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What: *Handmade Books with Wilma Romatz*
When: **January 10, 17, 24, 31; 10.30 am – 12.30 pm**
Where: Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland
Cost: \$110/\$100 members; plus \$30 materials fee
Information: Call 989-837-1885 or visit www.creativespiritcenter.org/classes.htm

[Midland] – A great winter project: make your own keepsake volumes or unique gift books. Talented book artist Wilma Romatz teaches how to sew pages together into a text block, how to cover bookboard with commercial and hand-decorated paper, and how to bind a book. Each class member will complete four books during the class, including one with a Japanese stab binding, one with an accordion binding, a flat-spine book, and a fourth type to be chosen by the class members from examples.

Artists will enjoy having a book they have made themselves as a sketchbook, journal, or inspiration book. Anyone who likes to give handmade gifts will leave the class with four gifts to choose from when the next gift-giving occasion arises. Learning the process of completing a handmade book will enable each student to make many more books from appealing materials after the class is done. Registration available now at www.creativespiritcenter.org.

About the Artist

Wilma Romatz of Saginaw is married, the mother of six grown children and grandmother of five. She earned a Ph.D at Michigan State University in 2002 in composition theory. Her doctoral dissertation was based on a qualitative study that examined the role of drawing in the writing process of five non-traditional community college students. Retired from teaching college English in 2004, she has focused on many kinds of art and writing since then. Currently she is researching a book on steel bands for high school students. She grew up in Kentucky and has lived in Michigan since graduating from college. She is secretary of The Assembly for Expanded Perspectives in Learning. She has explored and facilitated workshops on the connections between art/writing and healing.

About Creative Spirit Center

Creative Spirit Center is a not-for-profit community arts organization founded in 1994. The Center's mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, conferences, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, psychological and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

Printed Winter/Spring 2009 schedules showing all classes and events at Creative Spirit Center are available at no charge. Telephone 837-1885 to have schedules delivered to your business or location, or mailed to your home.

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