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# HEART MATTERS

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*Libraries of Hope Newsletter*

“A STORY IS A GREAT  
LIFE-MESSAGE  
THAT PASSES FROM  
ONE SOUL TO  
ANOTHER. IT STEALS  
QUIETLY AS A CANOE  
INTO THE HIDDEN  
PLACES WHERE  
NAUGHT ELSE CAN GO;  
IT IS AS SOOTHING AS  
A SONG.... IT IS  
QUICKLY GIVEN, BUT  
IT LASTS IN LIFE  
THROUGH ETERNITY.”

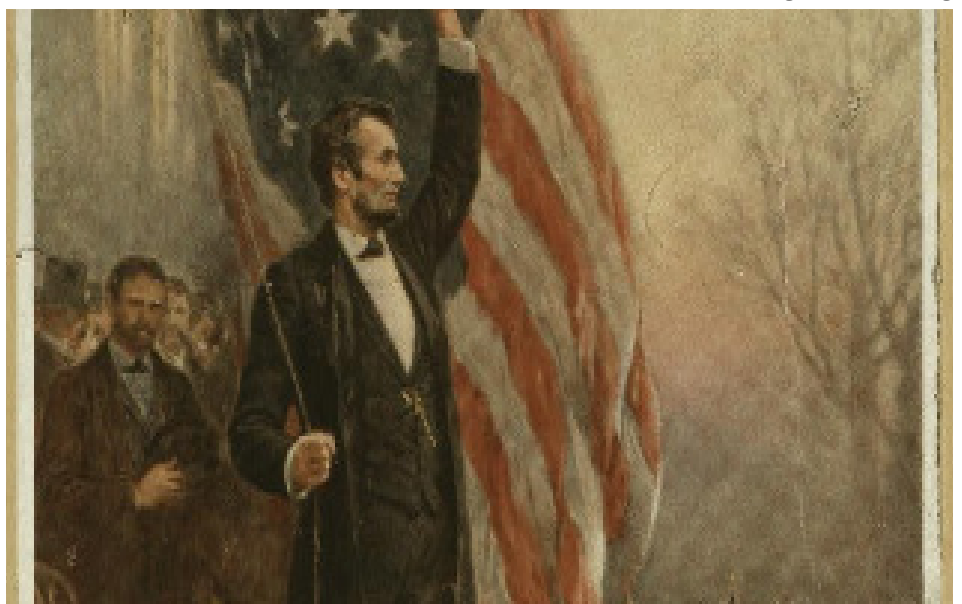
--MARGARET  
EGGLESTON

--Happy April 1st! Our Month 8 study leads us to Abraham Lincoln and a look at Slavery, which leads us back to a study of Africa, including a visit to Ancient Egypt. It is also an opportunity to study the lives of great African Americans. Our nature topic is Animals and our Mother's University topic is why studying History matters and how to go about it as well as the importance of books and the art of conversation.

But if you aren't ready to leave the Month 7 topics behind of pioneers and cowboys and progress of the 19th century as well as a study of Native Americans, no need to stop. The topic of Westward expansion can easily spread out over months 7, 8 and 9 and work well with the additional topics. Where will your studies lead you? There's a place to share your discoveries and resources you have loved or to look for more ideas in the Mothers of Influence community. Just go to CTV Share and Events and look for "show and tell" in the hashtag highlights. They are sorted by months.

To join, go to [mothersofinfluence.org](https://mothersofinfluence.org). Everyone is welcome! It's free.

Art credit: Abraham Lincoln Holding the American Flag





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

--**I had a long conversation with** Dr. Riboldi recently concerning our WEH Academy that offers academic courses for your Jr. and High Schoolers. So many exciting things happening! It is thriving and growing. Our students are loving it.

Last fall, we had about 500 families in the WEH Academy community. It has now grown to over 2200 families which means we feel confident moving forward and offering more classes. Our dream is that there will be enough students that many of your high schoolers can find friends nearby to do the classes with and not feel so isolated. We know how important good friends are at that age.

We will continue to offer previous classes in Algebra, Geometry, Biology, Anatomy/Physiology with Dr. Riboldi, Physics, Spanish I, 5000 Year Leap, Story of Liberty with Ruel Haymond, Digital art with Kristell Fox, Innovations with Trent Merrell, World Geography with Allen Powell, Leadership with Andy Haymond, Ty Crossley will teach Literature, Sam Beeson will again offer English basic composition and Juan Riboldi will teach entrepreneurship. In addition to these classes, we have new teachers to introduce you to and among the new classes are:

Pre-algebra, Spanish 2, American Govt/Economics, US History, the Family, Watercolor and other art course, a computer programming course, WWII literature and history, a practical engineering course, World Religions, the Hero Cycle in Literature, Classic Romance, Chemistry, College Preparation, Creative writing, and possibly a Research Paper course.

