



E-Newsletter, May 2013

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



May Young Writers Club: Garden Magic

When?	May 4	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	Meet at 7105 Gentle Oak Drive, travel to Zilker Botanical Gardens	
What?	Come dressed to stroll through the gardens!	
Who?	3 rd —8 th graders with BIG imaginations	
Writer of the Month Hint:	What the Dickons! 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?	May 11	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749	
What?	Come prepared to go mobile! YAC dues: \$65 for first child in family, \$60 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members)	
Who?	1 st —5 th Graders with BIG imaginations	
Artist of the Month Hint:	First this artist gave us the circus in miniature, then his art went spinning over our heads.	

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6 Crazy Dreams Creativity Camp

August 5—9 9 am—4 pm
1st—8th Grade (grade completed)

Create art inspired by crazy dreamers Martin Luther King, Jr., Pablo Neruda, Ada Lovelace, Pablo Picasso, Queen Liliuokalani, and more. Art forms include photo journalism, mosaics, creative writing, painting, guitar, and more!

\$150 for 1st student in a family, \$140 for remaining students (\$10 less for *A Spacious Place* members) **Scholarships available**. Register online at www.aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863



Thanks to our VSA "Art in the Park" Volunteers

A BIG *A Spacious Place* thanks to our volunteers, who helped hundreds of participants create spiral mobiles and aluminum-foil sculptures. Beth Patterson, DeAnn Slivensky, Tammy Sartain, and David McKee, you are amazing!



May Soul & Solace: Gardens & Choices

Much like the story our Young Writers will explore this month, my husband and I started this weekend to resurrect our long-neglected garden. We tilled, we hauled and set limestone blocks, we laid out landscape fabric, we spread mulch. We also engaged in tug-of-war with some mighty determined roots. But it's not a garden yet; it's a garden plot. Now we choose: Tomatoes? Okra? Peppers? Garlic?

Gardens, it seems, are all about choice. We chose veggies over the plants that had homesteaded in the space; we'll choose tomatoes instead of celery. We'll say "no" to this, so we can say "yes" to that. And through our choices, blended with the magic elixir of sun, showers, soil, and sweat, we'll grow a garden.

Saying no feels like bad manners, especially if you've been raised to be a "nice girl." But saying no to what is not me clears a space for me to say yes to what is. So this month, I'll also be tending my soul garden: uprooting what does not provide good nourishment, so I can plant what will thrive in my soul's soil. Tomatoes, anyone?

How do you choose between no and yes? How do you tend your soul garden? Share your thoughts on our *A Spacious Place* blog (www.aspaciousplace.com). We'd love to hear from you!



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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

Young Writers Club

Bona Terra Classes

Young Artists Club

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Ramah Faith Community Website

Young Writers Club

Young Artists Club

Crazy Dreams Creativity Camp

May 4 1—4 pm

May 8, 22

May 11 1—4 pm

May 10, 24

ongoing

June 1 1—4 pm

June 8 1—4 pm

Aug. 5—9 9 am—4 pm

Zilker Botanical Gardens

Bona Terra Center, Cumberland

7105 Gentle Oak Dr.

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



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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Arielle McKee, Board Secretary

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