

HEART MATTERS

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Libraries of Hope Newsletter

“WOMAN HAS ALWAYS
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CHIEF BUSINESS THE
TASK OF MAKING THE
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PLACE TO LIVE IN....
MEN STRIVE FOR THE
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AND WOMEN MAKE
THE LIVING WORTH
STRIVING FOR.”

--DELPHIAN
HANDBOOK

--Summer is just around the corner!

In Month 9, we now take a look at the Civil War in which we find honorable men fighting on both sides of the conflict, including General Grant and General Lee, who lead us to a study of Mexico as they both fought in our war with Mexico. Texas—Remember the Alamo!—and California are included in this month’s topics as they were originally part of Mexico. Then, continue south and visit all our Latin American friends. There are no more specific Nature topics, but you may decide to use this month to take a look at our amazing Human Bodies. For the next three months, the Mother’s University will take a look at Academic topics in a heart-based way. This month, a look at Language Arts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--I had a long conversation with Dr. Riboldi 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.

These are our course offerings for the 2024-25 School year:

- Art 1: Digital Art Design
- Art 2: Exploring Style (Fall Semester)
- Art 3: Watercolor Joy (Winter Semester)
- Business 1: Entrepreneurship (Fall Semester)
- Business 2: Intro to Project Management (Winter Semester)

- English 1: Intro to Language Arts
- English 2: Intro to Creative Writing
- English 3: Basics and Composition (Winter Sem.)
- English 4: Creative Writing (Fall Semester)
- English 5: Advanced English: Write to Think
- Family 1: The Fundamental Family Unit
- Geography 1: World Geography
- Government 1: The 5000 Year Leap
- Government 2: American Government and Economics
- History 1: The Story of Liberty
- History 2: United States History
- Life 1: Health and Wellness
- Life 2: Leadership: Skills for Life
- Life 3: Inner Victory
- Life 4: Innovators, Inventors, Heroes
- Life 5: College Preparation and Success
- Life 6: Applied Practical Excellence (Fall Semester)

- Literature 1: Discovering True Identity
- Literature 2: Hero's Journey
- Literature 3: Classic Romance
- Literature 4: WWII Heroes and Literature
- Literature 5: Shakespeare (Fall)
- Literature 6: Joyful Poetry (Winter)
- Math 0.5: Pre-Algebra
- Math 1: Algebra 1
- Math 2: Algebra 2 and Trigonometry
- Math 3: Geometry: The Elements 1-4
- Python 1: Programming Fundamentals
- Religion 1: World Religions
- Science 1: Anatomy and Physiology
- Science 2: Biology
- Science 3: Physics
- Science 4: Chemistry
- Science 5: Engineering Principles
- Spanish I
- Spanish II

All of our teachers from this year want to return. In addition, we are welcoming several new teachers who have heard how great our students are and want to be part of our Academy.

