



E-Newsletter, November 2012

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



## Gifted2Give! This Sunday & Next

**Go green with your green!** From 2 till 5 pm on Sunday, Nov. 4 and 11, our "Gifted2Give!" artisans will guide us in making unique, hand-crafted holiday gifts, from simple, recycled, and repurposed materials. Visit our Creativity Shop, enjoy music and refreshments, AND get a henna tattoo for you! **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

Mike Lawrence & Company will provide live music both days & the Lannaya Drum & Dance Ensemble will perform Nov. 11.

Henna Tattoo	\$3 (all ages with parental permission)
Leather Tooling	\$4 (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade and older)
Personalized Photos & Frames	\$3 (all ages with parental permission: Background blue with snowflakes)
Reindeer Ornaments	\$2 (all ages with parental permission)
Framed Magazine Mosaics	\$2 (3 years and older)
Beaded Bracelets	\$3 (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade and older)
Earring Making	\$2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade and older)
Snowperson Pins	\$2 (4 years and older)
Quilled Greeting Cards	\$1 (all ages with parental permission)
Glass 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

The event takes place at the Mary Lee Foundation Southpointe location, 1327 Lamar Square Drive. We hope to see you there!

## Gifted2Give! Needs

- Finger Foods
- Items for Sale in the Creativity Shop
- Beverages
- Panes of Glass, any size
- Small pom poms
- Flat Wooden Clothespins like those in the photo



## Young Writers Resumes in January!

**When?** Jan. 12 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
**Where?** 7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749  
**What?** Come costumed as a character from the past...or the future!  
**Who?** 3rd through 8th graders with BIG imaginations (we accept some interested younger and older students after consultation with parent/guardian)  
**Writer of the Month Hint:** You'll do Well to discover this writer's work. Take the time to explore the science and imagination in it!



## Young Artists Club?

Any interest in our providing a Young Artists Club for students in the first through fifth grades? We'd meet monthly and create art based on the style of our "Artist of the Month." Cost would be \$65 per year for the first child in a family and \$60 for remaining students (\$5 less for A Spacious Place members). As always, we would provide scholarships when needed. Tell me what you think: [kaye@spaciousplace.com](mailto:kaye@spaciousplace.com) or 512-807-6863. Club would begin in January of 2013.



## November Soul & Solace: Achilles Heel

It's an ancient story: warrior Achilles was impervious to attack because Mom dipped toddler Achilles in the River Styx. Problem was—she held him by the heel, leaving that one spot vulnerable. You can guess where a poisoned arrow speared poor Achilles. I have an Achilles Heel, too. For me it's shame. Apply a dose of "I'm so disappointed in you!" or even a raised eyebrow and a shake of head and I'm convinced I am the lowest, slimiest form of life this side of the primordial ooze. I've tried to get rid of my heel, but so far haven't managed a return trip to the River Styx.

Achilles got himself killed either because he didn't know about his fragile foot or because he thought: "The rest of me is awesome. How important can a heel be anyway?" So recognizing my vulnerability prompts me to seek out some Kevlar

boots. Sometimes I find heel support from another person: for instance, Ayn Rand posited that we feel shame when we accept the values of the person trying to shame us. So I can think, "Oh! You want me to be ashamed I did that. But I don't accept the premise of your shaming. Keep your values and I'll live by my own, thank you very much." Other times I protect my heel by not placing myself at the front of a soul-threatening situation. And, if I am assaulted, I permit myself some needed R&R.

What's your Achilles Heel? Where is your supply of Kevlar boots? Share your thoughts on our *A Spacious Place* blog ([www.aspaciousplace.com](http://www.aspaciousplace.com)).



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*"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 passage above 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....

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](http://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	\$35 each	\$65 each	\$90 each

(1-5 individuals)	or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	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

*Bona Terra Classes*

Nov. 7, 21

Bona Terra Center, Cumberland

**Mary Lee Foundation Classes**

Nov. 9, 23

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

**Gifted2Give**

Nov. 4 & 11 (2-5 pm)

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

**Ramah Faith** Community Website

ongoing

[www.RamahFaith.com](http://www.RamahFaith.com)

**Young Writers Club**

Jan. 12 1—4 pm

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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](http://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



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