



E-Newsletter, November 2011

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~

## A Spacious Place Prayer Wall

Most faith traditions have a practice of prayer. Through prayer, we connect with one another and with Something great and loving. Whether it's a concern or a celebration, or a practice of listening, prayer is a powerful good.

Have a concern or celebration to share? Email it to [contact@aspaciousplace.com](mailto:contact@aspaciousplace.com) and we'll post it on our website's "Prayer Wall" so others can join you in prayer.



## November Young Writers Club: Enchanted

When?	Nov. 5	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	McKee Home (7105 Gentle Oak Dr., Austin, TX 78749)	
Who?	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> graders with BIG imaginations	
What?	Dues for the year is \$45 (\$40 for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members) Club members: Come dressed to hike!	
Writer of the Month Hint:	Painted herself into a corner before she started to write, was space napped, and now lives with a dog in a 200-year-old farmhouse.	

Register now for a new year of the Young Writers Club at [www.aspaciousplace.com](http://www.aspaciousplace.com).



## Gifted2Give!

## Nov. 6 & 13

Go green this holiday while supporting the persons *A Spacious Place* serves! The event takes place at the Mary Lee Foundation Southpointe location, 1339 Lamar Square Drive. Come and go or come and stay from 2 till 5 pm each day. **Admission is free.**

At "Gifted2Give" artisans guide us in making holiday gifts from recycled or simple materials, OR, consider a unique performance gift. We'll also host a theme basket silent auction, including chocolate, movie night, barbecue, and spa baskets!

#### Schedule

Gift-Making Booths	2—4:30 pm
Live Music	2—4:30 pm
Karaoke Hour	3—4:00 pm
Wrap Up (silent auction winners, testimonials)	4:30—5:00 pm

#### Nov. 6 Gift Booth Choices, Costs, Recommended Ages

Ornamental Paper Cutting: \$1 (4 years and older)  
Mini Scrapbooks: \$2 (4 years and older)  
Origami Angels: \$1 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and older)  
Bath Salts: \$2 (4 years and older)  
Beaded Jewelry : \$3 (1<sup>st</sup> Grade and older)  
Earring Making: \$2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and older)  
Ornament Painting: \$3 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)  
Glass Painting (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older) Small: \$3, Medium: \$4, Large: \$5  
Handmade Gift Wrap: \$1 (3 years and older)  
DVD Greeting Cards (includes karaoke performance, if desired!): \$2 (all ages)  
Quilling: \$2 (4 years and older)  
Pecan Bowls: \$3 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older—hot glue)

#### Nov.13 Gift Booth Choices, Costs, Recommended Ages

Bath Salts: \$2 (4 years and older)  
Beaded Jewelry : \$3 (1<sup>st</sup> Grade and older)  
Earring Making: \$2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and older)  
Ornament Painting: \$3 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)  
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***CHECK OUT THE "OUR GIFT" ADVENTURE!***

"What if someone told you that you could save money and help your community?" At "Our Gift" (<http://ourgift.org/austin>), "customers get the discounts they want and local charities receive the funding they need." Visit the "Our Gift" website, take advantage of their daily coupon deals, and "Our Gift" will donate 50% of the proceeds to charities—like *A Spacious Place*!!!! Talk about win/win!

Our thanks to Jim Cannon for including *A Spacious Place* in the "Our Gift" vision.

Our next **Renderings Online Journal, Vol 2: "Changes"** will be available in Mid November. To reserve a free downloadable or electronic copy of our current journal: email [journal@aspaciousplace.com](mailto:journal@aspaciousplace.com).



Like **A Spacious Place** on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Spacious-Place-Inc/163401337060787>) and follow us on Twitter @ASPACIOUSPLACE.



## November Soul & Solace: Creating Safe Space

**A Spacious Place** is founded on what we call our six "Playground Principles." Read an overview of our fourth principle, "Creating Safe Space," below.

When *Creating Safe Space*, A Spacious Place avoids flying "By the Seat of Our Pants": in other words, beginning a session with both ourselves and our environment unprepared. Lack of preparation makes it difficult to focus on the participants' needs. We also avoid the "Grilling and Drilling Station" approach. We do not press our participants to finish their creative work in a set time. Neither do we grill people about what they believe or drill our beliefs into them.

Instead, we get our "Exploration Station Readied." We prepare the space and ourselves well ahead of time. Our preparedness creates a hospitable environment in which participants feel valued and welcomed. We also favor the "On Your Signal" approach. The participant decides when he/she will share and what he/she will share. We trust that each open spirit will meet with God's Spirit if we provide a space in which that connection may happen.

The symbol for "Creating Safe Space" is a rubber ducky. We get our ducks in a row by preparing ourselves spiritually ahead of time and by preparing a welcoming environment readied for the first arriver. We also line up our duckies by letting the participants' creative and spiritual needs guide our approach—they lead, we follow.

Share your thoughts on Creating Safe Space on our **A Spacious Place** blog ([www.aspaciousplace.com](http://www.aspaciousplace.com)).

Want more a in-depth look into these principles? Sign up for our online course by emailing [kaye@aspaciousplace.com](mailto: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) 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.

	<b>One Year Membership</b>	<b>Two Year Membership</b>	<b>Three Year Membership</b>
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](mailto:david@aspaciousplace.com).



## Upcoming Spacious Events

**Mary Lee Foundation Classes**

Nov. 4 & 18

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

**Young Writers Club**

Nov. 5 1—4:00 pm

7105 Gentle Oak Dr.

**Gifted2Give**

Nov. 6 & 13 (2—5 pm)

Mary Lee Center,  
1339 Lamar Square Drive



## Want to Support A Spacious Place Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- \* Include us in your prayers
- \* Volunteer at Gifted2Give
- \* Donate shelving for our awesome supplies!
- \* Donate items for theme baskets
- \* 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 video data projector
- \* 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**  
**Dr. Janettee Henderson, Board Member**  
**Lanna Johnson, Board Member**  
**Mike Lawrence, Attorney, Board Member**

**Arielle McKee, Board Secretary**  
**David E. McKee, Jr., Chair of the Board**  
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