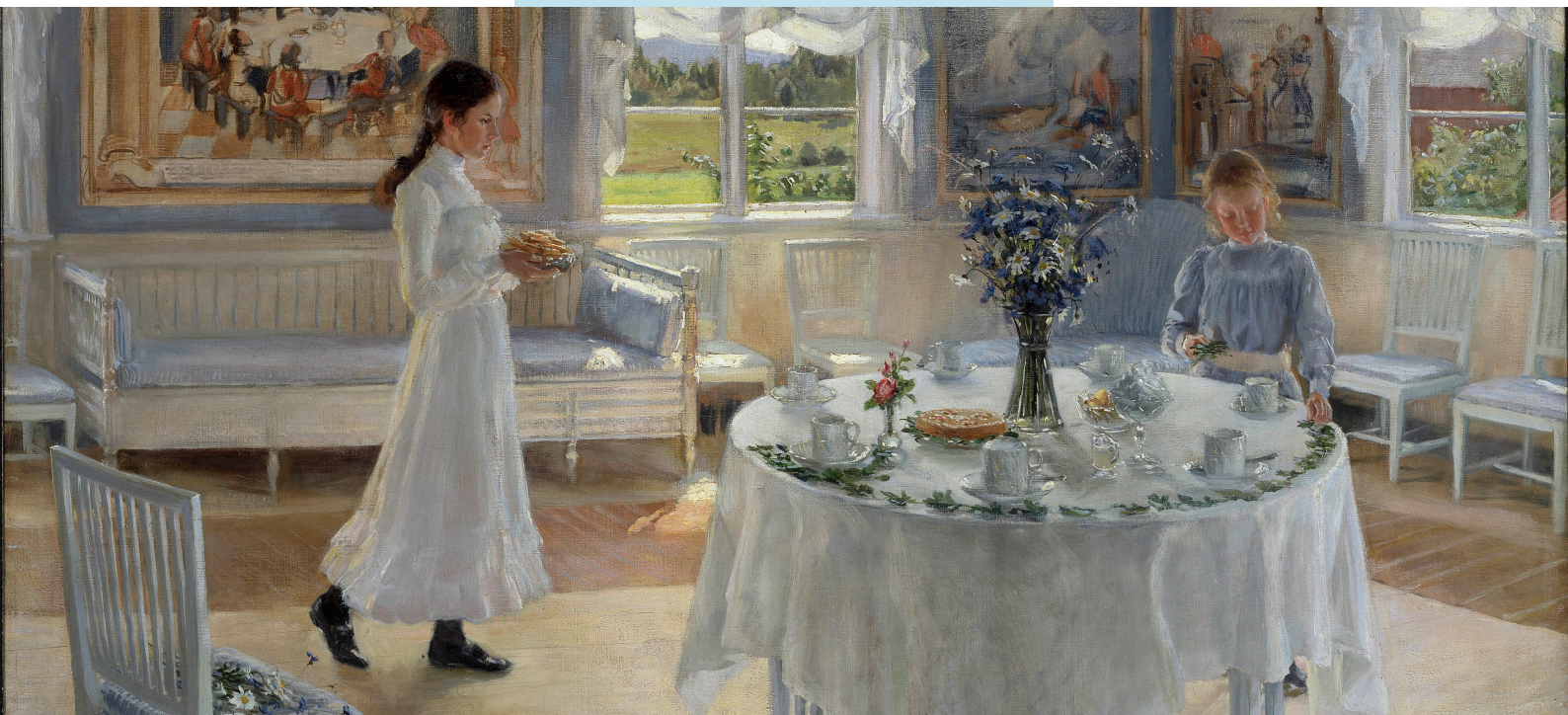
These courses are free from some of the liberal agendas found in many schools. Faith is welcome. There is no pressure. A child can learn what he is ready to learn. The atmosphere is positive and supportive. Not competitive. Any tests are tools to allow a student to see where he's at. Our teachers are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

Pre-registration is now open with early bird discounts. Go to wehacademy.org.

--Seven years ago, women gathered at Thanksgiving Point Gardens for a Simple Joy Conference. At the time, we had a couple of thousand women in our Facebook group. We now have nearly 15,000 women from around the world. 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

Art credit: A Day of Celebration by Fanny Brate



“LOGIC WILL GET YOU
FROM A TO B.
IMAGINATION
WILL TAKE YOU
EVERYWHERE.”

--Albert Einstein

Art credit: The Toy Barrow by Agathe Rostel



sleeping world will be filled with color and Light.

[Registration](#) is now open! We have a few more beds at the hotel where our morning session will be held. Or look for options in our mothersofinfluence.com community—look for Simple Beauty in the navigation bar.

If you can't join us in person, the conference will be live-streamed and also recorded for you to watch at your convenience. 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.

We are super excited to meet as many of you as can come!

--**There are a lot of things happening** in our [Mothers of Influence Community](#) in Mighty Networks! We have an ongoing class on Sourdough bread making. Dr. Wally Goddard has been a huge hit as he inspires us with ways to build happier families and lives. He meets with us every couple of weeks. He is like having our own personal Dr. Gordon Neufeld. Their philosophies are very similar.

We just announced a flower-a-month class where a mom who loves flowers is introducing us to one flower each month. She'll tell us about it and how to plant it and take care of it. We just learned about making Ukrainian Easter eggs. We have lots of fun classes coming up!

We know you're busy, so these sessions are kept short, for the most part. Some are even only 15 minutes. You choose what interests you!

