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SNIPPETS

an inspirational think-out-loud
e-column for women

inspiration station
can't edit yesterday

Writers and editors could edit one story indefinitely. There's always an alternate way to say something, a different arrangement of paragraphs, and other word choices. You could show me the same piece on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - and I would edit something in it each day.

The unrelenting need to edit makes it challenging as a writer to click send, finish a letter, hand in a book manuscript, turn in a column, or schedule the next snippet. Truthfully, I feel anxious every time. What if there's a typo or grammatical error??? What if I could have written it better? Did I see everything that was possible to edit? Is it my finest work?

Can you guess how many times I read *SNIPPETS* before I schedule it to send??? *Mamma mia!*

I find it alarming to revisit a piece I wrote years back. Why had I structured the sentence like that? How did I not see these extra words clogging this other sentence? Why hadn't I edited that phrase? Why did I choose this boring word over a more exciting one? (Hello ... Thesaurus?)

I suppose it's similar to an actor who wonders what s/he was thinking when they made that "bad movie." Oops, too late. The movie has played countless times in theaters, already has been picked apart by movie-goers and movie

critics, is permanently etched on film, and now all over the Internet.

So it is with words: the stories have been told, they have been read, and some are in permanent print in books.

Alas ... what is written is written, what is printed is printed, what is done is done, what is over is over ... in writing and in life. How much are we satisfied with the way things were?

It is senseless to feel regret with yesterday. Although at the time it seemed the right way to go, the good thing to do, the correct way to fabricate something ... today's second look sometimes doesn't mesh.

Yesterday, we trusted our decisions, our tastes, our selections, our actions, our thoughts, our talents, and our emotions. Now there is simply no turning back for rewrites. Today and tomorrow are the only days of which we have control.

We can't edit yesterday.

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"My inspiration comes from many sources! Your FridaySNIPPETS is one. However, during the last 10 months, with person to person interactions being very limited, I have had to be a self-motivator! (Thankful that I finally have realized I must be my own motivational source.) I control what I can and try not to become consumed by those things I can't. Daily walks in beautiful southern coastal Delaware helps!"

Amy G in Delaware

"I'm a hospice nurse. I receive inspirations when I watch families go through that last part of the journey of their loved one's life. That time is often the most precious time they have spent together in a long time. It is a time for reconciliation for some people. It is a time to offer the person making the journey the assurance that whoever is being left behind will be well taken care of by the remaining family members. My heart is broken for them, but it is filled by their love."

~ Joanne in New York

"I get my thoughts together and experience my brainstorming in my bathroom! Showering distracts my usual mental ramblings and I find I can get very

focused with all that warm water hitting the brain. Wishing you unlimited inspirations and many showers."
~ Paula C in New Jersey

prayer flares



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FOR the Ryan family in DE over the loss of their father Toby Sr.

FOR Mary-Lynn's parents with health issues

FOR Barry

FOR Bev in NJ who lost her sister suddenly on Christmas Eve; they were very close

queen of quotes

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*It's a slow process,
but quitting
won't speed it up.*

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good to giggle



ciao until you snippet again ...



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