

SEAMLESSSOUTHERNSTYLE.COM

Feasts, Family, Food, FAITH, Farm-life, Fashion, Flowers, Footware, Fire, Failures, Finds, Fabric, Festivals, Fishing, Funds & Finances, Furniture, Flavor, Foundations and Fun





WELCOME

TO OUR PREMIERE ISSUE!

Welcome to the Premiere Issue of Seamless Southern Style Magazine with sonyamacdesigns! This jewel of a seasonal magazine has been a dream of mine for many years. As the founder and Chief Creative Officer of Key Word Bible Studies I am overjoyed to welcome you to the newest publication in our product line up. Our aim here at Seamless Southern Style Magazine is to glorify our heavenly Father in all that we do. And folks, family friends and foes know our lives are more than bible study. The lifestyle of a believer is full to the rim with homes and gardens, grills and fires, fashions and fixing and so much more. We joy to linger in lower case, while living, loving and leading an only Jesus lifestyle in this our one life.

I hope and pray you enjoy perusing this springtime gathering of words and images as much as I have enjoyed the task of making.

> SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE Editor-In-Chief

CONTACT US



P.O. Box ooooo Franklin, Tennessee

EDITORIAL

S.M. LOCKRIDGE Editor-In-Chief

S.M. LOCKRIDGEOperations Editor

S.M. LOCKRIDGE
Technical Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

Sonya McCllough Lockridge

SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBSCRIBE ONLINE

https://www.seamlesssouthernst yle.com/p/magazine.html

HOTLINE

1+ 000-000-0000

TABLE OF CONTENTS



05 EDITOR'S NOTES

Thinking about all the fights.

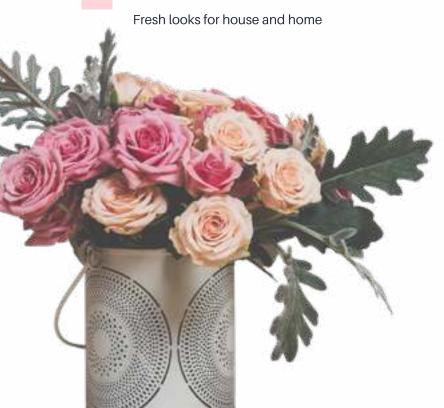
5 FIGHTING FLOWERS

Bug fighting flowers for yard home and garden.

12 THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS

The little black dress is styled at least 31 ways.

19 FRESH LOOKS



27 5 SEAMLESS WAYS

5 Seamless ways to Kill weeds with baking soda and vinegar.

WHERE WOMEN WRITE

Questions about your personal or professional writing space.

18 DEAR DEARLY DEPARTED

A letter to deceased or dearly departed loved ones.

41 ARTISAN OF AGRICULTURE

Meet our Spring Artisan of Agriculture: Whitney B. of Middle Tennessee.



EDITOR'S NOTE

At some point in time, I wrote: Thinking about all the fights.

Thinking about a Jesus protest.

Thinking about a Son of God march.

Thinking about a wall of folks, family,
and friends built on no thing but
serving HIM.

Thinking about a Jesus rally.
Thinking about a Jesus chant.
Thinking about the King of Kings.
When the saints come marching in.
Thinking about some I love Jesus posters.
Thinking about the wood supports
across the back.

Thinking about a Jesus riot.

Thinking about some Jesus gear.

Thinking about some authorized fire.

Which you choose not to hear.

Thinking about some amazing grace.

Thinking about the truth that

can't be replaced.

Thinking about the cloud which hovers.

Thinking about the snow which covers.

Thinking about millions of men.

Thinking about the bras, we be a burning.

Thinking about the sin, we sleep in.

When the saints come marching.

Thinking about all the fights.

Thinking about my civil rights.

Thinking about a cross on Calvary.

Thinking about the one who died for me.

