



# News from Sus[an]

How did it get to be 2015 already? Here's a look at where last year went and what's coming up in writing, workshops & life....

2014 in sum: New house,  
Revising the memoir, Habitat  
Hero work, Red (the truck)



As I wrote in a “Seven Gratitudes” blog post at the end of last year, the big events in 2014 were that I did not move and I finished Creek House and Treehouse, my little house and garage/studio. Of course, I’m still doing some customizing, but it’s mostly stuff I can do myself. The landscaping is a work-in-progress, but given my site, a steeply sloping former informal dump, restoration will take a while.

In my last eNewsletter, I was revising my memoir, Bless the Birds, and looking forward to sending it off to my agent. I hate to repeat myself, but the same applies. The story keeps tugging me deeper, and I keep going with it. This is the last major revision, I swear!

Other news of 2014: Habitat Hero work took me around Colorado and Wyoming, teaching workshops with passionate (and wickedly funny) plantswoman Lauren Springer Ogden. I also taught at the Women Writing the West Conference and the Tony Hillerman Writers Conference. And I bought myself a truck, a Toyota Tacoma named Red, for camping, exploring and road-trips. Molly (Cabe) and her boyfriend Mark Allen are still in San Francisco; Molly is now Strategy Director at Periera & O’Dell, where she’s traveling the world and doing cool work for Skype.

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TAC Retreat Center & labyrinth  
with Heart Mountain on skyline



Treehouse, interior and deck  
view with mountains....



Sienna Bryant

## 2015: Write & Retreat Returns, & More

Save the date! I'm planning Write & Retreat: Yellowstone Country for September 13-18, 2015 at an Episcopal retreat center near Cody, Wyoming. The retreat facility (photos at left) is comfortable, with spectacular views of the BigHorn Basin and surrounding mountains. Nearby sights include the world-class Buffalo Bill Center of the West museums in Cody (western art, plains indians, natural history), the North Fork Valley/Wapiti Wilderness and East Entrance to Yellowstone, and the Clarks Fork Canyon Wild & Scenic River. I'm exploring the possibility of an add-on weekend in Yellowstone National Park after the workshop.

As with all Write & Retreat Workshops, the workshop group will be small to allow for individual consultations; spouses or companions are welcome to join us for non-workshop activities. We'll write and workshop for part of the day, and leave part of the day to rest, relax and explore. Check my website for details or send an email to tweetdesk@gmail.com to get the brochure in email.

If you can't make it to Write & Retreat in September, and are in need of a creative time-away, Treehouse, the cozy, self-contained studio apartment above my garage with the stunning view of the mountains, is available on a limited basis (photos on left). Email tweetdesk@gmail.com for rates and other information.

I am also teaching habitat gardening workshops, including one in Cheyenne on March 28th, Fort Collins on April 8th (with Lauren Ogden), at the Chaffee County (Salida) Home & Garden Show on April 18th, and in Cody on September 7th (with Lauren again).

The Terraphilia Residency Program has hosted a dozen writers and artists since it began in 2012, and we have more slated for later this year. If you want to recommend someone whose work embraces humans' innate love for this earth, email tweetdesk@gmail.com.

That email address will get you to Sienna Bryant, my smart, creative and efficient Administrative Assistant. (She's also my middle niece.) Sienna's not only going to be handling some of my social media and research, she's also going to be dealing with registration and information for workshops, retreats and residencies. (Thank you.)

## Joy, Peace & a Blessed New Year to All!