

## **Stocking the Pond**

*Lindy Thompson*

*The creative process is a process of surrender, not control. - Julia Cameron*

*You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. - Maya Angelou*

*The most important thing about art is to work. Nothing else matters except sitting down every day and trying. - Steven Pressfield*

*Inspiration usually comes during work, rather than before it. - Madeleine L'Engle*

*I write only when inspiration strikes. Fortunately it strikes every morning at nine o'clock sharp. - W. Somerset Maugham*

*The greatest killer of creativity is interruption. - John Cleese*

*Creative work is not a selfish act or a bid for attention on the part of the actor. It's a gift to the world and every being in it. Don't cheat us of your contribution. Give us what you've got. - Steven Pressfield*

*Creativity comes from accepting that you're not safe, from being absolutely aware, and from letting go of control. It's a matter of seeing everything - even when you want to shut your eyes. - Madeleine L'Engle*

*Even in literature and art, no man who bothers about originality will ever be original: whereas if you simply try to tell the truth... you will, nine times out of ten, become original without ever having noticed it. - C.S. Lewis*

*Our truest response to the irrationality of the world is to paint or sing or write, for only in such response do we find truth. - Madeleine L'Engle*

*Draw the art you want to see, start the business you want to run, play the music you want to hear, write the books you want to read, build the products you want to use – do the work you want to see done. - Austin Kleon*

*The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been. - Madeleine L'Engle*

*We need to write, otherwise nobody will know who we are. - Garrison Keillor*

### **Favorite Books and Authors:**

*The Artist's Way – Julia Cameron*

*The Artist's Rule – Christine Valters Paintner*

*Bird by Bird – Anne Lamott*

*The War of Art – Stephen Pressfield*

*The Practice – Seth Godin*

*Steal Like an Artist – Austin Kleon*

*Creativity: A Short and Cheerful Guide – John Cleese*