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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~

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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.



## **A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS**

Summer was a busy time at *A Spacious Place* : two camps, the Young Writers Club, Mary Lee, and the Empowerment Academy. A round of applause, please for our awesome volunteers: Jimi Calhoun, Mike Lawrence, Kaitlin McGuire, Arielle McKee, Bethany McKee, David McKee, Claire Reutter, DeAnn Slivensky, and John Stenson.



## September Young Writers Club: Digging In!

When?	Sept. 10	1:00 – 3:30 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 beat the heat!	
Writer of the Month Hint:	This writer's work is dry and full of holes.	

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



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



## Gifted2Give! Nov. 6 & 13

Go green this holiday while supporting the persons *A Spacious Place* serves! Mark your calendars for Nov. 6 and/or 13 and come to "Gifted2Give:" a fundraiser in which artisans guide us in making holiday gifts (jewelry, "voice engraved" cards, painted glass and ornaments, etc.) from recycled or simple materials. 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.

Also at "Gifted2Give" : a theme basket silent auction (including chocolate lovers, children's literature, movie night, and holiday), live music, and good food.

WANT TO HELP? To donate basket items, provide food, serve as a gift-making artisan, help with PR (flyers available), or provide live music, email [kaye@aspaciousplace.com](mailto:kaye@aspaciousplace.com).

Submit to our next **Renderings Online Journal, Vol 2:**

"Changes" through Oct 1. To reserve a free downloadable or electronic copy of our current journal: email [journal@aspaciousplace.com](mailto:journal@aspaciousplace.com).



## September Soul & Solace: Follow the Learner

*A Spacious Place* is founded on what we call our six “Playground Principles.” Read an overview of “Follow the Learner,” the second of our six “Playground Principles,” below.



**2. Follow the Learner:** *A Spacious Place* sets up an environment rich in choice-making opportunities. Participants feel safer and more valued when they are provided with a range of choices for creative/educational/spiritual exploration. We invite participants to choose activities based on their interests.

We seek to avoid the “My Way or the Highway” approach, in which the guide communicates one “right way” to do art, to express learning, and/or to think about things spiritual. Instead, we favor an egalitarian approach that recognizes the worth of all people and that honors the unique shape of each human heart.

Our symbol for “Follow the Learner” is a set of paper dolls. Rather than favor a “one-size-fits-all” approach, in which every participant, like a paper cut-out, is taught in the same way, “Follow the Learner” seeks to provide an environment adapted to each participant’s learning and creative needs.

Do you take creative risks? Would you like to challenge others in their creative process? Then you are our kind of people and we’d love to hear from you! Share your thoughts on our *A Spacious Place* blog ([www.aspaciousplace.com](http://www.aspaciousplace.com)).

Want more indepth insight 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.

	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
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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

Sept. 16, 30

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

### Young Writers Club

Sept. 10 1—3:30 pm

7105 Gentle Oak Dr.

A Spacious Place Board Meeting/Prep Session

Oct. 22 9:30—early afternoon

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



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