

HEART MATTERS

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Libraries of Hope Newsletter

“ANYTHING WILL
GIVE UP ITS
SECRETS, IF YOU
LOVE IT ENOUGH.”

--GEORGE
WASHINGTON
CARVER

--Happy 1st of November to all of you!

If you are following the rotation, our colonists are acting like young adults whose parents are still telling them they have to be home by 9 or they'll be grounded. They are ready to cut the apron strings and stand independent, even if that means they have to pay their own rent and buy their own food.

But not all of them. Only about a third of them are ready to do that--and they are ready to pledge their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. What a brave group of men and women to get to know.

A third of them don't want to sever ties because they love their Mother England, which leads us to our connection to our nation topic. There is a lot to love about England and the British Isles. This is the month to explore and discover her story.

Our Nature topic is Rocks. And we are taking a closer look at the gift of Music in our Mother's University study.

Where will your studies take you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--I haven't mentioned it for awhile and we've had so many new families join us, I wanted to call attention to our new Belle Ame at Home community platform (BAAH).

If you are new to WEH and are trying to figure things out, this may be exactly the support you are looking for. It's a virtual platform, designed around the rotation schedule.

Each week you get:

- A Monart® drawing class taught by the CEO and director of teacher training herself.

- A Music Together class by a highly engaging and experienced Music Together teacher.
- A cooking class of nourishing foods from around the world.
- A storytelling class by a professional storyteller as well as a group of professional storytellers who are retelling stories from the Forgotten Classics.
- Crafting classes.
- Hand and machine sewing classes, including quilt blocks and other fun projects.
- Folk dancing.
- For four days of the week, I offer a brief Inspiration Station which is really Catch the Vision and Take 5s for your children. It gives ideas of what to learn and how to learn. I always give a gem every day they can use for copywork if they'd like.

We encourage virtual friendship circles. Our platform makes it possible to connect with each other.

AND as if that isn't enough, your membership includes a Biblioguides membership and we help your kids become familiar with it so they can find lots of wholesome books to read.

Plus support groups for you, and even an Academic Station to address your academic needs.

We have Teen Clubs that teens can drop in--very casual and informal on Shakespeare, the art of Conversation, book club, social fun, painting class, de-stressing techniques, World Events and more.

You'll also find ideas for developing the Art of Conversation with your children.

We have hundreds of families in the community who are telling us they absolutely love the BAAH experience. And we are just getting started.

You can join anytime. Always start with the Orientation week and then jump in.

BAAH is the fundraising arm of our non-profit, Belle Ame Center for Artful Living. You are making it possible for us to create a campus for your families to come and have a unique immersion experience in artful living. Lots of exciting things happening there! And your support is making it happen.

Don't take my word--come take advantage of a free 7-day trial period. Learn more at belleameathome.com
https://youtu.be/YRUM4w_M82Q?si=UulvtPndLYIB3xZq

Art credit: The Butterflies by August Allebe



“THINGS THAT MATTER
MOST MUST NEVER BE AT
THE MERCY OF THINGS
THAT MATTER LEAST.”

--Goethe

Art credit: Bubbles by Elizabeth Gardner



MARLENE'S MUSINGS

--I have had Luke 4:18 on my mind for several days now. In this scripture, Jesus explains His mission:

He has come to heal the broken-hearted, liberate the captives and give sight to the blind.

I always tell you we work in layers here. Some of you are in this community because it satisfies a 'curriculum' need. And there is nothing wrong with that. But I hope at some time you will catch the vision of the deeper layers if you have not yet seen them.

We are gathering and building community to effect change for good in our world and to offer a place of refuge and peace in a world that is growing more unstable and chaotic every day. We seek to preserve a culture of faith, freedom and family and a love of the good, the true and the beautiful. And in a very real way, we are carrying on the work of Jesus. We are His hands in our world today.

The work of WEH is to heal and soften and open hearts. We are using the Arts which have always been used for healing. He was the master of using the Arts and nature to teach His followers.

The world to which Jesus came was a world of oppression. Most were expecting Him to overthrow their rulers and declare Himself king and establish a new Kingdom.

His message was the kingdom of Heaven has already come. The word heaven actually means 'deep happiness.' He told them when they knew the Truth, the Truth would set them free. But it's a freedom from within. A people who possess that kind of freedom can't be oppressed by anyone. This kind of freedom is at the heart of all we are striving to do.

Finally, we are giving sight to the blind. As I hear from moms in this community, they are telling me their kids are coming alive. They are seeing things that have always been there, but they had never seen before. Is that not giving sight to the blind?

You are truly doing heaven's work. I feel Divine help every single day.

--Do you remember the words of Francis Willard? Mother-love works magic for humanity. And it does! But she added: Organized mother-love works miracles.

Belle Ame at Home and Mothers of Influence are part of our community building efforts. If you have not yet joined those, I hope you will consider joining. You are invited to join MOI as soon as you complete the Catch the Vision intro course. It's like a pre-req to a university course. And that's what you will find there--a Mother's University to continue your journey and deepen your understanding.

BAAH is unlike anything else out there that I'm aware of. It is actually the fundraising arm for the Belle Ame Dream--which you will learn more about in the CTV course. In this community, you will find amazing teachers of art, music, cooking, crafts, sewing, storytelling and storytellers and even folk dancing. We are just getting started! Also Inspiration Stations where I guide you through the Rotation schedule. A Biblioguides membership is even included. And there are ways to connect with others and form Friendship circles for your kids. We have a number of Teen Clubs for our teens to interact with each other with amazing mentors in subjects like Shakespeare, World Events, the art of Conversation, reducing anxiety and stress, painting--and more.

Nearly 1000 families have gathered in the belleameathome.com community already. We would love to have you join, too. You do not have to have completed CTV to join. We love you.

And since we are visiting Spain, how about a painting about The Gardens of Alcazar, in Seville by Manuel Garcia y Rodriguez to remind us of our work?



“Bad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger; which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is still, in spite of all, the child of God.”

--Phillips Brooks