



E-Newsletter, March 2013

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



March 2 Young Writers Club: Fur & Fables

When?	March 2	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749	
What?	It's all about animals this time, so bring your pet, if you'd like (needs to be in a kennel, cage, or happy roaming our backyard) YWC dues: \$50 for first child in family, \$45 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members)	
Who?	3 rd —8 th graders with BIG imaginations	
Writer of the Month Hint:	Frustrated fox, tenacious tortoise, magnanimous mouse—all from a storyteller born long before Century 1.	

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Young Artists Club

When?	Mar. 9	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749	
What?	Come dressed to paint!	

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: This artist's work paints a musical theme. Look for unending shapes and the shortest distance between two points.

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Power Up for AISD's Empowerment Academy

A Spacious Place is providing creativity centers for AISD's Project Help Empowerment Academy (providing educational support for families in transitional living/low income). Date: Mar 23 from 10 am till 1 pm. Place: O-Henry Middle School (2610 West 10th St. Austin, TX 78703).

Want to volunteer? If you have the time, we have the supplies—and ideas for a host of creative concoctions. Email kaye@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863.



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

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March Soul & Solace: Numbness Cure

We've seen the word, heard the word, said the word, felt the word so much that our natural defense mechanisms seek to sap us of feeling. After all, we can only feel horrified for so long before we go numb. Unless we act. And that's our invitation to you this month.

Whether it's someone elbowing in front of us in the check-out lane, giving us the one-finger salute, or opening fire on a crowd, violence tears at the fabric of creation. Some acts make small rips, others open gaping gashes. Each one destroys. Each one matters.

What can we do to make a difference—for ourselves or for others? We can take violence seriously, ponder its consequences—potential or real—and then roll up our sleeves and get busy creating. With creativity as our needle and love as our thread, we can stitch beauty into the tears made by violence. We won't erase them—Jesus still bears His scars—but we will transform them. The smallest act of love and creativity bears more power than any act of violence.

So whether it's penning a loving letter or email to a friend, planting flowers for others to enjoy, singing in the shower, or baking some cookies, the creative act bears meaning and merit, centering us and restoring our hope.

If you live in the Austin area, we invite you to join our Key2Violence Service on Mar. 30 where we'll have supplies on hand for your creative response to violence. Check out the article about it below. And share your thoughts about violence, love, and creativity 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



*"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 *Spacious* Events

Bona Terra Classes

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Ramah Faith Community Website

Young Writers Club

Young Artists Club

AISD Empowerment Academy

Young Writers Club

VSA Art in the Park

Mar. 13, 27

Mar. 8, 29

ongoing

Mar. 2 1—4 pm

Mar. 9 1—4 pm

Mar. 23 10 am—2 pm

Apr. 6 1—4 pm

Apr. 12 9:30 am—1:30 pm

Bona Terra Center, Cumberland

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

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O'Henry Middle School
2610 W. 10th St.

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Mexican American Cultural Cntr
600 River St.

Young Artists Club

Apr. 13 1—4 pm

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Crazy Dreams Creativity Camp (tentative)

Aug. 5—9

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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



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

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