



A Spacious Place

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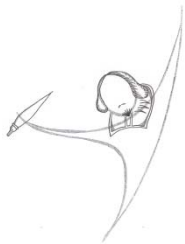
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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



They Say it's Our Birthday; It's Your Birthday, Too, Yeah!

On Feb. 2 *A Spacious Place* celebrates its fifth birthday. A hearty thanks to all our supporters over these past years. We're eager to see what God has in store for us in the next five!



February Young Writers Club: A New Wrinkle

When?	Feb. 4	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr.	
What?	Come dressed for time travel!	
Who?	3rd through 8th graders with BIG imaginations	
Writer of the Month Hint:	Put a new wrinkle on a dark and stormy night.	

YWC on Broadway: We're attending the Broadway Across America production of *Mary Poppins* on Thursday, Apr. 12! I purchased two additional tickets for 1) Young Writers Club members and their immediate families; 2) Prospective YWC members; or 3) A Spacious Place members. Tickets \$26.50 (\$13.25 for current YWC members). Contact kaye@aspaciousplace.com if you'd like one!

We're writing a book! We'll compile our awesome writings into a book, design our own cover, and have it published by DEM Consulting. Watch our newsletters for the release date.



ROCKIN' AT MARY LEE

We continue to delight in our partnership with the Mary Lee Foundation. Our arts classes there range from hand-made calendars to piñata making, to karaoke rock music. A big thanks to Mike Lawrence, John Stenson, and Jimi Calhoun whose guitar playing and vocals have us dancing in the aisles.



Thanks to our Empowerment Academy Volunteers: You're Super!

On Saturday, Jan. 21st, *A Spacious Place* provided creativity centers at AISD Project Help's Empowerment Academy. Families explored their creativity through music, puzzle making, snowflake making, bath salts creation, snowpeople pin creations, play dough, and more. A big thanks to volunteers Caitlin McGuire, Bethany McKee, David McKee, Beth Patterson, and DeAnn Slivensky for helping create powerful families.



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February Soul & Solace: Ramah Faith

*"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)*

The above passage, drawn from the book of Jeremiah by the writer of Matthew's Gospel, takes us to the bone. Transported to Ramah, we feel Rachel's loss and suffering. We stand with her in the timelessness of her grief.

Perhaps you, too, know inconsolable loss
of loved ones,
of health,
of relationships,
of childhood,
of dreams,
of innocence,
of job,
of....

Standing in the truth of loss and choosing faith is a hard thing. A Ramah Faith is one baptized in tears—and in fire. It is a gritty, hard-edged faith that has moved beyond politeness and into fierce-eyed determination. It is a faith that asks questions that may never, in this lifetime, meet their answers. It's a faith that gets us out of bed in the morning when we want only to curl our knees into our chest, close our eyes, and sink into unknowing. It's feeling that...and getting up anyway.

A Ramah faith lives with its scars.

Do you stand alongside Rachel? Have you survived or are you dwelling this moment in Ramah? Then please consider joining our online community. Beginning next week, visit our site at www.RamahFaith.com, where you can

express the truth of your loss in a variety of creative forms. Also, you can suggest ways we can serve as your supportive community in your Ramah season. Have questions? Contact kaye@aspaciousplace.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 *Spacious* Events

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Young Writers Club

A Spacious Place Board Mtg

Young Writers Club

Ramah Faith Community Website

Feb. 10 & 27

Feb. 4, 2012 1—4 pm

Feb. 25, 2012 9:30 am

Mar. 3, 2012 1—4 pm

Begins Feb. 6, 2012

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
- * Donate beading containers
- * Donate guitars
- * Donate a van or bus in good condition
- * 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



Our Mission and Vision

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



Our Spacious Team

Dr. Kaye P. McKee, Executive Director
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