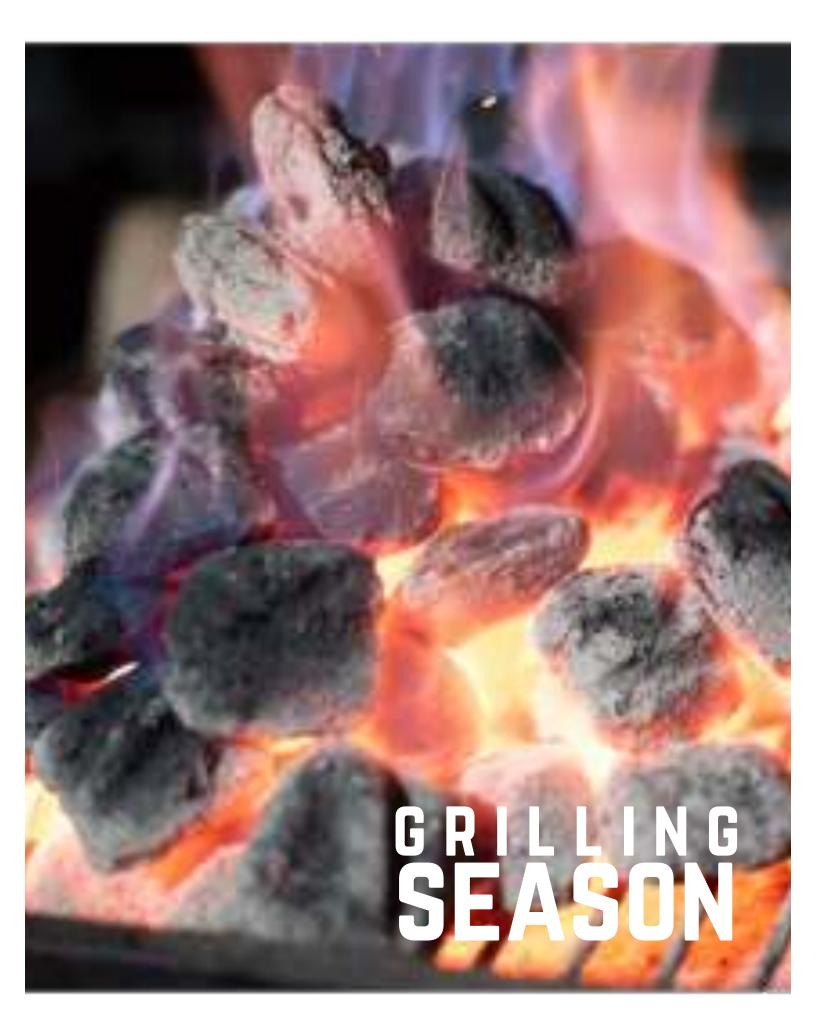
Thinking about the one who took my place.

Thinking about the day, I see His face.

When the saints come marching in.

<u>Sonya McCllough Lockridge</u>
EDITOR IN CHIEF





GRILLING SEASON

The folks over at All Recipes share: magic happens when fruit meets the flame! And the flavors intensify as the natural sugars caramelize, juicy fruits can get even juicier, and the smoke from the grill gives everything a woodsy, hanging-around-the-campfire flavor. And the grill marks — are gorgeous!

Last year I grilled some fresh peaches, plus tomatoes and to pull it off in a seamless southern fashion, I used five of their tips to create some after dinner tasty treats. It's a southern scandal and a shame to waste a good fire. Below is simply the best of what All Recipes recommends for grilling fruit this season:

The best fruit for grilling is firm and can hold their shape when placed over the hot coals. Peaches, melons, pineapple, pears, avocado, tomatoes, bananas, and figs are just some of the fresh fruits on the grilling list.

Cut fruit into large chunks, slices, and wheels to help it maintain its structure as it heats up and breaks down.

keep the rinds from sticking and gives the surface of the fruit a truly gorgeous caramelized finish by dusting the fruit with granulated sugar before grilling.

Pineapple needs more time to cook than peaches and citrus fruit.

Let the fruit sit on the hot grill for a few minutes before checking for grill marks; the surface of the fruit needs time to sear so it won't stick.

