



E-Newsletter, April 2013

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



April 6 Young Writers Club: Merry Old England

When? April 6 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where? 7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749
What? Come dressed to visit Merry Old England!
Who? 3rd–8th graders with BIG imaginations
Writer of the Month Hint: Avon calling! This writer, by any other name, would be one of the greats.

**May 4— Field trip to Austin Botanical Gardens. May Writer of the Month Hint: What the Dickens! Dig up some great gardening tips from this little princess of a writer.

Full scholarships available. We want every interested student to attend. **Register on our website (www.aspaciousplace.com) or by phone 512-807-6863.**



Young Artists Club

When? Apr. 13 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where? Meet at 7105 Gentle Oak Drive, travel to "Austin Botanical Gardens"
What? Come dressed to make art outdoors!
YAC dues: \$65 for first child in family, \$60 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for *A Spacious Place* members)
Who? 1st–5th Graders with BIG imaginations
Artist of the Month Hint: Inspired by New Mex, this artist's work really flowered.

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Thanks for the Empowerment!

A big THANKS to volunteers, Caitlin McGuire, Bethany McKee, David McKee, and DeAnn Slivensky for hosting creativity centers at AISD's Project Help Empowerment Academy. Cheers to you for helping participants build big dreams.



Volunteer under the Trees at VSA's Art in the Park

A Spacious Place is again hosting a creativity booth at VSA's (the state organization on arts and disability) Art in the Park! Date: Friday, Apr. 12. Time: 9:30 a till 1:30 pm (work 9:30—11:30 am or 11:30 am—1:30 pm). We'll be guiding participants to create spiral mobiles and aluminum-foil sculptures. They expect 500 participants!

Place: Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River Street.

Want to volunteer? Email kaye@spaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863.



April Soul & Solace: ReWriting Our Lives

At present, I'm editing a book published in 2006 for republishing. It's painful: *did I really write THAT?* It's instructive: *I'm in such a different place now.*

Once we reach adulthood, it's generally understood that we've arrived. Time to sit down and stay put. But reading my writings from years past, I see movement. Once, a seminary professor gave our class an exercise. "Divide your life into decades. Give each decade a chapter title. Then, with each passing decade, revisit your life story and retitl as needed." As our life lengthens, as we move along, even past events take on a different perspective. They gain new meaning.

Our present constantly rewrites our past and moves us into the future. If we're awake, if we're attuned to ourselves and to what is occurring around us, we head somewhere. There's no need to expect to be who we were ten years ago—or even ten minutes ago: no need to picture our adult selves as spiritual couch potatoes.

How have you changed? How might you write and rewrite your life as you move into the future? Share your thoughts on our **A Spacious Place** blog (www.aspaciousplace.com). We'd love to hear from you!



Like A Spacious Place on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ASpaciousPlace) and follow us on Twitter @ASPACIOUSPLACE.



Holy Saturday Key 2 Violence Creativity Project

Join us on Holy Saturday, March 30, as we gather art supplies and caring, creative people to participate in our “Key 2 Violence” project. The project invites persons who have experienced violence (that’s all of us) to respond by first naming its impact on theirs and other lives, and then transforming violence through creativity. Learn more about Key 2 Violence by viewing the photos on our website www.aspaciousplace.com.

2:00—3:00 pm	Silent, Contemplative Worship Centers
3:00—5:00 pm	Key2Violence Hands-On Creating
5:00—5:30 pm	Sharing & Communion



“Crazy Dreams” for a Camp

We’re tentatively planning a “Crazy Dreams” summer creativity camp for the week of Aug. 5—9. We will create art inspired by the life and work of such dreamers as Martin Luther King, Jr., Pablo Neruda, and Indira Gandhi. Want to know more about our crazy dreams? Email kaye@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863.



*“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” (Matthew 2:18 NRSV)*

Perhaps you, too, know inconsolable loss: of loved ones, of health, of relationships, of childhood, of dreams, of innocence, of job, of.... Do you stand alongside Rachel? Have you survived or are you dwelling this moment in Ramah? Please consider joining our online community. Visit www.RamahFaith.com.



Becoming an A Spacious Place Member

Apply for a membership that includes

- 1) access to the *A Spacious Place* calendar for posting upcoming creativity/spirituality events (see calendar below);
- 2) 2 discounts on *A Spacious Place* offerings, such as courses and camps; and
- 3) a venue for artists to share their work (such as musical offerings or poetry slams).

Because *A Spacious Place* believes the contribution of one's creative gifts and/or time equals the contribution of money, the board has designated the following ways in which one may become an *A Spacious Place* member.

	One Year Membership	Two Year Membership	Three Year Membership
Individual	\$40 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$75 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$100 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 1 Group (1-5 individuals)	\$35 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$65 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$90 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 2 Group (6-10 individuals)	\$30 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$55 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$80 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 3 Group (11+ individuals)	\$25 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$45 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$70 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services

Interested in an "in kind" membership? Check in with David McKee at david@aspaciousplace.com.



Upcoming *A Spacious Place* Events

Young Writers Club

Bona Terra Classes

VSA Art in the Park

Young Artists Club

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Ramah Faith Community Website

Young Writers Club

Young Artists Club

Crazy Dreams Creativity Camp (tentative)

Apr. 6 1—4 pm

Apr. 10, 24

Apr. 12 9:30 am—1:30 pm

Apr. 13 1—4 pm

Apr. 5, 26

ongoing

May 4 1—4 pm

May 11 1—4 pm

Aug. 5—9

7105 Gentle Oak Dr.

Bona Terra Center, Cumberland

Mexican American Cultural Cntr
600 River St.

Austin Botanical Gardens

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

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Want to Support *A Spacious Place* Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- * Include us in your prayers
- * Provide a dolly to transport all our goodies!
- * Check out our camp registry at www.aspaciousplace.com

- * Donate or loan a van or bus in good condition in time for camp
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate beading containers
- * Donate guitars
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate art supplies of any kind
- * Purchase items from our Zazzle! account or our Amazon *A Spacious Place* store
- * Donate funds toward any *A Spacious Place* offering
- * Donate a Mac computer
- * Donate a color laser printer



Mission: To develop and implement educational and therapeutic programs related to the enhancement of spiritual growth and expression effectively and creatively in all media, including writing, graphic arts, music, theater and daily life for people of all ages, and ethnicities and traditions, with a primary focus in the Central Texas area.

Vision: To provide, for the central Texas area, true sanctuary—

- * in which persons may, through creativity and education, explore and express their spirituality;
- * for persons of all ages, ethnicities, and traditions



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