

The “RAW”

Creativity Association

R.A.W. stands for “**Release the Artist Within.**” It is an experiential coaching & mentoring group that gives you the opportunity to expand your creative potential and overcome blocks in your chosen art form(s) —music, art, photography, writing, etc... This happens in the context of safe community, creativity-building exercises, improvisation & experimentation, prayer, teaching & discussion times, creative projects and personal journaling. In an environment of mutual acceptance and encouragement, we pursue freedom from all that blocks and hinders us from becoming the unique & wonderfully-creative people we are meant to be!

Being a member of RAW also gives you the opportunity to perform and/or display your creative endeavours monthly at the “**RAW TALENT COFFEE HOUSE.**”

RAW is designed to:

- *encourage flowing, joyful, intuitive, heart-felt creativity (Art from the Heart!)
- *address blocks that restrict your creative freedom
- *be a safe place for your inner child to be curious, playful and spontaneous
- *give you opportunities to take the risk of sharing your gifts with others (both with RAW Members and the public)
- *encourage networking & collaborating, and teach artists how to build one another up

Fall Format Monday nights, 7-10 weekly, on a monthly schedule as follows:

First Monday—WEEK 1:	SONG-CRAFT (for song-writers, musicians, vocalists)
Second Monday —WEEK 2:	VISUAL-CRAFT (for painters, sculptors, crafters, photographers)
Third Monday—WEEK 3:	WORD-CRAFT (for lyricists, poets, fiction/non-fiction writers)
Fourth Monday—WEEK 4:	THE RAW TALENT COFFEE HOUSE!

Yearly Schedule: 9 months/year (Neither RAW nor the Coffee House will run in July, August or December)

Location: Cavan Creative, c/o Globe Studios; 141 Whitney Pl, Unit 18, Kitchener, ON.

Normal Costs: Yearly Membership in RAW (Sept—June) — \$90 (works out to just \$10/month; will be adjusted according to the month you join) PRICE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
Monthly payment — \$20 (payable when you come out)

Costs of 08-09 YEAR: FIRST TWO MONTHS (Oct & Nov) ARE FREE! Pay only \$60 in January if you decide to join!

Membership benefits—Cost per year is much less; Members will not pay cover charge to attend coffee house events; they will be free to attend any RAW session; they will have a vote in all matters concerning the running of the group; they will be considered for featured artist/performer at the coffee house events.

Monies collected will be used to further the vision, pay for all costs incurred in the running of both the mentoring group and the coffee house, and invest in equipment to improve RAW each year. Volunteer leaders and coaches (invited by the coordinator) and volunteer coffee house helpers will have a free membership if they commit to a 1-year term.

About The Co-ordinator, Lisa Golem, M.A.

Honours BA in Psychology, MA in Professional Counselling; Counsellor at Cornerstone Christian Counselling Centre since 1999; Facilitator of RAW since 2001; Vocalist, song-writer, arranger; Musician (keys, guitar, bass, percussion); Painter; Executive Member of K-W Society of Artists (K.W.S.A.); Conference Worship leader for Cornerstone Christian Counselling Centre; Workshop Facilitator (eg.: Worship & Intercession, Creativity, Intimacy With God); Worship team member at Highview Community Church; Drama team member at Highview Community Church; Past Theatre group & dance troop member at the University of Waterloo; Married 21 years, mother of two extremely creative teenage boys.

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