

From the Editor's Desk

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Jeanne Contemplates an Anniversary.

Fall has brought many things to my home this year. The leaves on the trees are changing – not quite the beautiful tapestry of color you see in the Northeast, but cool nonetheless. All three of my kids started school. Wildfires raged out of control a few miles from my house. And I'm feeling the icky anticipation of greeting-card season that's lurking on the horizon. But this year fall marks a personal anniversary as well. It was just a year ago that I decided to write. Oh, I had toyed with the idea before – I even started a romance novel to entertain my roommates in college – but for some reason, this time I meant it. One year ago, I became a writer.

In the months since that fateful day, my writing has undergone significant changes. I started out writing a series of category romances, but had become increasingly frustrated with the limitations and restrictions that went along with that path. I like to think that Fate was watching out for me when, on a whim, I took Jan Springer's Writing the Erotic Romance class in February. It opened up a new world of writing possibilities for me.

As with any relationship, my own with my writing will continue to grow and change over the years. Is a writing career easy? Hell, no! It isn't even always fun. Nevertheless, I know that on good days and bad, this is what I should be doing. Fortunately, I'm not doing it alone.

One of the wonderful things about RWA is the free exchange of experience and information that occurs between writers. I've started posting articles on the Passionate Ink forum from sister RWA chapter newsletters. When you have some time I encourage you to go take a look. And once again, the incredible articles in the *Passionate Ink Newsletter* have left me feeling inspired, energized and proud. We have so much talent and wisdom in our midst. We're lucky to be here and doing what we're doing.

First anniversary is *paper*. Hmmm...time to go write.

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