Engage Your Audience Across Multiple Platforms

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Action Steps:

- Implement a newsletter sign up immediately -- even if you don't plan to start sending a newsletter out any time soon.
- Learn and follow good SEO practices from the beginning.
- Choose a mobile-friendly theme, as people shift their online time to mobile devices

Social Media Notes:

Action Steps:

Pinterest:

- Create a well branded, recognizable pin template
- Video pins are new on the Pinterest scene and deserve consideration.
- Use Tailwind to schedule posts and utilize tribes

Facebook:

- Schedule posts to be shared to your page using native scheduler or an approved FB partner such as Smarterqueue.
- DO NOT SET AND FORGET. ENGAGE WITH YOUR AUDIENCE.
- Check your social media analytics for audience insights to better hone your content and delivery.

Instagram:

- Utilize stories for short peeks into your life, methods, etc.
- Use posts to build you personal narrative, drive traffic to your website, and share photographs that are relevant to your audience.
- You can upload natively or use an approved scheduler like Later.
- Engage with commenters and leave interactive comments on accounts that you follow.

Book Notes:

Action Steps:

- If you're seeking a book deal, create a platform, whether that's on social media, a website or blog, or a large number of newsletter subscribers.
- Make data-driven decisions, but be authentic. You will spend a lot of time with the book concept you pitch to a publisher or self-publish, so make sure it is something that you're passionate about.
- Book promotion: Be consistent and do one thing each day to promote your book. You may have to get uncomfortable to reach new audiences.
- Speaking engagements and podcasts help potential readers get to know you.

More Food for Thought:

- 1) What is my goal? What does my version of success look like?
- 2) What are my strengths? How can I leverage my strengths to reach my goals?
- 3) What are my weaknesses? How will this impact my ability to succeed/ meet my goals?
- 4) How can I inject my authentic personality into my platform(s)?
- 5) What is my niche?
- 6) Where are my people "hanging out" and looking for information and inspiration?
- 7) What types of content/social media posts make my readers go crazy (lots of comments, likes, engagement, questions)?
- 8) What is one gardening activity/experiment I've done recently that I could share with my audience?

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