

Scribbles *and* *Jots*

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With Thanksgiving as its crowning jewel, November is a great month to focus on all of the amazing people and things you have in your life. Studies have shown that the more you focus on the positive, the more positive you attract. This could simply be a case of "You will always find what you are looking for in any situation," or possibly because when you are looking for positive aspects you actually put yourself in more positive situations. Some people believe it is due to a mysterious universal law of attraction. Maybe it is God returning your smile and giving you a reason to smile more because you are so beautiful when you are happy. Whatever the cause, this little phenomenon is an amazing reason to spend extra time and effort each day to smile over all that you have in your life and everything you have achieved while at the same time sending some mindful intentions for future goals out into the universe.

This November, I wish you much love, many wonderful moments with friends and family both near and far, and the beginning of a season filled with inspiration.

Hand-Made
Jewelry

Checker
Boards

Calendars



Thanksgiving Craft Day!
(Making gifts for Christmas)

Personal
Christmas
Cards

Decorations for the Tree

Works
of
Art

String
Scissors

Construction Paper



Making something using only
these items:

Be
reative

Prompt: As soon as the door opened...

NaNoWriMo 2019

Reach for the Stars!



November is a big month in the writing world. National Novel Writing Month, NaNoWriMo for short, will be occupying every spare minute of its participants lives for the next thirty days.

The goal of NaNoWriMo is for writers to take the outline of a new book and turn it into a 50,000 word rough draft before the calendar page turns. With only thirty days to work with, that requires a whopping average of 1,667 words per day with no weekend breaks or days off.

Can it be done? Yes! I've known quite a few writers who have even gone over the 50,000 word goal.

Will I be taking a swing at it?

Maybe one year but this is definitely not that year!

rite 100 words. No more. No less.

Be Reasonable!

So, the thought of 50,000 words in 30 days scares you. Does that mean you'll never be a "real writer"? Does that mean you aren't dedicated to telling the story that lives inside you?

NO!!!

Did you know that if you write 250 words a day with an average of 5 days per week you will have 65,000 words in your manuscript by the end of the year? That is more than enough for a solid rough draft.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer only contains 70,570 words. By the time you are done editing that rough draft you will have created, You will very likely have at least that many!

(There are more than 250 words on this page.)

Opinion Time

Halloween

Thanksgiving

Christmas

4th of July

● *It Came from My Brain!!!* ●

The past few months have been taken up with a major overhaul of the interior and undercarriage of my 1970 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, named Gregory. The work has not left much room for writing or art. What it has done is give me a chance to explore new experiences and add new skills to my personal toolbox of abilities.

It has also opened new avenues to my creativity. Whether we have been solving problems that have cropped up from time to time throughout the project or looked for little ways to personalize the interior, my creativity has really been given a workout.

Best of all, I had the opportunity to work closely with my husband the whole time. He's my own, personal "that guy." A "that guy" is the one you call when you need something done who seems to be able to do anything. Teamwork is a great boost to any creative life.

As weather shifts into winter, we are wrapping up the interior and my little car should be back on the road and ready for new adventures.

Next spring starts the exterior with all new things to learn and problems to solve.

I can't wait!



Teamwork!



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**