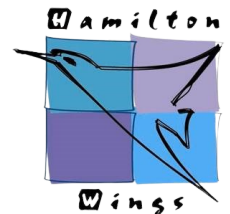




February, 2024 NEWSLETTER



On the Horizon

Gratitude & Wellness - Meditation and Chair Yoga
Thursday, March 14th, 2024 from 1:00pm-2:00pm

<https://attend.gailborden.info/event/9125016>

Once-a-Month Spring Community Arts Workshop

Starting: Saturday, March 9th, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
to learn more and register visit:

<https://forms.gle/YfSfCHEbX4AiMKWG7>

Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice

Saturday, March 16th, 2024 from 9:00am-1:00pm
email Margaret Brady,

margaretmbrady@gmail.com to register

Art & Poetry Contest - Submission Deadline

Submissions Due by Friday, March, 29, 2024
to learn more and register visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GratitudeContest>

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NEA BIG READ GRANT

Heading into 2024, we will continue to offer the Unabashed Gratitude, Growth & Gathering Series as part of the NEA Big Read Initiative. We have several, exciting events on the horizon on our path towards the June 1st, Gratitude Showcase. Events will include poetry writing and arts-based celebrations, workshops, and discussions inspired by the poems and themes in Ross Gay's *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*.

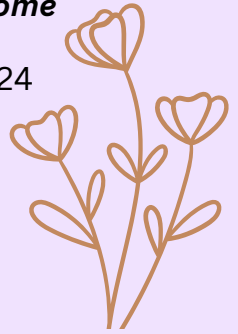


YOU'RE INVITED!

Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice

All Faiths Welcome

Saturday, March 16th, 2024
 from 9:00am-1:00pm
 St Hugh of Lincoln
 Episcopal Church
 36W957 Highland Ave
 Elgin, IL 60123



Focusing on the Roles of Prayer,
 Meditation and Lyrical Text

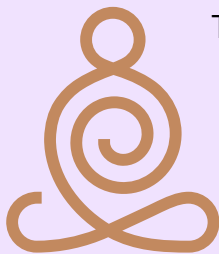
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Gratitude & Well-Being

Meditation and Chair Yoga with Danae



Thursday, March 14th, 2024
 from 1:00pm-2:00pm
 Gail Borden Public Library
 Rakow Branch
 2751 West Bowes Road
 Elgin, IL 60124

Join Danae and Risé for a poetry reading
 and some relaxing chair yoga.

<https://attend.gailborden.info/event/9125016>

We are so grateful for everyone's dedication as we celebrate our successes from our past events, workshops and collaborations.



To learn more, find resources, and locate Unabashed Gratitude, Growth & Gathering events, please visit our website at www.hamiltonwings.org/neabigread

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE PARTNERING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46'S FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT ON OUR...

ART & POETRY CONTEST

Gratitude, Growth, & Gathering



Contest Rules:

- Fill out the registration form.
- Completed poetry and artwork entries are due Friday, March 29, 2024.
- Any art medium may be used (such as photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, digital/video).
- The participant is responsible for getting their work to the Showcase.

Submit any questions to hello@hamiltonwings.org

Hamilton Wings announces the 2024 "Gratitude, Growth, and Gathering" Poetry and Art Contest, to encourage Middle School students (7th/8th grade),



High School students (9th – 12th grade), and Groups (students and their group associations) to use art & creativity to explore the NEA Big Read Initiative themes.



Submissions due by March 29th, Scan for more info



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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CREATE!



We had the pleasure of having the opportunity to bring Art SPACE (Art Self, Purpose, Agency, Creative Expression & Energy), a program of CREATE! to Channing School & Highland School as part of 2023-2024 school year. Art SPACE supports young people's healthy development of identity, sense of belonging, and perceptions of agency or efficacy. Young people in grades 3-6 are exposed to and explore different art forms from diverse resources, perspectives, and cultural traditions. Students hold culminating showcases in which they present their portfolios, artist statements, and visions for ways their art can contribute to the community.

Additionally, we are so grateful to have had to opportunity to work with Harriet Gifford School & Highland School as part of our Development by Design series. Development by Design involves parents of young children in hands-on, interactive, arts- and literature-based workshops designed to promote improved school readiness, healthy social and emotional development, positive parent-child communication, and productive learning environments at home. Thank you to the schools and parents for your support and involvement throughout these weekly workshops. You are all Rockstars!

CREATE! is made possible in part by the Seigle Foundation Arts Grant.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Once-a-Month Spring Community Arts Workshops

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th & June 8th

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Elgin

340 Grand Blvd. Elgin, IL 60120



To learn more and register, scan or visit:

<https://forms.gle/YfSfCHEbX4AiMKWG7>



The CREATE! family workshops are completely free and will include Development by Design (K-3rd graders with Parent Participation), Art SPACE (4th-6th graders) and Art & Wellness (Parents).

SCORE! FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We enjoyed a wonderful time filled with word and food creativity at our last SCORE! Family Fun Night! Families created “Our Footsteps – Your Own Path” poems considering family gifts, legacy, and values as they interact with their children’s qualities and dreams for themselves.



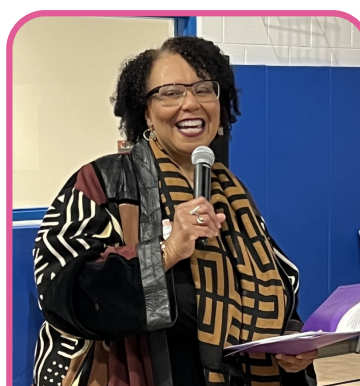
And then, in our own SCORE! version of Iron/Master/Top/Chopped Chef, families used a surprise array of food items to create their finger-lickin’ interpretations of “gratitude.” Mark your calendars to see how these contributions are incorporated into our June 29th production! Stay tuned for more information.



~giving children the wings to soar!~

WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Come join the Elgin Area Chamber and the Women’s Leadership Circle for Building Your Business - Aligning Your Vision for 2024. The Women's Leadership Circle, is a collaboration of women leaders to help you build relationships and extend your personal and professional development. Hamilton Wings' Executive Director, Dr. Rise' D. Jones, facilitated the January 31st Circle with a hands-on activity designed to align personal values with business vision.



Future Meeting Dates:

February 27th at 4:30pm, March 21st at 11:30am, & April 25th at 4:30pm
<https://business.elginchamber.com/events/>

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We are so grateful and thankful for teachers, families, volunteers, and the community for their engagement and commitment to Hamilton Wings. We truly appreciate your donations, time and support in *giving our children the wings to soar!*

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