These courses are free from some of the liberal agendas found in many schools. Faith is welcome. There is no pressure. A child can learn what he is ready to learn. The atmosphere is positive and supportive. Not competitive. There are no tests unless just to allow a student to see where he's at. Our teachers are familiar with the WEH philosophy of learning.

They have also been actively searching for and signing up to be vendors in many of the funding programs in various states. Monthly payment options are also available.

Dr. Riboldi will open up pre-registration in a few weeks. I'll be sure the announcement is pinned in the featured section. But you can also join the WEH academy community in Mighty Networks right now. Go to [wehacademy.org](http://wehacademy.org).

--**Our first apprentices have** arrived on our new Belle Ame Center for Artful Living Campus. If you have a young adult aged 18 to around age 24, we invite them to apply to come and spend a few weeks learning and experiencing





“The time will come when it will be told as a relic of our primitive barbarism that children were taught the list of prepositions and the names of the rivers of Thibet, but were not taught the wonderful laws on which their own...happiness is based, and the humanities by which they could live in peace and goodwill with those about them.”

--Frances Willard

Art credit: At the Shrine  
by John William Waterhouse

the Belle Ame Dream. Imagine being away from the noise of life and having quiet time to reconnect to things that are real and authentic, surrounded by the beauties of nature. We have incredible mentors for them. To apply, fill out this [application form](#).

--We are expecting 20 baby lambs in the spring at the Belle Ame Campus! Here are the [newest arrivals](#).

--To keep up to date on all the happenings at our Belle Ame Center for Artful Living, visit the Belle Ame Dream space in our [belleameathome.org](#) community. You can access it all at the Basic membership level of \$29 which also includes a membership to Biblioguides, all the Teen Clubs and Friendship Circles, a way to find families near you, the Inspiration Stations and Art of Conversation and the Storytellers' Corner.

Your contribution is growing our campus which will, in turn, bless your family. If you are unable to pay the \$29, please reach out to us as we have scholarships for families who can't join otherwise. We don't want to exclude anyone who wants to be part of our Belle Ame Dream!

In the Belle Ame Dream space in the BAAH community, you will find a volunteer form. We'd like to know what skills or other resources or talents or desires you would like to bring to the campus. If you want to be part of this, we want to include you! Filling out the form gives us a pool of people to draw from.

“WHEN THINGS FALL  
APART...MAKE ART.”

Art credit: An Afternoons Amusement  
by Johann Georg Meyer von Bremen





## --SAVE THE DATE!

Seven years ago, women gathered at Thanksgiving Point Gardens for a Simple Joy conference. It's time to gather women again! This time we'll meet in the heart of America: Missouri. What will this conference and celebration be about? It's Simple: Beauty. When Sleeping Beauty receives true love's first kiss, our sleeping world will be filled with color and Light.

Registration is now open at [Eventbrite](#).

Here are a few details:

We will hold a conference in the morning of June 1st at the Hotel Hamilton in Hamilton, MO, from 9 am to noon. We'll serve you lunch and then head out to our new Belle Ame Center for Artful Living property about 30 minutes away in Weatherby, MO where you are free to come and linger as long as you would like. We'll have artful living experiences to enjoy or just come and visit with other women.

If you can't join us in person, the conference will be livestreamed and also recorded for you to watch at your convenience. There is no need to register for the livestream.

Our Simple Beauty Conference and Celebration will be a great way to introduce your friends to WEH and the spirit of Belle Ame as well as to expand your own vision and understanding.

If your husbands and families want to come, there are a number of fun things for them to do while you are enjoying the conference and celebration on Saturday. We'll include a list of suggestions on the registration form. And then they are welcome to come and visit the property on a day other than Saturday.

The cost of the in-person conference which includes your lunch is \$19. We have about 50 beds dorm style at the Hotel Hamilton for out-of-town guests that can be reserved first come, first serve. The cost of those is around \$120 for a Friday and Saturday night stay. You can purchase an optional Sunday night stay for \$66 more. Continental breakfast is included.

On the registration form, we will list nearby cities where you can look for hotels or Airbnbs as well if those rooms are filled up.

We are excited to meet with as many of you who can come! Will you be joining us?

Art credit: A Day of Celebration by Fanny Brate

