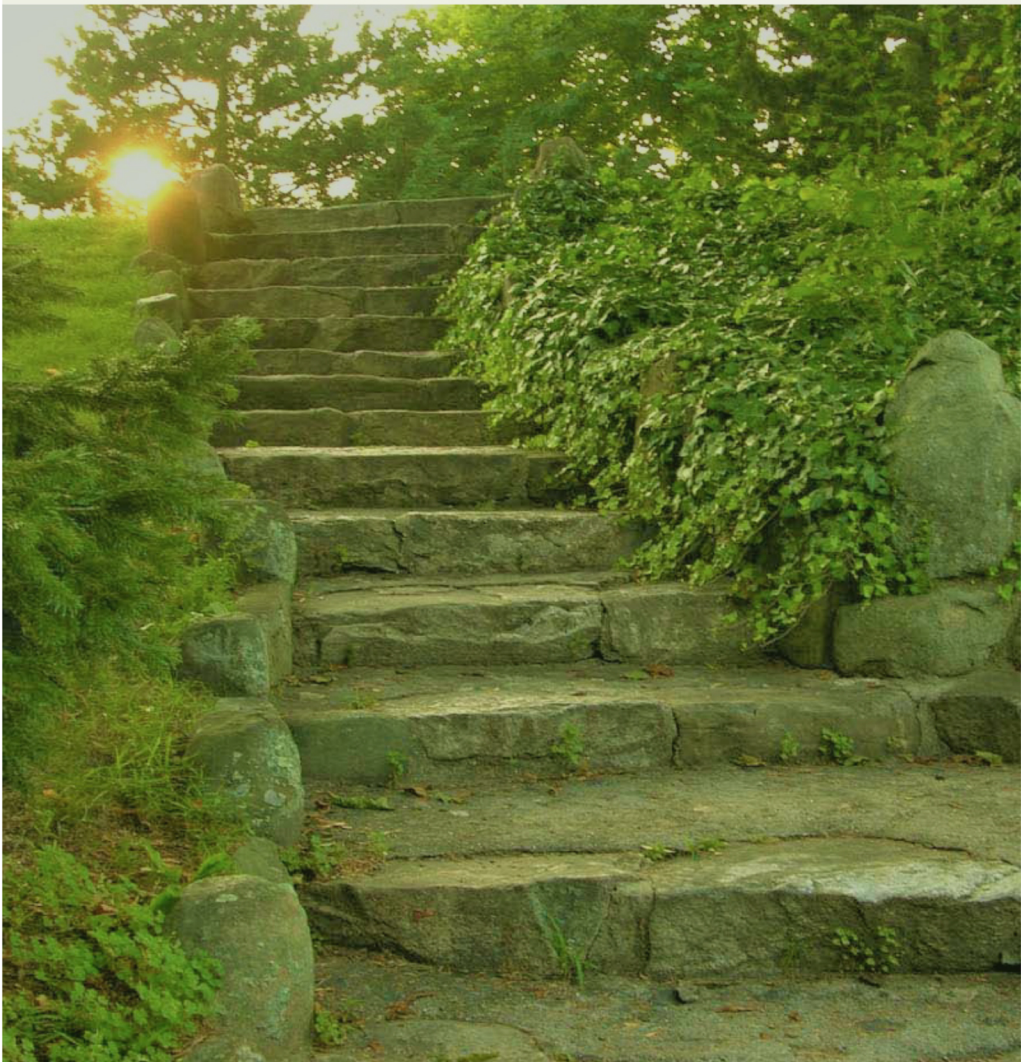


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JOURNEY

An Anthology



Westerly Writing Group
2019 edition

Journey: An Anthology is now available on Amazon!

Happy Thanksgiving

I hope each of you have something personally meaningful to be thankful right now. This holiday can be tough. Some of mine were less happy in years past but today my reasons for gratitude include Irene, my husband's ex-wife. We'll be eating turkey at her home in Connecticut. Irene is a fabulous cook, and volunteered to do the meal again, with all the trimmings. Bless her. Not sure if my ex-husband will join us, though he has in the past. Yes, you could say we are atypical.

Publishing News

In addition to being deeply thankful for the health and happiness of my dear family, I'm celebrating the safe delivery of our writing group's first anthology. The anxieties were akin to giving birth! Thanks to the editing and design wizardry of Gigie Hall, our book is out, in time for holiday giving. **You are invited to order a copy, only \$10.95. Click here.** A portion of our proceeds will be donated to our local library where we've met each Saturday morning for the past two years. Many of our authors are appearing in print for the first time.

Together we chose ***Journey*** for the theme of our initial anthology. The range of stories expands what that word means. Homeland has already emerged as our 2020 anthology theme. We are proud to join ranks with other respectable self-published authors, who include Jane Austen, Stephen King, Virginia Woolf, Mark Twain, Willa Cather, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Atwood, Edgar Allen Poe, Beatrix Potter, Gertrude Stein, Julia Cameron and Susan Wittig Albert. The 'Big Five' only release 340,000 new titles each year while we indie publishers put out over a million books annually, according to Statista. The self/indie publishing trend shows no sign of slowing down either.

Events

- Join us **Wednesday evening, at 6:30pm, Dec. 4th, at the South Kingston Library** (2605 Kingstown Road, in Kingston, RI) as I kick off my speaking tour

at local libraries. Expect a lively Q & A session! To register email bobertello@skpl.org

- Come see us at the **Dec. 7th Book Expo, in Cranston Rhode Island, at the Rhodes On the Pawtuxet Conference Center**, 60 Rhodes Place. We'll be there all day. In addition to ***The Importance of Paris***, I'll be selling **Gifts of Wisdom**, my perpetual calendars. They make great gifts for under \$20. Each featured quotation appears on the day of the person's birthday. I'll also have copies of our brand new **anthology** to purchase.
- **December 14th, Saturday, at 2 pm, join me at The Collective**, 1220 Kingstown Rd, South Kingstown, RI for a reading of my Paris memoir.

Wisdom Wheel

Time to celebrate the birthdays of all the Sagittarians born under the Choices Law on the Wisdom Wheel. They include both my parents (as readers of my Paris memoir know) and one of my daughters. I consult her when in need of help making choices, whether it's what to wear or how to redecorate.

Memoir Writing Workshop

Would You, Could You, Should You Write A Memoir? Come find out at our workshop, **Sunday Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** \$160 includes all instructions and materials, unlimited coffee, tea & snacks, plus a light lunch plus an autographed copy of *The Importance of Paris* memoir. Bring along a short sample of your writing to read aloud with the group. Contact me to reserve your place.

Testimonial: "I was honored to be part of Cynthia's writing workshop which was surrounded by nature, beautiful people and great food. I learned so much about memoirs and how to begin the process. Cynthia's intense passion, love of stories, raw honesty, encouragement of women writers, incredible knowledge and background is truly inspiring. I am ready!!" — Maria S.

Our **Get It Done** group holds its first meeting on the **evening of Dec. 18th. Contact me** for details. If your New Year Resolutions include getting your book done, join us. We'll hold each other accountable, exchange feedback and have fun!

Ceremonies

Our last Purification (sweat lodge) ceremony for 2019 will be held on **Saturday December 21st at 10 a.m.** in observance of the Winter Solstice. **Contact me for details.** Our first Lodge for 2020 will be on New Year's Day.

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