

Syncreate
Newsletter
March 2014



March Meetup and April "Deepening Your Creative Life" Retreat

Spring too, very soon!
They are setting the scene for it --
plum tree and moon.

-Basho

The month of March brings time of creative quickening, with the spring equinox right around the corner. People all around the world are in process with their creativity--SXSW has arrived in Austin--and we are looking forward to our "Deepening Your Creative Life" retreat, April 4-6, 2014.

Upcoming Syncreate Events (scroll down for more details):

Syncreate Monthly Meetup

Sunday, March 16, 2014, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Deepening Your Creative Life : A Weekend Retreat in the Texas Hill Country

Friday through Sunday, April 4-6, 2014, Marble Falls, Texas

Register by March 20th for the Early Bird rate of \$295.00, which includes shared lodging, all meals, and the program fee.

We've been blogging regularly about the creative process, creativity and education, and the power of storytelling and narrative. Our latest blog post, "**The Creative Pause**" explores the value of quietude and stillness in the creative process. [Click here for the blog.](#)



"Peach Blossoms" - photo by Melinda Rothouse

Creativity Spotlight: Charlotte Gullick

"Story and the meaning-making it provides has always been a part of who I am." - Charlotte Gullick

This month we are excited to share the news that Charlotte has been accepted into the MFA program for Creative Nonfiction at the Institute for American Indians Arts. The program follows a low-residency format, and she will do the majority of her work online but will travel to Santa Fe for five week-long residencies, the first this July.

With the re-release of her novel, *By Way of Water*, and nearing completion of her second, *One-Man Reservation*, Charlotte is thrilled to pursue the craft of writing in this particular context. From her personal statement: "I relish the opportunity to study in a program that focuses on a Native reading of various kinds of landscape: emotional, geographical, sacred, literary."

[Click here to visit Charlotte's website](#) and view the book trailer for *By Way of Water*.

Congratulations, Charlotte! We look forward to sharing in the adventure.

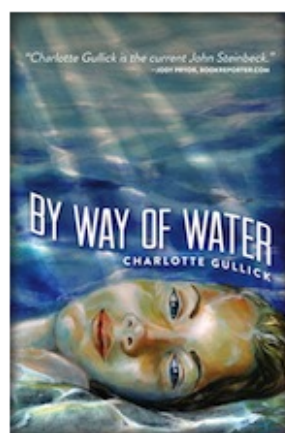


Image: "Under" by Ines Batillo

March 16th Creativity Meetup and April "Deepening Your Creative Life" Retreat

To reserve a space in one of our upcoming events, please email us at info@syncreate.org

Syncreate is dedicated to helping creative people find like-minded folks who will believe in and support one another. We stress accountability for our artistic visions, and offer a monthly forum for sharing the challenges and joys of the creative process.

Syncreate Monthly Meetup

Sunday, March 16, 2014, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free!

Let's come together to honor the fertile creative energy of springtime, and discover how it can guide and inform our creative processes. Feel free to bring an image or sample of your creative work (visual art, music, writing, etc.) to share with the group - we always love to see and hear what people are working on!

Join our [Meetup group](#) to participate in our online community, connect with other creative people, and learn more about our upcoming events. For more information and to join the Syncreate Meetup Group, please visit: <http://www.meetup.com/Syncreate-Creativity-Collaboration-Community-in-Austin/>

**Deepening Your Creative Life:
A Weekend Retreat in the Texas Hill Country**

Friday through Sunday, April 4-6, 2014, Marble Falls, Texas
Cost: \$350 (**Register by March 20th for an Early Bird rate of \$295**)
- Includes shared lodging, meals, and program fee

Join Syncreate Co-Founders Charlotte Gullick and Melinda Rothouse for an intimate, interactive, joyful weekend of embracing your creative life. Be prepared to unplug from technology, embrace not knowing, and delight in collaboration. This retreat is open to anyone interested in exploring, re-igniting, or deepening their creativity; no specific experience, training, or expertise needed.

At Syncreate, we believe in the power of creativity to evoke transformation; this is one of our major interests and areas of focus. Our events encourage transformation by offering an understanding of the psychology and neuroscience of creativity, experiential exercises to facilitate the creative process, a community of like-minded people interested in exploring creativity together, and concrete tools for bringing more creativity into your professional life, your artistic endeavors, and your world.

Retreat activities will include creative visioning, ritual, meditation, movement, writing, and group meals, all set in a natural retreat setting on upper Lake Travis. Click here to see some photos of the retreat location: <http://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p155123>

Space is limited to 12 participants. To reserve your spot, please email us at info@syncreate.org and tell us why you'd like to participate and how this retreat will further your creative, personal, and/or professional goals. Please also include your name, phone number, desired form of payment, and how you heard about the workshop. To receive the early registration rate (\$295), we will invoice you through PayPal.

We strongly encourage early registration and pre-payment.

[Visit the Syncreate website for more information on our upcoming workshops and retreats](#)

May your creativity blossom with the coming of spring,

Charlotte and Melinda

