



The Threshing Floor

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Newsletter of the Guild for Psychological Studies

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Guild Vision: The Guild envisions a world in which the significance of each person's truth, authority, and inspired purpose finds fulfillment in life and community.

Guild Mission: Guild seminars offer a way of psychological and spiritual transformation that inspires individuals to live their purpose, expand consciousness, and discover and create meaning in their lives and community.

Music and Poetry on Monte Bello

with Maureen Draper and Nils Peterson

Oh give us pleasure in the flowers today; And give us not to think so far away

As the uncertain harvest; keep us here All simply in the springing of the year. -- Robert Frost

Spring and so much juice and joy--lilacs and blossomy trees, hummingbirds and bluebirds in the branches. Take an afternoon off to stroll in the garden, lie under the piano, or sit and daydream. Nils will read his poems and those of Frost, Whitman, and Rumi. Maureen will play the music of Bach, Schubert, Debussy, and Scriabin. We'll end with wine and refreshments to celebrate the world being born again. Please join us.

TIME: Saturday, April 26, from 1:00 to 4:30, with refreshments following. Please plan to arrive by 12:45 to choose a seat.

PLACE: The Draper home, 18800 Monte Bello Road, Cupertino, 95014. Take Foothill Expressway exit from Hwy 280*; turn west toward the hills and continue on Foothill for approx. 3 miles to Monte Bello Road, just after the quarry and opposite the reservoir. Drive to the very end of MB Rd (about 5 miles) and after entering the open gate on the left turn immediately right onto gravel road alongside vineyard. You will soon see parking above the house. Allow 45 minutes from Palo Alto and San Jose and just over an hour from San Francisco.

*coming from the north, this is the last of the three Los Altos exits, and from the south, the exit immediately after Hwy 85

TO RESERVE: Send a check for \$40.00 to Maureen Draper, address above. Space is limited. but consider your place confirmed, unless you hear otherwise. For further information, 408-867-3453 or email mccarthydraper@gmail.com Nils Peterson

Art as Elixir

Save Saturday May 10, 2014, 9:30- 4:00 (including lunch) to rediscover how art can enliven each moment of your day. What is an Elixir? In Alchemy, it was something that could change another material into gold or could lengthen life. What was it that gave Renoir and Matisse inspiration even when they could no longer walk. The magic of color and delight in what we see can make a difference in what life can bring so give your self a day for exploration.

The main focus of the day will be how art can act as an elixir so that being in the moment aware of the beauty around us can enhance our lives. To have this happen we will look at what keeps us from doing this i.e. are we so caught up in our worries and problems that we aren't "in the moment"? Are we thinking only of the past or future and aren't present to the time we are in? Do we have a narrow idea of what beauty can be? How can we change what we do and how we see or hear so that we are present to the beauty around us?

The morning will include poetry by William Stafford, Ted Kooser, Nils Peterson, Mary Oliver and others, music from Brahms, Scriabin, and others, the art of Matisse, Renoir, Monet, Bonnard, O'Keeffe and others.

Leaders: Sue Renfrew and Barbara Barnard

Place: Sue Renfrew's: 21 Fifth Ave. San Francisco.

Fee: \$50 with \$5.00 registration.

Project Proposals accepted

So far, the Board has accepted five project proposals that will take place this year. Three seminars, "Nourishing the Soul XIX," "Art as Elixir," and "Wound and Healing, Consciousness and Love," take place this spring and summer. The budgets for these three seminars do not need financial assistance from the Guild. See the Guild website for details about these seminars. One leader development project will support three leaders, Hal Childs, Harry Henderson and Faith Mason, to attend the International Society for Psychology as the Discipline of Interiority (ISPDI) conference in Berlin during July. The theme of the conference is "The Psychological Difference," and Hal will present a paper titled, "Am I the Psychological Difference? An inquiry." \$5,436 has been allocated to aid travel and lodging. Details about the conference and this organization can be found at their website, ispdi.org. The fourth proposal accepted is the Art Walk to visit the de Young Museum exhibit, "Modern Nature: Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George." See the Guild website for details on this event.

We invite creative projects from Guild leaders that will inspire energetic activity within the Guild's purpose to support work with soul. If you have questions about submitting a proposal please contact either Hal Childs (halchilds@earthlink.net) or Harry Henderson (harryhenderson51@gmail.com).

Hal Childs
For the Board

Friends of the Guild

The Board of Directors has made a change in the terminology for referencing nonvoting associates of the Guild. The term "member" has been used for both voting members and nonvoting associates. Since this can be confusing, we have decided to use the term "Friends" for nonvoting associates. The category of Associate Member has identified people who are not voting members, but who subscribe to the Threshing Floor newsletter. Since the board recently made the Threshing Floor available without a fee via e-mail and on the website, the term "Friend" will refer to all those on our contact list who are not voting members. New seminar participants will be added as Friends; and people will remain Friends unless they request to be removed from the list. E-mail or print subscriptions to the Threshing Floor are arranged upon request from any member or friend (a print subscription costs \$25 and, for voting members, is covered by dues).