Find the complete article at: www.allrecipes.com

WORDS BY SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE









BY SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE

- 1. Begin by placing paper in a small pile at the bottom of the fire pit.
- 2. Then form sticks in a teepee-like structure over the paper pile.
- 3. Carefully light the paper, waiting for the paper and sticks to start burning.
- 4. Once the paper and sticks begin burning begin adding seasoned or kiln-dried split firewood logs one at a time allowing air to breath between logs, preferably in a teepee-like structure.
- 5. Add additional logs as the fire weakens, taking caution as logs in the fire can shift, potentially throwing embers and other burning debris outside the confines of the fire pit.

22

The Power of Prayer is the equalizer of pride position prejudice poverty prosperity privilege and might add pandemics.

SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE
 THE POWER OF PRAYER





The fashion trends for spring and summer of 2021 are leaning toward plenty of pastels plus a whole lot of monochrome magic! Drizzle some sweet floral fragrance while adding some basic denim to the mix and there you have a nice southern soulful day.







"None of us are perfect, for which reason we should heed the voice of charity when it whispers in our ears, "Do not magnify the imperfections of others."

- Elizabeth Keckley



"I design for the woman I wanted to be, the woman I used to be and to some degree, the woman I'm still a little piece of." - Diane Von Furstenberg



"I think as a woman of color and person of color, I have never sought out discrimination. If I want to do something, I'm going to figure out how to do it, and if you don't like how I look then that can't be my problem." $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n}$

- Tracy Reese





Canning Coffee



By Sonya McCllough Lockridge Photo: File

In the south we simply love to drink our super hot and super iced coffee from a canning jar. If we were to have a spring or summer sit down, I would offer you an iced chilled jar of freshly brewed coffee. I would fill it almost to the rim, saving room for your choice of cooling. I'm not sure if you prefer milk or cream in your Jar of Joe, so I would kindly inquire of your preference. But, since some still like it hot, even in the mist of southern heat, I would also offer to fix you up some regular ole coffee, brewed in an electric coffee cook pot. Since some like it brewed and hot the pour over style is pretty for pictures but not not something we practice for an in person sit down of the seamless southern style.

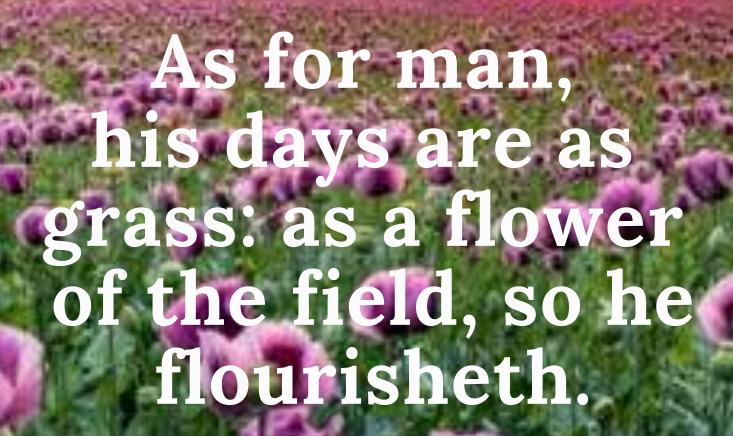


Fresh look

To set the order right rustic silently meets vintage in this super sweet reading corner.







Psalm 103:15 KJV















TO KILL WEEDS WITH BAKING SODA & VINEGAR

01 Soda Dusting

Use baking soda on weeds to destroy them within a few days. Pour baking soda over the weeds and let sit and repeat once a day until weeds are gone. Use baking soda to prevent weeds from regrowing by dusting areas where weeds frequent with the powder once a week, or twice for aggressive weed growths.

04 Vinegar Paste

A paste of baking soda and vinegar can be applied to weeds and works well for weeds that are deep inside sidewalk cracks. Mix two parts baking soda with one part vinegar in a bowl. Use a large bowl so the mixture doesn't bubble over the edge. Once the bubbling has stopped, stir, then fill cracks with the paste or apply it to the base of weeds. Apply every two days until weeds are gone, then rinse away any remaining paste with your garden hose.

