

TAYLOR'S TIPS for a productive writing career...



Dear Fellow Writer,

You're receiving this newsletter because you signed up for it at a class I taught or checked the box on my website. Welcome! I hope to share some thoughts each month to inspire you to write and to submit your work for publication.

Spring is just around the corner, a good time to start fresh with writing projects or to begin working on that book idea you've had in the back of your mind.

A LITTLE IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN NOTHING

When I first started writing I was working fulltime—even more than fulltime—60-hour weeks, sometimes 70-hour weeks. My husband and I had started our own business and we needed to devote incredible amounts of time and energy into getting it up and running. Is there a lot going on in your life that is keeping you from putting pen to paper, fingers to keypad? Maybe it's a new baby, a demanding job, or a move to a new city.

During those first few years of starting the business, I managed to eek out a half hour here, an hour there to devote to my passion for writing. Sure, I was tired. And often, discouraged. I wondered if the little bit that I was doing would make any difference at all. But you know what? It did. One month I sent out a query letter. The next month I polished an article and submitted it to *Chicken Soup*. Every month I did something, anything, to keep my writing alive. I felt so good inside. That little bit was just the encouragement I needed to do a little bit more.

Start today to do a little. Keep track of your output. Watch your efforts grow into success. Instill in yourself the confidence that you CAN reach your goals. Write them down; plot them out. And take one step forward at a time..

What's Happening...

April 21st - Better than a flu shot and healthier than a sugar donut, is the Orange County Christian Writers Fellowship's Spring Writers Day 2008. You won't believe the incredible array of editors and professional writers sharing their expertise in a fantastic setting. It's a one-day event chock full of learning. Come be a sponge and soak it all up. P.S. I'll be conducting a three-part hands-on nonfiction workshop for writers, but when you see me, please do say "Hi."
www.ocewf.org

June 24th – Deadline to submit your story to the *Guideposts* writers contest. I won a spot in the contest in 2004. I was one of fifteen writers invited to attend the five-day all expenses paid workshop in Rye, New York where the editors of *Guideposts* taught us all about inspirational writing. Check out the website for the guidelines and don't miss the deadline.
www.guidepostsmag.com/writers-workshop/

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