Elizabeth Bremer
Secretary of the Board

Index for Giegerich Book

A book that many Guild members have read and studied with interest, *The Soul's Logical Life*, by Wolfgang Giegerich, was produced without an index. I have taken on the project of creating an index for it, with WG's encouragement, and I am pleased to announce that it is now going to press as a separate booklet. If you would like a copy, please send a check for \$10 plus \$1 postage to me.

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April Birthdays

Barbara Black	Apr 12
Barbara Je Jeskalian	Apr 12
Kay Young	Apr 16
William Dols	Apr 17
Gillian Sands	Apr 18
Mac McCaslin	Apr 19
Marcia Burkart	Apr 20
Bill Thomas	Apr 20
Mary Freedlund	Apr 30

Climb the mountains and listen to their good news.
The peace of nature will flow through you
like sunlight through leaves of trees.
The winds will blow into you their freshness
and the storms, their energy,
while preoccupations fall like autumn leaves.

Lino Lacedelli



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Wound and Healing
Consciousness and Love

“Love contains and transforms that which has not been loved.
A thing is recognized only to the extent it is loved.”
—*St. Augustine*

We are born whole, rich with possibilities. But as we grow and adapt to a harsh world our life is narrowed and restricted. We are wounded by parents, friends, teachers, others. We develop defenses to cope and survive and become cut off from the deep abundance and meaning of our true self.

Deep in our core the longing for healing and wholeness awakens. We know somehow life could be fuller, freer, more abundant and joyful. The questions emerge:

What is healing?

Is the healing of deep wounds truly possible?

What is the healing process?

How are consciousness and love related to healing?

The life and teachings of Jesus reflect a person who understands the mysterious process of healing, and his teachings reveal the way of the wounded-healer. In this seminar we will seek to awaken the archetype of the wounded-healer that lies at the heart of each of us. We approach the teachings of the historical Jesus through the lens of the depth psychology of C. G. Jung to explore the possibility of our own healing in depth. For Jung the wound itself is the teacher, and when we face our wounds with courage and compassion we discover the gold at the heart of what has been rejected.

“The meaning and purpose of a problem seems to lie not in its solution
but in our working at it incessantly.”
—*C. G. Jung*

The seminar process uses a modified Socratic method to guide group discussion. We honor the dignity of each individual to express their truth and move at their own pace. Mutual respect will support us in our quest to discover the gifts within our depths.

Our work together will be enriched by the use of non-verbal approaches: meditation, expressive arts, music, body movement and awareness, and silence.

Please include a letter stating why you wish to attend and any pertinent information about prior study and experience around spiritual issues.

Location: Four Springs, Middletown
CA

Leaders: Hal Childs, PhD, MFT and
Patricia Calcagno Stenger, MA, MFT

Fee: \$1,475. Include a non-refundable
fee of \$50 with registration.

Limited scholarships are available and
payment plans are available

Contact for more information: Hal
Childs, 415-573-2469;

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This seminar meets the qualifications for 30 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs, LPCCs, LEPs, and/or LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Approved provider #PCE 1829. Please include an additional \$15 for the CEU certificate.

Participants will:

- Understand wounding as an inevitable aspect of life.
- Understand how defenses help us cope with wounds.
- Learn how to work with the wounded-healer archetype.
- Develop attitudes and practices that support healing and discover the freedom that lies within the wound itself.
- Explore the integration of spiritual and psychological perspectives on wounding-healing as a universal process.

THE GIFTS OF THE SHADOW

The Play of Light and Darkness in the Kingdom of God

A TRANSFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, Maryland

August 9-17, 2014

Shadows are cast by light, and light exists in the "light" of the shadow. What is the dance of light and shadow over the ground of our life? We both experience - and are - this complex play between light and dark. In this seminar we will explore the interplay of light, beauty and joy with the shadowy nooks and crannies where the rejected parts of ourselves have been left behind. This is the journey of soul-work.

A metaphorical view of the historical Jesus' life and teachings shows us a way of soul-work by casting light on the More that we desire to know, the More that longs to be known, and the More that we are. When Jesus encounters profound love at his baptism and then meets his shadow in the wilderness, from then on, he speaks of a way of wholeness where light and darkness intermingle.

If we take our stand in profound love and then step into the wilderness of our own life, what gifts are possible? What treasure will we uncover? The psychology of C. G. Jung and the wisdom of the historical Jesus will guide us in learning to weave together the dark and light dimensions of our being in order to become our Self. We will seek the shadow who bestows the gift of our truth.

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Our work will be enriched by the use of non-verbal approaches: meditation, expressive arts, music, body movement and awareness, drama, and silence.

All applicants new to Guild are asked to accompany their application with a letter stating why they wish to attend and any pertinent information about prior study and experience around spiritual issues.

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Hal Childs, MDiv, PhD, MFT and Patricia Stenger, MA, MFT of the Guild for Psychological Studies in California.

REGISTRATION

The cost is \$1499 per person (inclusive) for room, board, and instruction. For a registration form and additional information contact: Susan Thompson (susanthompson045@yahoo.com) 703-329-9797; Karen Falk (kfalkdc@gmail.com) and Andrew Getman (afgetman@gmail.com).

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