02 Vinegar Soak

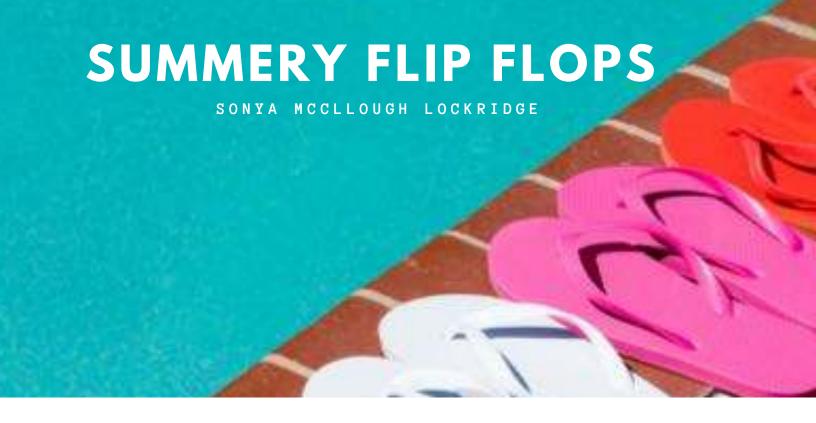
Vinegar has a lot of acidity, which is a weed's worst enemy. Make a spray out of vinegar and spray weeds with it once a day until they recede and die. Another idea which works for weeds growing out of small cracks is to pour the vinegar into the cracks and let it soak down in them. Use white distilled vinegar or raw apple cider vinegar, both of which you can find at health food stores.

03 Soda Spray

A spray made of vinegar and baking soda is another effective method for killing weeds. Use one part baking soda and two parts vinegar. Pour baking soda into the spray bottle first, then add vinegar. The mixture will bubble up for a minute, but once it's done you can screw on the nozzle, shake it, and spray the weeded area. Spray weeds daily until gone and keep on hand should you see any small weeds start to grow. Alternatively, sprinkle baking soda over weeds then spray them with vinegar.

05 Vinegar Water

Follow the same directions for Vinegar and Baking Soda Spay but use your watering can to apply.



I wonder what Jesus thinks about us when we put on love like a flimsy pair of summery flip flops. We can take them on and off without a thought because we can pick up another pair anywhere we stop. When they get thin with sin, we throw them away because it is just another day. We never stop to see how they've been used and abused, bended bent until their straps are spent.

I wonder what Jesus thinks about us when we put on love like a flimsy pair of summery flip-flops. Today they be pleased to be with us, tomorrow against us. One day they be just standing there casting out their love, but it be no thing but rubbery despair. The next day they be sitting among the crowd all flowered up like they be the only princess with a song in her cup. Great is your love.

I wonder what Jesus thinks about us when we put on love like a flimsy pair of summery flip flops. One day we be all about Him, but the next day we do well to recount a single hymn. On Sunday morning we joy to fill the pews but His ways we have not. We have an amazing time calling it church because we live and love to have an amazing time worshiping whatever looks and sounds exactly just like us ... the other flip flop.

Above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity. Colossians 3:14



An excerpt from Sanctuary of Sofa Surfing, Notes from the wilderness.

WIERE WOREN WRIE

SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE





THE MOST NATURAL RESPONSE TO WORDS WRITTEN ARE WRITTEN WORDS.

BY SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE

I have a theory. I have a theory and even in marriage, it's yet to change. One of my many theories is this: we each are gifted with one life to live. On the way (beginning) of this our one life, we each are placed in one cradle, be it a clear plexiglass box or a wooden fruit crate, generally, we all are placed in some type of cradle at birth. And, friends I ain't to proud to tell you on the way (end) out of this our one life we all are also place in yet another cradle, but this time the words change to casket, coffin or container. This theory of mine has yet to be challenged, but the truth of the matter is much LIFE exists between the two cradles! And, in-between these two cradles our everyday stories begin and end. Yes, we all have a story to tell of the in and out of this our one LIFE! Our stories all begin and end with words and dates. As women we usually herald the LIFE stories with words and images, we herald the news of the growing seeds planted in dark places. Plainly put: Women herald good news!

