

### 2018 Vendors for International Women's Day Gathering Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

We are excited to announce our 2018 vendors for the Empower ONE International Women's Day Gathering! **Scroll down to learn more about each vendor.** 

Artists Karolynn Vaisanen | Jill Hewlett













purple & lotus

**Purple Lotus** designs and creates malas, bracelets and necklaces. They design from a place of co-creation, collaboration and connection and are inspired by people, places and nature's elements, near and far.

Each piece is handmade using a selection of semi-precious gemstones, wood, bone, metals and ethnic materials - chosen based on their beauty as well as their healing properties and intentions.

Purple Lotus will be offering:

- Mala beads necklaces and bracelets
  - Yoga inspired jewellery
- A DIY Bracelet Station create your own custom bracelet!

Why Purple Lotus thinks Women's Wellness Circles are important: "It is an opportunity to gather, connect and share in a safe and supportive space with like minds!"

https://purplelotus.ca



**The Village Hive** brings the coworking movement to Markham, Stouffville and York Region. If you work from home and are looking for affordable office space close to Toronto, or just a change in scenery, come spend some time at the Village Hive. Network, fuel your mind, get inspired, and share knowledge with people in your community. We have everything you need for a productive and healthy workday! Located in the Olde School House, a beautiful and historic building in Markham.

The Village Hive will be offering:

- Coworking space memberships
- 10 pack Drop-in pass as well as other memberships
  - Private office & boardroom rentals
  - Mailing addresses for your business
    - Special Hot Desk promotion

#### Why The Village Hive loves Women's Wellness Circles:

"I am so thrilled that the Markham Stouffville Women's Wellness Circle has been held at The Village Hive since we opened our doors in 2016. The energy that is shared in this circle is incredible. It is like a big group hug – but more. It is a safe place to be yourself and learn with an open mind. Thank you Casandra & Tanya for bringing this group to our space. It is the perfect fit."

http://www.thevillagehive.ca



**Kindness Warrior** offers designed and hand printed clothing and accessories where each item is lovingly crafted to plant a seed of inspiration in your life and in the lives of others. A percentage of the proceeds of every item purchased goes towards carrying out random acts of kindness within the community.

Kindness Warrior will be offering:

- Hoodies
- Slouchy Shirts
  - Tanks
  - Hats
- Online Membership

Why Kindness Warrior thinks circles are important:

"What a wonderful gift you provide the warrior woman of the world! You are absolutely right for all the love/insight/clarity you serve, it's essential to receive, be restored so that you can return and serve with a full heart, mind and soul."

https://kindnesswarrior.com



Shaw Percussion creates and delivers hand-crafted drums and tuned percussion to customers all over North America. They offer a wide variety of world percussion products, custom drum design and construction, drum rentals and a Drum Circle in the Georgina community!

Shaw Percussion will be offering a selection of:

- A variety of drums
- Small percussion
  - Tingsha bells
- Singing bowls and much more

Why Shaw Percussion loves Women's Wellness Circles:

"It has been such a pleasure to participate in numerous Women's Wellness Circles over the past few years: always welcoming, inclusive and fun!"

http://shawpercussion.com



**Mel's Gift Shop** promotes wellness, eco-friendly, artesian, natural products, and hand-crafted gifts. It offers unique, local, wellness inspired natural products.

Mel's Gift Shop will be offering:

- Hand-poured essential oil soaps
- Spa essentials
- Beeswax tea lights
- Local honey and cheese bags

- Watuko Headgear
- Suede leggings
- GurglePots
- Boho Water Bottles & and much more

### Why Mel's Gift Shop loves Women's Wellness Circles:

"It's the gift I give to myself... I love sharing my energy and time with like-minded women who like myself seek positive re-enforcement and heart healthy nourishment. I have chosen the path to a happier, healthier connected life-style and the circle creates the atmosphere to enrich my mind, body and spirit. There are fabulous guest speakers to facilitate each session with mind exploration and thought-provoking subjects taking you through a journey each time toward healthier you! I enjoy that there's no judgment... it is a place where you can be yourself and be accepted by all who attend. I also love to be able to attend the upcoming circle events with friends who are always welcome to join in the circle... Life changing."

https://www.facebook.com/Mels-Gift-Shop-118831451931659/

## Artist – Karolynn Vaisanen

Bright, bold colours, and undulating lines can characterize Karolynn's work. She taps into the subconscious to explore a wealth of images from the dream space. She is inspired by both dream life and waking experiences. Therefore her work is very symbolic in nature. She is highly influenced by work of both post-impressionists and surrealists combined. Karolynn lived in Paris, France, for a short period of time, where she gained incredible inspiration and created and sold work. She had the honour to meet and work with a well-known, great surrealist painter, Juan Ramirez, the Godson of Salvador Dali. Karolynn is back in Toronto and is continuing her artistic pursuits. Her practice in meditation and participation in a Woman's Wellness Circle has been instrumental in the current body of work she is creating.

Karolynn will be offering a selection of original paintings and prints.

https://www.karolynnvaisanen.net



**HEARTART** weaves a vibrant fusion of acrylic, ink and water based paints, fabric from foreign travels, ribbon and specialty paper. These designs bring warmth and positivity to people of all ages and they illuminate the spaces where they are placed.

Jill Hewlett, artist of HEARTART, will be offering a selection of poster prints and her books, "COMMON SENSE...Uncommonly Practised" and UNCOMMON SENSE...Put Into Practise".

### Why Jill loves Women's Wellness Circles:

"More than 13 years of hosting Circle on a monthly basis has shown me that when women gather in this formation with the goal of learning, growing, sharing and connecting – wonderful and seemingly magical stuff happens…and we are better for it."

http://www.jillhewlett.com/heartart

# Women's Wellness Circle Hosts

We will also have a shared table for Women's Wellness Circle Hosts where you can learn more about each location and sign up to one or more circles near you! Some hosts will be offering services and products at the event too! Come check us out.

With love and gratitude,

Jill Hewlett Karen Armstrong Amanda Perrone Casandra Bryant Tanya Porter Terri Klein Shayne Henderson Wendy Dennis Susan Taylor Jill Erridge