be there. It is unknown why the conference was cancelled but if you did purchase a ticket and you would like to be refunded you should contact

Ray Finchum, the President of ODPI by emailing him at [odpiagent@aol.com](mailto:odpiagent@aol.com).

*\*CPRI is in NO WAY affiliated with this conference.*

## CPRI Honorary Member: Mr. Robert M. Snow

Robert M. Snow was made an honorary member of CPRI during August of 2005. He and CPRI Founder Bobbie Atristain had been communicating for years via email and finally had a chance to chat during her holiday in London this month.

Robert Snow has had an interest in the paranormal for many years. His appetite for

the unexplained and mysterious was gained from his late Grandfather, Dr Richard Clay, a medical practitioner in Wiltshire. Dr Clay had several paranormal experiences himself and being a very methodical mind he recorded them on paper as soon as possible after the incident. He also recorded experiences of his patients that were related

to him. Robert is now the owner of Dr Clay's archives, having inherited them when his Grandfather died in the 1970s, he is always adding to them himself. Robert was until recently the General Secretary of The Ghost Club, the oldest paranormal research organization in the world, having being founded in 1862.

## Ghost Girl @ Harbour Point subdivision in Chesterfield, VA

Harbour Point subdivision located in Chesterfield, VA just outside of Richmond looks like your average suburban neighborhood. However over the past few years many residents driving the roads within the subdivision have reported seeing the apparition of a girl walking along the road late at night. Many of these

people have witnessed this girl on multiple occasions and she has been seen walking down a couple of different roads within the subdivision. No one seems to know who she is or why she is there. CPRI Regional Director for the Richmond area Freddie Sineath is currently researching this case and has re-

ceived some emails from others in the area who are familiar with this legend. If you have any information about who this girl may be or maybe you've witnessed her yourself please contact Freddie Sineath at [Freddie@virginiaghost.com](mailto:Freddie@virginiaghost.com).



Who's the ghost girl at Harbour Point?

## Proliferation of Shows About Psychics Hit the Airwaves

On TV these days, paranormal is the new normal.

Van Praagh, a best-selling author of several books on communicating with spirits, is now the executive producer of "Ghost Whisperer," an upcoming CBS series that stars Jennifer Love Hewitt as a newlywed who talks to the dead.

Following in the otherworldly footsteps of NBC's similarly

themed drama, "Medium," "Ghost Whisperer" is based on an actual psychic, and is just one of a slew of new shows about the paranormal — all featuring real-life ghost hunters, crime-solving mediums or supposedly haunted places.

"I predicted this would happen five years ago on 'Larry King,' right after 'The Sixth Sense' came out," says Van

Praagh, referring to the 1999 hit film about a boy who sees dead people.

"But what's so amazing," he adds, "is how it's become much more acceptable in the mainstream, where you're now seeing more and more of these types of shows."

*Excerpted article by Robert Dominguez of the NY Times.*

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## Book Spotlight: The Mist in the Mirror

**Author Susan Hill**

The Mist in the Mirror is a ghost story reminiscent in plot and style to nineteenth-century English fiction.

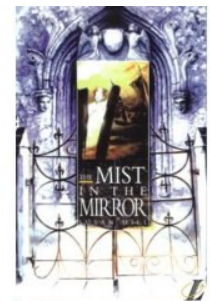
This is a tale of delicious dread, written and read in the spirit of

entertainment.

The night on which Sir James Monmouth returns to England from Penang is not auspicious. The Cross Keys Inn provides shelter from the chill wind and rain, but it offers few

comforts. The pale boy, the old woman and the mist in the mirror - do they have any reality beyond Monmouth's imagination?

**Have you read this?** Tell us what you think—email [info@virginiaghosts.com](mailto:info@virginiaghosts.com)



The Mist in the Mirror is considered an excellent fictional paranormal tale.

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The movie "The Skeleton Key" is in theatres now.

*The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation is a non-profit organization based outside of Richmond, VA. We conduct investigations into the paranormal in a non-metaphysical manner. One of our main goals is to seek out allegedly "haunted locations"\* and to assist those who are experiencing problems with the paranormal. We then look for authentic evidence of the paranormal and try to determine if the location is haunted\*. We are seeking genuine evidence and are careful about the presentation of this evidence... insuring that it is legitimate, researched and analyzed before being presented to the general public.*

*We use strict SCIENTIFIC methods to obtain TANGIBLE evidence - Evidence that leaves no doubt about its origin, cause and effect. Evidence that will be reproducible under controlled testing conditions.*

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## New Ghost Themed Movie: **The Skeleton Key**

Caroline (Kate Hudson) is a twenty-five-year-old hospice worker who cares for the ailing and the elderly, a job designed to atone for her own mistake for ignoring her dying father in the past, when she had been a rock 'n' roll manager. After her latest charge passes away, Caroline takes a job in Louisiana, caring for Ben (John Hurt), a stroke-victim who is bed-ridden and cannot speak. But Caroline

becomes suspicious of the house, and Luke's cold wife, Violet (Gena Rowlands) only adds to the creepy atmosphere. After acquiring a skeleton key, Caroline makes her way into a secret room within the attic where she discovers hair, blood, bones, spells, and other instruments for practicing voodoo. Violet says she has never been in the secret room, but that the items probably belonged to the original owners' two house-

workers, who practiced black magic and were lynched as a result. Noting that Ben had his stroke in the attic after entering the room, Caroline is determined to unlock the secrets of the house, and rescue Ben from the horrors that hold him captive within.

*Plot summary taken from [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) website.*

### **Have you seen this movie?**

Let us know what you thought about it—email [info@virginiaghosts.com](mailto:info@virginiaghosts.com).