But, the question I have for us today is:

Where do we herald the good news from?

Do we cull out the words on our couch?

Do we cut em with a knife on the kitchen table?

Do we carefully craft them in a coffee bar corner?

Do we slash the words out in a she shed?

Or do we simply draw out words like pictures sitting at a desk? Where do we herald the good news from?

From?ere Women Write we come to understand why the process of writing is more about healing than an honorarium. In Where Women Write we come to understand the most natural response to words written are written words. In Where Women Write we come to understand we are all the same, only different. In Where Women Write we sit in the spaces and places of others as we joyfully observe the multitude of ways: Women herald the good

Please send your WHERE WOMEN WRITE words (stories) and high resolution images to eastwindpresspublisher@gmail.com



Fancy/oblivare

Spring into summer with your choice of white and fancy footwear! I super dig the brown and white combinations, not to mention the gold and silver snaps and buckles. And the sandy texture on those wedges is no thing but classic and on point!

Oh and the white cowgirl boots are simply a must have for anyone interested in seamless southern style.





Dear Dearly Departed

BY SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE

Dear dearly departed, Momma, Daddy and Little Big Brother:

Y'all, it's been a while since I've written! I have so much to share with you guys, I may feel the need to make this letter a monthly thing. Momma, your Granddaughter birthed the most beautiful baby boy back in 2019! He has now grown into a little boy full of joy.

Daddy, I'm so sad to report the accuracy of your predictions in regard to America. You, always said our country would likely be destroyed from within! And, Daddy, the evidence is super plain and clear. Daddy, you and my brother would be sad if you were here.

Daddy and Momma, know the family you started back in the fifties is still growing and we are expecting another great this November! We know you would keep count of all the many blessings, so know we are doing just that and at last count we numbered in the fifties!

We gathered together as an extended family to hang the birthday banner for little big brother's birthday on the twenty-fifth day of April. We hung the banner, prayed, ate cake and some of us carried the tune of So Glad I'm Here. However, we failed to include all of the family traditions. But, the good news is we still have time.

Y'all, many people have perished in our country and around the world in the last year or so. The powers that be are attributing these deaths to this thing I can not really mention. The death rate is outlandish. Our current President has high hopes, but things in America and in the world are steadily declining.

Brother, in many ways, I'm so glad you are not here, you would most definitely not be welcomed on Face Book these days, with all of your opinions and such.

That's all for now, I need to check on the kittens, living in the Mister's little truck and I am looking forward to telling you that story but for now they are only fourteen days old, so I'm waiting to see how Almighty God works this situation out. I super LOVE and miss y'all greatly! *Sonya*

MORSELS of the life of MOSES WORDS SONYA MCCLLOWON LOCKHIDGE IMAGE. fenemalitudia.com SEAMLESSSOUTHERNSTYLE | 34

MORSELS OF THE LIFE OF MOSES

'm completely star struck by the life of Moses. If you were selling Moses T-shirts. Like Black Lives Matter gear, I would buy more than one. I keep finding myself thinking about this guy named Moses. We know early on that Moses struggled with not being a perfect speaker. We know he lived for one hundred and twenty years. We know he wrote what God said to write. We know he went where God said to go. We know he had a close relationship with our Father. We know he was righteous in peayer. We know as a haby Moses was bathed in some different kind of both water. We know our Father had a special once in a lifetime assignment for Moses. We know his legacy of faith caused him to be mentioned, along with a few others in the Book of Hebrews. We know Moses and Elijah spent some extra special time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, We know he has at least one prayer in the Book of Psalms. We know Moses had both, a sister and a brother. We know Moses was set apart from his siblings as a child. We know Moses's sister Miriam was the oldest of the two. We know Miriam's assignment was to look after Moses and praise the Lord. We know Moses had this loyal brother named Aaron. We know Moses had to watch both his sister and brother die.

