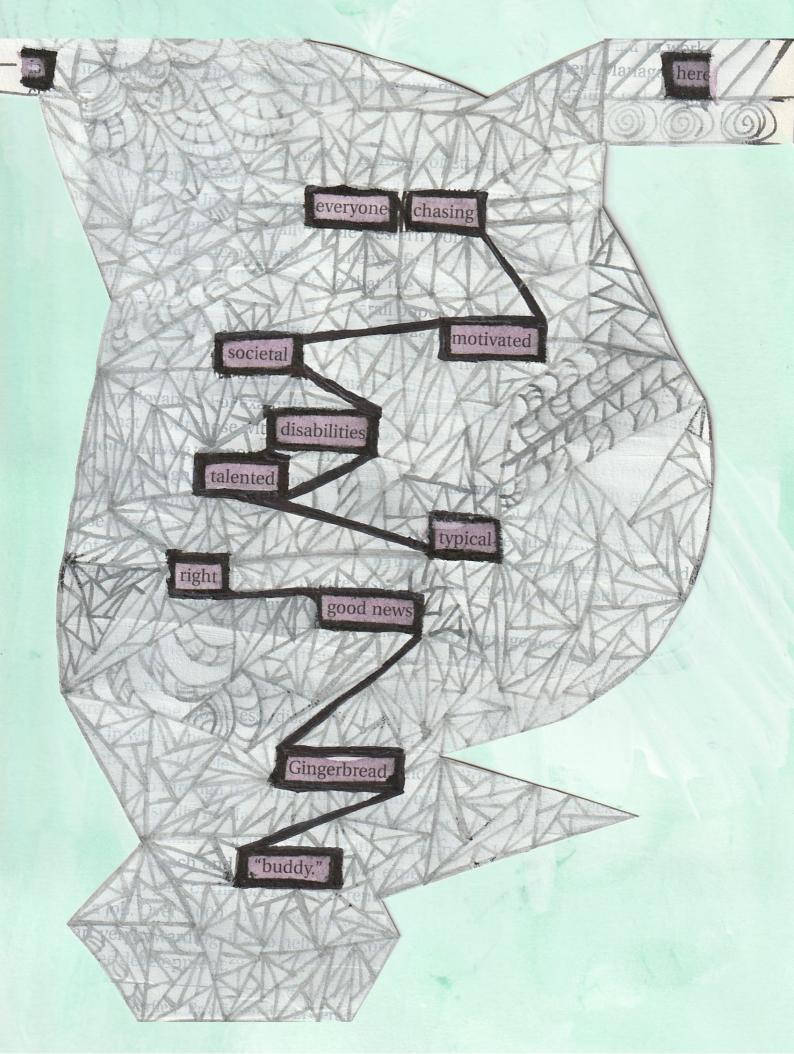


Bad Poem



While Tom was eradicating the Japanese Knotweed on his property, he was bitten by a radioactive tick. But he burned the canes and roots of the best medicine for tick-borne diseases.

Now Tom has a curious superpower that compels him to consume raw dog's blood weekly.

Don't be like Tom. Eat your Knotweed, don't salt the earth where it grows.

Knotweed Jelly



2 cups knotweed juice 1.75oz powdered pectin 2 cups sugar

Harvest approximately 2 lbs, or 1 armload of knotweed. This will yield 2-3 cups of prepped and coarsely chopped weed. Place this in a medium saucepan and cover with 3-4 cups water. Boil and strain.

Prepare your canning equipment, including sanitizing the jars and placing a small plate in the freezer.

Pour the knotweed juice into a clean med-large saucepan. Bring to a simmer and stir in pectin. Stirring constantly, bring to a boil and stir in sugar. Once again, while stirring, bring the jelly to a full boil and boil hard for 1 minute. Test for gel by dropping a bit of jelly onto the plate from the freezer. If the jelly firms quickly and can be pushed around the plate, remove the pan from the heat and allow the jelly to rest. Skim off the foam with a spoon and discard. Pour the hot jelly into the sterilized jars, and wipe the rims. Seal and process them in a water bath for 10 minutes.

Source: nancy-warner.com/2013/05/22/wild-knotweed-jelly/

Doctrine of Signatures

"Nature marks each growth...according to its curative benefit." Paracelsus

Japanese Knotweed is a habitat for deer ticks.

Some deer ticks carry Lyme disease.

Knotweed can be used to treat Lyme disease.

Somewhere in these facts is a Doctrine of Signatures lesson.



Rant

The Invasive Species

A plant, say Japanese Knotweed, only becomes invasive if we don't want to eat it, drink it, smoke it, or use it as fuel.

Do you want to eradicate Japanese Knotweed? Use your propaganda marketing prowess to convince people that:

It tastes like ice cream without the calories

Adding the juice to liquor will keep you from getting a hangover

Smoking the young shoots makes you feel like you're flying

Burning the shoots actually sequesters carbon

That will teach Japanese Knotweed who's boss.

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