

Weekend getaway heads north

September 29, 2009

What: Women's Weekend Getaway

Where: At an eight-room private home in Au Gres, overlooking the Saginaw Bay. Hosted by Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) of Midland.

When: Late afternoon Friday, October 9, through Sunday breakfast, October 11.

Cost: \$150, which includes five meals and snacks. Registration due by Monday, October 5. Transportation details, what to bring and directions provided after registration.

For more information: Call (989) 837-1885 or visit www.becreative360.org

MIDLAND -- In need of some quality time at a restful getaway with a view?

Midland's Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) is offering a fall weekend retreat for women at an eight-room home in Au Gres, with the beautiful waters of the Saginaw Bay lapping at its door.

The fun begins late afternoon Friday, October 9. and ends after breakfast on Sunday, October 11.

"The weekend includes five meals, and I'm cooking," says Sarah Gorman, the Creativity Director at Creative 360 whose hobby is cooking healthy, flavor-packed meals. "There are no scheduled activities except for meals. What we're providing is a chance to make the most of taking some time away from your routine."

The home, occupied by a retired Saginaw Township school teacher, was built by an Au Gres founder who built a home for each of his children. This one was built around a one-room school house -- hence its unusually large living area.

Other features of the structure are a heated sun porch overlooking the Saginaw Bay, two 30-foot decks, two inside fireplaces, an outdoor fire pit and, according to its owner, “wonderful sunsets and lots of room for walks on the beach.”

While Gorman stresses there are no planned activities, participants are encouraged to bring books, decks of cards, games, art materials, cameras, outdoor gear for hiking and bathing suits if the weather turns warm. The owner also has an extensive CD collection which sometimes results in bouts of spontaneous dancing.

The price is \$150, which includes the five meals and snacks. Those with special food needs will need to make their own provisions. Participants also will need to bring their own bedding, towels and other personal items. Au Gres is an hour’s drive from the Tri-City area.

The registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 5. Call (989) 837-1885, or register online at www.becreative360.org.

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness 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, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit www.becreative360.org for more information about the fall roster at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy.

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