Yes, we have learned much about the life of Moses. Yet we continue to better understand the many morsels of the one life of Moses.

Forgave Moses

And continued to speak to him!

Yes, we have learned much about the life of Moses, but this one thing leaves me breathless. This one thing about Moses sings silent soulful peace to my spirit. I am personally comforted by the fact that our Father continued to speak to Moses after his disbelieving and disobedient behavior. I am personally overwhelmed by the fact that after displaying disbelieving, disobedient and disappointing behavior our Father choose to speak directly to Moses in advance of his brother's death.

I am personally inspired by Moses's ability to live content within the boundary of his punishment of not going to the Promised Land.

I also believe this promise land punishment allowed Moses to live free of the pressure to be perfect in his final days. Know I'am deeply saddened by Moses's disobedient behavior with not speaking to the rock as God instructed. But also, know I am also somewhat elated at our Father's desire for us to see Moses as a successful, struggling, suffering, and sinful man.

Moses was not perfect. From the beginning to the end of Moses's story, Moses was far from perfect.

But the beauty of Moses story is that our Father allows us to see Moses in perfect transparency and this should set us free. Our Father forgave Moses and continued to speak to him.

God's love is evidently displayed in the longlife of Moses, regardless of the many morsels of mess he had no choice but to leave behind.



THE INSIDE SCOOP

By: S.M. Lockridge

The taste, texture and benefits of avocados are just right for me. The genius this pack of protein brings to breakfast, dinner and snack time is amazing to me. I am so delighted the taste and texture of this healthy fat fruit appeals to me and most. But, y'all when I found out avocados are also good for facials and follicles, I found myself even more dazed with joy.

I've learned avocados make the best anytime toast when the flesh is paired with fresh chunky bits of tomatoes and splattered on thick slices of roasted plank bread.

But, I've also learned avocados also infuse the skin with good fat, vitamin E and makes skin smoother. All of which reduce fine lines and wrinkles.

Avocados are sure some kind of teacher and thankfully my curious pallet allows me to be a student.







FIVE SIMPLE AVOCADO FACE MASK RECIPES

CLASSIC RECIPE

- 1/2 ripe avocado
- 2 tbs. hot water
- 1 tsp. honey

Mash the avocado with a fork. Dissolve the honey into the hot water and then mix it in with the avocado. You can apply the mixture using just your fingers, though we recommend a brush for better control. Keep it on for 10 minutes and then rinse off with lukewarm water.

YOGURT RECIPE

- 1/4 ripe avocado
- 1 tsp. plain organic yogurt
- 1/2 tsp. honey

Mash the avocado with a fork. Stir in the yogurt and honey until you form a paste. Afterward, apply using your fingers or a special brush and then leave on for approximately 10–15 minutes before rinsing off with lukewarm water. Good for those with acne or dry skin.

OATMEAL FACE MASK

- 1/2 ripe avocado
- 1/2 cup oatmeal

Prepare the oatmeal according to the package instructions. Mash the avocado with a fork and combine with oatmeal. Apply to skin, keep on for 10-15 minutes, and then rinse off with lukewarm water. Good to help hydrate dry skin.

APRICOT FACE MASK

- 1/2 ripe avocado
- 1/2 cup oatmeal

Prepare the oatmeal according to the package instructions. Mash the avocado with a fork and combine with oatmeal. Apply to skin, keep on for 10-15 minutes, and then rinse off with lukewarm water. Good to help hydrate dry skin.





BANANA FACE MASK

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1 banana
- Egg yolk

Mash the avocado and the banana separately and then mix together with the egg yolk until you get a uniform consistency. Apply for approximately 10-15 minutes and then rinse off with lukewarm water. Particularly good for people struggling with oily skin since it absorbs excess sebum.

Making your own avocado face mask is as easy as it is fun. And, whenever you're not mashing up the avocados for your skin treatment, you can just use them to prepare some awesome hair treatments.

