

The Story of Ruth

TWELVE MOMENTS IN EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE

A Creative Study for Women

with The Rev. Dianne Mesh and Gisele Bauche

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre and Emmanuel Anglican Church/The Refinery Arts and Spirit Centre are very pleased to offer a unique and reflective six-week workshop series, based on Sr. Joan Chittister's book The Story of Ruth – Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life.

Location: The Refinery Arts and Spirit Centre

Date and Time: Six Tuesday Evenings, January 22 – February 26
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$120 – registration fee includes materials used for the creative expression portion of the workshop.

**Note: Participants may source their own copy of The Story of Ruth – Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life by Joan Chittister OSB. This book is recommended reading for the workshop series. The Refinery Office can order the book for you, if you are unable to source a copy, at a charge of \$26.00. Please allow time for delivery.*

Detail:

Though the story of Ruth is an ancient story, it is our story too.

The following extraordinary inscription, handwritten in a second hand copy of Joan Chittister's book, inspired and shaped this workshop series: "...be reminded of your inner courage and strength to follow the paths that are 'life-giving.' Every woman's journey is filled with challenges, adventures, disappointments and sorrows; but it also offers, in great abundance, profound joy and great rewards for our patient efforts. All women must journey with wisdom, strength and the conviction to define ourselves as 'woman' in our society."

Using Joan Chittister's book we will visit the twelve moments that ultimately shape us, with the hope of coming home to one's self.

This workshop series will offer a blend of story-telling, discussion, and creative expression. Participants will leave the session having created a special memento, capturing their personal connections to the moments shared in the Story of Ruth.

Presenters:

Dianne Mesh is an Anglican priest currently serving at Emmanuel with the Refinery Anglican Church in Saskatoon. She is an experienced and compassionate companion on the spiritual journey and a skilled facilitator of small group conversation. Dianne is a storyteller who delights in stories - ancient and modern, epic and personal - that celebrate the power of spirit and soul.

Gisele Bauche is a professional artist who has been offering art workshops in a variety of mediums for many years. Her background in theology, scripture and art led her to integrate her art and spirituality. Gisele sees creative expression and the creative process as transformative, and as a means to assist one on their spiritual journey. Gisele offers retreats on Spirituality and Creative Process, Contemplation and Art, Healing and Art, Creativity and the Creative Process, and Iconography. She provides leadership with the Spiritual Direction Formation Program which is offered at Queen's House, and is a member of the Queen's House Programming Team. Her art work has been featured in the Catholic Extension Society's Calendar of Canada, Augsburg Fortress and Novalis Publications. Her art work has been commissioned by churches, organizations and institutions. Gisele authored the book, *Giving Glory to God: Reflections of an Artist.*

The Refinery Arts and Spirit Centre

609 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon

Three options for registration:

Online: www.emmanuelrefinery.org/classes

By phone: (306) 653-3549

In person during Refinery office hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free parking is available in the Emmanuel Anglican Church parking lot or on the city street.