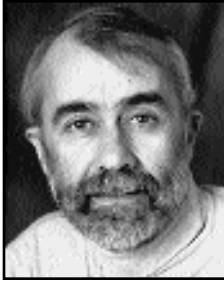


Life as an Affiliate

by Denis Ledoux



How do Affiliates go about organizing their memoir workshop businesses? The following report provides an encouraging and do-able glimpse into how one Affiliate is getting her memoir business up and running. Cindy Davis is a Certified Affiliate Teacher from Vero Beach, Florida. Cindy, whose company is called Leave Your Legacy (tag: Writing Your Past for the Future), attended the Business Supports Seminar in Tampa, Florida, in November 2001 and the Turning Memories Into Memoirs® Workshop in Wells, Maine, in April 2002.

In June, just two months after returning from the BSS, she launched herself—but let 's hear from Cindy about what she's been doing in her own words from an e-mail to our office in the second week of July.

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Cindy Davis, Vero Beach, Florida

"...just finished my first complete workshop series—the one I started in early June—and LOVED IT!!!!...the workshopers were very interested and committed to the story process. One woman said to me, 'We've come a long way, haven't we, together!' I was so excited to hear her say that. It made me feel like a real memoir teacher! I guess I am now!!! It feels great to be able to say 'I'm a memoir teacher' with confidence.



"I spoke with the Vero Beach Heritage Center last week, and we confirmed two six-week workshop sessions for the fall. It is also possible that we'll do a day-time workshop if there is enough interest. (Already two people on the list!) We also discussed the one-day seminar and possibly a few week-end intensives. I'm also working on some possible workshops and seminars in DeLand and West Palm Beach...Florida is very busy September through May with many visitors from the northern states.

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"...completing my family reunion Memory Book this week, will send a copy to you when I get it done. I may offer this service if I get a good reaction from my family. It has been fun.

"I have committed to completing the first draft of a biography I am doing for a former Hospice patient's family by August 31. The rest of the summer will be devoted to writing, writing, writing. I am also writing my own biography. (Hey, Denis, 'walking the walk'!!! [This is a reference to "Walking the Walk," an article in the June '02 *Tips for the Lifewriting Professional*—available in the newsletter archives—that encouraged all writing teachers to WRITE.]")"

Cindy Davis has used her talents, energy and—yes—SLN training to get herself off to a great start as a practicing memoir teacher. Congratulations Cindy on a job well done and keep up the good work. I have no doubt you will be a long-term success.

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