FINANCE

The Five Dollar TITHER

BY: S.M. LOCKRIDGE

I personally think churches should be more like banks when it comes to tithing. Banks treat their five cent depositors exactly the same as the five dollar depositors. Oftentimes it feels as if banks have more faith in man than the church does. The Five Dollar Tither is likely to have more financial growth than the Twenty Dollar Tither. The Black Church has forever and always welcomed The Five Dollar Tither, while many other churches frown and look down on the Five Dollar Tither. The Twenty Dollar Tither has less room for growth than the Five Dollar Tither. Sometimes our church pews are empty because The Five Dollar Tither has not been welcome.



Churches have choices and many choose to remain financially strapped with declining memberships, while the Five Dollar Tither is labeled as a Church Hopper! But, in reality, he or she shuffles from church to church knowing his membership is considered to be nothing more than a burden and a load to be Churches carried. choices and the choice is often empty pews and not people.



FINDING THE PERFECT PAIR OF SUNGLASSES

According **Blenders** Eyewear to identifying your exact face shape for sunglasses is now a thing. And once you know the general shape of your face choosing the best frame is usually a matter of selecting frames which are the opposite shape of your face. Round face shapes are best fairly suited to square and rectangular styles, whereas frames with rounded corners help to soften a square jawline.

You can find the <u>Blenders Eye Wear</u> Style Guide to the four main face shape categories along with super basic style suggestions for each, in their collections on their website at www.blenderseyewear.com







SONYA MCCLLOUGH LOCKRIDGE

Meet Farm & Land Powered Woman, Whitney: The first Seamless Southern Style (Spring) 2021 Artisan of Agriculture! Whitney is a farm girl who loves to surprise her neighbors! One way she silently serves up surprises is by randomly stylish leaving fresh fragrant floral bouquets of wild flowers on the porch.

She is a Heart of Tennessee Hobby Farmer of more than five beautiful acres with several out buildings and a very large barn. Whitney B. spends most of her days and weeks, wrestling and wrangling a few goats plus her three children, a fat pot bellied pig, three spotted ponies and the occasional opossum.

