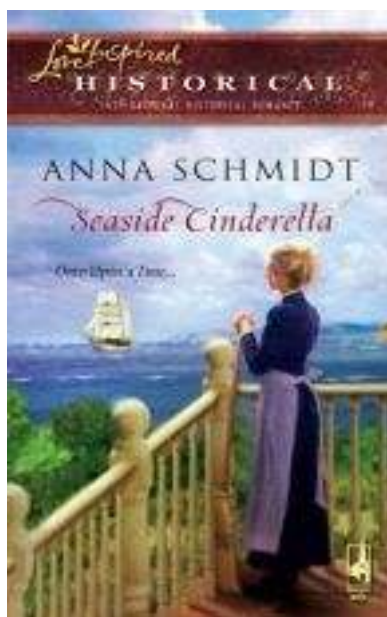


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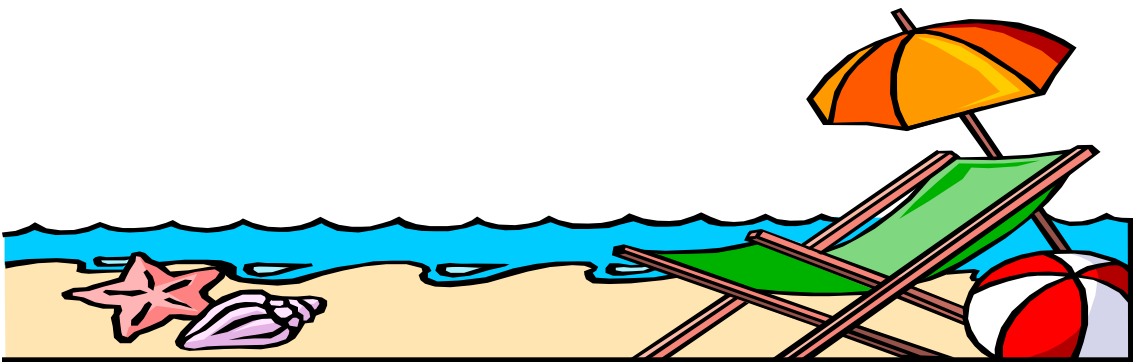
ANNA EARNS THIRD RT REVIEWERS' CHOICE NOMINATION

The holidays began with good news. SEASIDE CINDERELLA has been selected as a finalist in the prestigious Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Awards. Winners will be announced at RT's national conference in March. If you have not yet read this one, now would be a good time to pick it up as the sequel (GIFT FROM THE SEA) is set to hit stores in May AND there will be an online serial (20 chapters in 20 days) posted on www.eharlequin beginning March 30. The online read is the story of one of Seaside's most popular secondary characters, Jeanne Witherspoon.



BEHIND MY GARDEN GATE...

Counting my blessings - Wisconsin has seen more than its share of sub-zero, icy winter days interspersed with three times the normal amount of snow for this time of year. But I am sitting this one out here in Florida where so far the coldest temp has been 48 degrees. My garden here is also my writing studio. The fabulous Marie Selby Botanical Gardens are just a short walk from my home here in Florida. I go there and work several days a week, taking advantage of the beautiful setting of flowering shrubs and trees and the garden's signature plant: the



orchid! Talk about inspiration!

A WORD OF WARNING TO ALL MY DEAR READERS!

Wherever you may live, please take care to protect yourself (and your loved ones) from exposure to the sun. Imagine my surprise

when shortly after arriving here I developed a sore on my forearm that simply would not heal. Having had some problems with pre-cancerous growths in the past, I got myself to a dermatologist, who scraped the spot and sent it off for a biopsy. Keep in mind this developed well before I started spending my days in the sun of Florida! I know all will be well, but it certainly was a wake-up call that skin cancer is on the rise and can happen in any climate!!

FINALLY: 2 quick reminders:

- **ENTER THE DRAWING FOR CITRUS:** The first box of citrus went out last week to NIKKI K of KS. You have two more opportunities to win - next drawing will be January 31st followed by the final drawing on February 28th. To enter go to my website (www.booksbyanna.com).
- **And don't forget to stay in touch** - either via my website at www.booksbyanna.com and click 'Contact Anna' to e-mail me, or send a note to PO Box 161, Thiensville, WI 53092.

All best wishes for the very best of 2009!!

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