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From My Orange Desk
May 2019

Dear ,

I just re-sparked my own writing practice with my Spring writing retreat, and am rededicated to my writing rituals as a result. What are your writing rituals? How might creating writing rituals help your writing practice? How does ritual serve you in the rest of your life?

Upcoming Classes and Events

VerbTribe Starts May 20th

April 28-May 3, 2019 - near Asheville, NC

This Spring brings the online VerbTribe class back into your living room. **VerbTribe is for the writer who is committed to the task, but needs help and support to get there.**

If you are committed to writing, let's sit down and write together. When you join the VerbTribe 37-day class, you won't be asked to lock yourself in your room and write for five hours a day, but it does involve a daily commitment to create. I'll be here to guide the way. All you need to do is write and trust that it adds up. It truly does. Threads show themselves when you make sure that inspiration strikes every morning at 9am or every evening at 9pm — your schedule, your way, but writing consistently is what members of the VerbTribe do.

We're going to focus on *process*, not product. We're going to focus on *writing as a verb*. The act of writing. The sitting down, the pen to paper or fingers to keyboard. Only then we can focus on form, content, voice. Each are vital. **You can know everything there is to know about writing—but if you're not cultivating a writing practice, it won't help.**

This class is 37 days long. A little over five weeks.

After 37 days in the VerbTribe you will have:

- A clear understanding of the patterns that have stopped you from writing in the past

- The capacity to write each and every day (intention) -- regardless of what is going on in your daily life (circumstance)
- Tools to improve both your writing process and product
- A clear view of what you long to say in the world
- A community of peers to stay in touch with as support for each other
- A way into your unique voice

What you get:

- Provocative, imagination-busting daily writing prompts – every single day for the duration of the time you're enrolled.
- A structure for writing—and accountability.
- Members-only private Facebook group for community support and further feedback from me for the duration of the class (37 days), and afterward

What I ask you to bring: Commitment to developing a sustainable writing practice, to doing the work, to your own voice, to showing up—fully, to never apologizing for your work—and never making excuses.

The class runs online from May 20 - June 25.

Life is short. Write accordingly.

[Go here for more information and to register.](#)

Next Writing Retreat For Women

My next writing retreat for women is scheduled for **April 26-May 1, 2020**, near Asheville NC. You will create a bit of writing magic there, and will certainly find a community of supportive writers to call your own. [Go here](#) for information.

Keep writing. The world needs your voice.

I hope these few words find you happy and contented or moving in that direction.

Love,

Patti

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