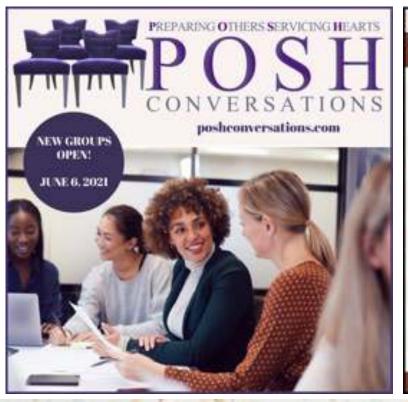


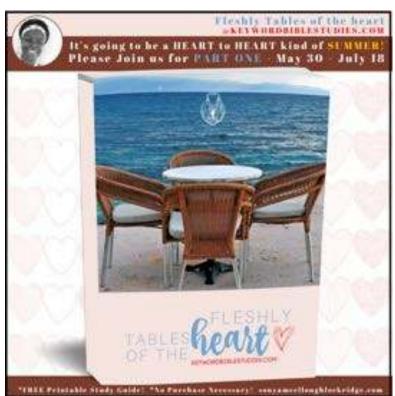
"AND INTO THE FIELD I GO TO LOSE

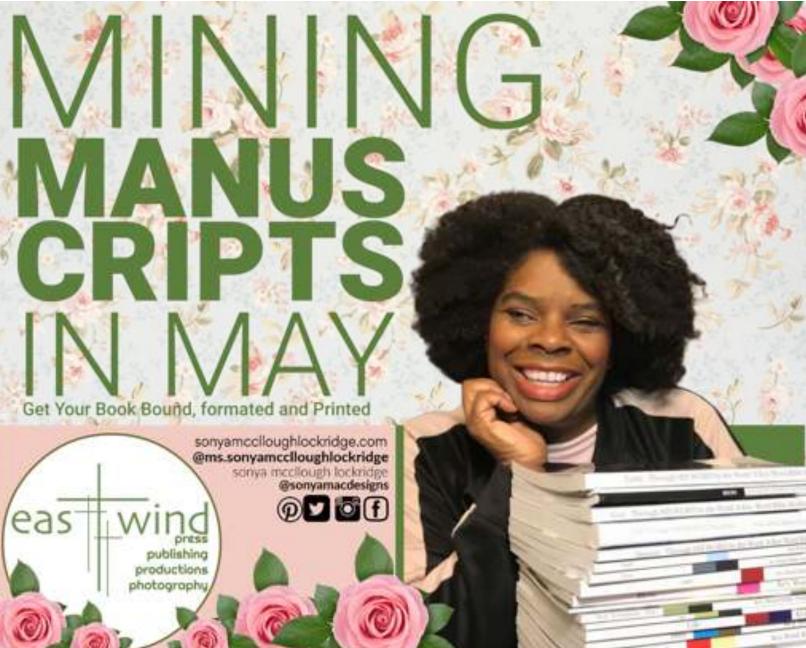
MY MIND AND FIND MY SOUL. "

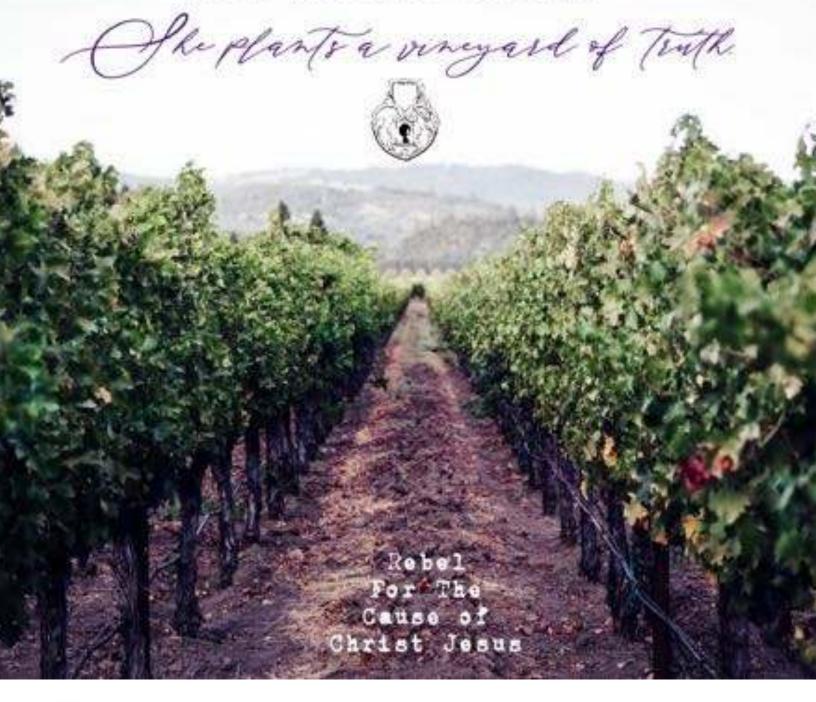
ANONYMOUS

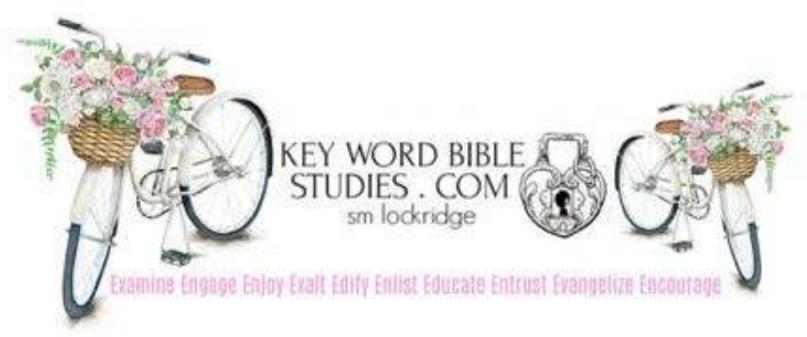












good news Sunday show Sonya meellough lockridge





