

Collages Enhance Writing Legacies



“I found making a collage about my grandmother, that this is so much more than a visual exercise or artistic endeavor. It was truly an opportunity to see a woman in my past more whole and multidimensional. It deepened my understanding and increased my respect for her and the life she lived.” - R.A.

“My collage provided another level in healing my relationship with women of my past generations ... perhaps this is what legacy really means to me.”

For your collage work at the spring Wisdom Ways Legacy Retreat, please bring with you:

- Photocopies of photos of the foremothers and forefathers you decide to work with. Your photos should be copied in several sizes for flexibility. Use high quality paper to copy the photos; it will make a difference. (Rachael suggests not to cut close around your pictures. Gretchen will show you ways to tear and edge your photos so they look really beautiful!)
- Mementos you don't mind having permanently affixed to this work of art, such as lace, yarn, buttons, beads, ticket stubs, keys, poems/phrases, and any other things (a hanky, a glove, a piece of jewelry) that remind you of your foremother/forefather or their generation, or of the country or culture of your family's origins.
- Also please bring: A cereal box or other medium weight CARDBOARD or MOUNTING BOARD, a UHU GLUE STICK, and GOOD SCISSORS. If you have a frame in mind to use, bring that, too (without the glass); it will make planning size easier and may protect your treasure as you transport it home.

Gretchen will provide ideas and coaching, as well as stamps and stamp pads, inks, markers, spackling compound, paints and brushes, gold/silver leaf pens, and finishing spray for your use.

If you have questions, please email Rachael at rachael@life-legacies.com. For more information about writing legacies, visit her website at www.life-legacies.com.

Enjoy the time you use meandering through pictures and “stuff”!

