

TAYLOR'S TIPS for a more productive you...

Dear Friend,

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



For me, popcorn and fireworks go hand in hand. It's like going to a movie in the sky, and who would want to be without the buttered, crunchy, salty bowl of popcorn to enjoy the show?

As we celebrate our freedom this weekend, let's consider what we have the freedom to accomplish in our lives. We can pretty much do anything we want to (within legal limits)...be anything we want to be (if we work hard enough)...and accomplish whatever goals we set before us (if we maintain a positive attitude and a diligent work ethic).

Like the *POP* of fireworks that explode in the onyx sky, are there kernels of goals on your stove that are simmering, waiting for the right heat to be applied?



Maybe you want to see your byline in print for the first time in a magazine, a newspaper, or an anthology. Maybe you want to hold your first published book in your hands and feel the tactile sense of paper and weight. Do you long to crack the spine, inhale the new-book smell, trace your name and caress the cover?

It's up to you to put the projects on the burner and then turn up the heat by using your writers' group members for critiques and the knowledge you learned at conference workshops to get your work ready for submission. Then nurture, shake, and shimmy and watch them *POP!*

If you work hard enough and long enough, there will be times when you'll be watching that fireworks show in the sky, eating popcorn and whispering.....

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Enjoy your show!

Happy writing and blessings on your work.

What's Happening...

Extraordinary Answers to Prayer a *Guideposts* series is looking for stories for Volume ten "The Power of Praying Together" (deadline August 15). Prefer stories between 1,000 to 2,000 words. Email Jeanette Littleton at incredibleprayers@earthlink.net for full guidelines, inquiries and submissions.

A Writing Opportunity *Incidents II -- More Tales from the Church Office* is a follow-up book to the one soon to be released on October 15. Linda Gillis is looking for stories from church offices of all denominations in the U.S. and Canada. If you know of stories, or know of someone who might like to write a story, feel free to forward this on to your church office or to others you may know who have been involved in working as a support staffer in a church office or as a volunteer. See the website for further information: www.incidentsfrom.com.

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