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...from the Editor



Suzanne Takowsky

Occasionally, we have the good fortune to run across special people who take our breath away with their enthusiasm, bravery to think outside the box and willingness to 'go for it' despite just about anything! These rare individuals make the world spin and are a shining beacon of just how we should aim to live. We all have special talents at some thing; baking an amazing pie, getting on great with animals, not being afraid to stand and speak our minds when something is not right; and taking action when someone needs help. Maybe it's time to poke your head out the door and see how you can get personal in our world.



Erin Brockovich comes on board the magazine with so much to say I feel guilty she only has one page on which to say it! No doubt, Erin's contributions will be insightful, controversial and put big ideas in our heads. Time is ticking away on big business dominance and powerplays; government oversights, resistance and miscalculation; and earthling ignorance and mismanagement of our worlds resources and of the dire conditions killing us. Every bit a star in every sense of the word, Erin's ability to get people to listen, and her guts in going after change is making our lives better. Could it be that she needs help knocking on doors and standing against what is wrong? Come on people.....

Ruzanna from **Ruzanna's Flowers**.

I went in a flower boutique to pick up an ad and stayed for hours completely enthralled watching a true artist at work. The experience was significant in that although I do have a way with a pen, my *GreenThumb* skills are limited to the maintenance of artificial. The only



way that I can describe Ruzanna is a woman living out her dream. She creates what she envisions. How many have an opportunity to do that? She turns rainbows of God's greenery into captivating arrangements no less breathtaking than what Picasso painted on canvas, except we get to take it home—as did several clients who left with smiles on their faces knowing that the beautiful artistry they were carrying in their hands was going to make someone they loved very happy.

The **Best Friends Animal Society** article is one you will not forget. But, that is the least of what I hope you do when you read the victorious story of the **Victory Dogs**. The point: get involved. We all lead hectic lives, but your life is no more out of control than mine, or any of the people in this issue. They make time to make a difference. Will you?

—Suzanne Takowsky