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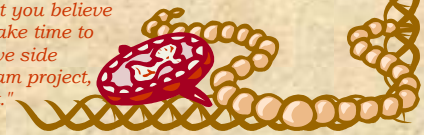
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Pearls of Wisdom

July Author: **Betty Griffin**

"Even if most of your efforts go into writing what you believe will sell, always make time to indulge your creative side and write your dream project, just for the joy of it."



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Dear Reader,

Pearls of Wisdom: Every month a few words of advice from veteran authors.

Hope you had a terrific **Independence Day** basking in the summer heat and fun!



Not a lot going on with me, although with school being out, I'm almost at the point of taking out a loan to feed my growing boy! It's amazing how much a man-child can eat - Yikes!

This month, I'm continuing to work on my anthology due out  in May 2010. I have titles now, the anthology itself is called: **Rhythms of Love**, and my particular story is titled: **Beats of My Heart**.

Writing it has been an interesting experience. Typically Kimani Romances are approximately 60,000 words, but being an anthology this book was only about 1/2 that. And for some reason, I'm finding it *harder* to tell the story in *less* words. I guess I always want to tell you as much about the characters as possible, so you can understand what motivates their actions. I'm about two-thirds the way through, and I've finally accepted that some things about these characters will just have to remain untold. Still, it has been an enjoyable project and I look forward to hearing what you think.



After I finish the anthology, and take a short downtime, I plan to start on a couple of projects I've been thinking about for a while. Projects I'm not even sure I can sell, but ones that have been in my head and heart for quite some time.

I've always been a huge fan of the historical genre and lately, I've been thinking of trying



my hand at writing one. But, I just want to make sure I get it right. It's all a matter of picking the right time period, and developing characters appropriate for the time and place. Doing the proper research so that the story is believable and as accurate as fiction can be. With contemporaries, I'm writing in the time I live in, which makes researching details a LOT easier than searching historical records and documents. I'm not sure where this "idea" is going to land, or if the final book will ever see daylight, but wish me luck. ☺

The other project is a surprise I have planned for you coming in January 2010 so, I'll just leave that one as a mystery for now.

Up next for release, **His Perfect Match**, coming in December. It's already available for pre-order on Amazon. I'll be able to give you more information, including a cover and excerpt in the next couple of months. That's it for now, so until next time . . .

Take care,
Elaine



The perfect beach companions . . .