We have ongoing artful living experiences, guest speakers, opportunities to discuss and chat with other moms. And it is easy for you to find other WEH moms who might live near you. Plus there is a feed to share your insights, questions, and fun finds just like you do in Facebook. Join us at mothersofinfluence.org.

--**Our Belle Ame Center for Artful Living** has welcomed our first apprentices. Our very first one has loved the experience so much, he has asked to extend his stay. These first opportunities are for young men or women over the age of 18. We suggest staying for a month, but we are flexible.

We had our first Family Work Party and it was a huge success!! Because these families are aligned in vision and are familiar with each other through the BAAH community, it was like a big family reunion. The kids found instant friends and happily worked together. This is the Spirit of Belle Ame.

Our Belle Ame Dream section is in the [BAAH community](#). That's where you can find an application to sign up for

the apprenticeship, volunteer your skills and services, and keep up to date with happenings on the campus.

We've added 20 new lambs this spring as well as several piglets. The previous owners have donated two of their horses. Class gardens are being installed. You are all welcome to stop on by! The address is 3595 NE State Highway D in Weatherby, MO.

And please remember...we don't want to exclude anyone. If the \$29 basic membership for BAAH is impossible, please reach out. We can offer scholarships to those who truly need it. But for those of you who are able to contribute, you are helping to build this campus. Our BAAH memberships are our primary fundraising arm. So THANK YOU!



MARLENE'S MUSINGS

--I had the opportunity to represent Virginia as Mother of the Year at the National American Mothers convention in Omaha, Nebraska, this past weekend. We spent most of Friday afternoon hunkered down in a hall in the basement of the hotel while those horrible tornadoes blew through, one of them threatening to touch down across the street.

This group was one of the most diverse groups of women I have ever met with. We were of different faiths—and no faiths—different political parties, different economic backgrounds, different races. Our families all looked different—there were widows, divorced women, women in blended families, newlyweds and oldyweds (like me). Women who had endured unspeakable tragedies—a murdered child, one whose child died in a fire at 15 months old, women with children—even multiple children—with special needs.

And yet here we were, in the corridor in the basement of a hotel, with a common love—a love of our families. And that commonality forged friendships in a short amount of time.

Women were sharing videos that friends and family members were sharing as we waited for news of what was happening “out there.” One showed the video her sister sent from the porch of her house. Her roof was gone and all

the houses on the other side of the street were completely wiped out. Whole neighborhoods were destroyed. And in a moment, lives were changed.

Yet, by the time I drove back to where I was staying, the sun was shining. The route on the road I took showed no signs of what had passed through. I would have been completely oblivious had I not seen and heard the stories shared in that basement.

Which is my point. On the surface, when I first met these women, I may have supposed they had carefree lives. But as they began to share their stories, women I wouldn't have thought I had anything in common with deeply touched my heart. You never know what is going on "beneath the surface."

In a world of divisions and contentions, it's our motherhood that can bring us together. And then as we share our real stories, hearts can be knit together that can withstand any storm that may come our way.

**"NOTHING TOUCHES THE SOUL
BUT LEAVES ITS IMPRESS, AND
THUS, LITTLE BY LITTLE, WE
ARE FASHIONED INTO THE
IMAGE OF ALL WE HAVE SEEN
AND HEARD, KNOWN AND
MEDITATED; AND IF WE LEARN
TO LIVE WITH ALL THAT IS
FAIREST AND PUREST AND BEST,
THE LOVE OF IT ALL WILL, IN
THE END, BECOME OUR LIFE."**

--Bishop Spaulding

Art Credit: Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May
by John William Waterhouse



--One final announcement that JUST came out as I was about to send this off, so I guess it gets its own section:

I am super excited to announce that Dr. Rich Melheim will be a guest presenter in our MOI community on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:00 AM MDT. He will be talking about the science behind an art-based learning platform. He is making a huge impact around the world. And he is so much fun and high energy.

His e-book, *Rich Learning*, is available as a free download at <https://www.richlearning.com/free-book>

You can also watch a [short intro video here](#).

Come join us: mothersofinfluence.org in Mighty Networks. It's free and there are so many great things happening there!