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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.

Hearing From God

I know that god said it first.

Love to hear T. S. Elliot

Say it loud and clear

I say stillness moves,

Blesses the muse,

Gives madness its moments,

Fluidity to the sane

Eases rigidity

We arrive, have life, depart

Find life's Holy pause

In the moving stillness

- Barbara Lyon

The Snowman

Wallace Stevens

One must have a mind of winter
To regard the frost and the boughs
Of the pine-trees crusted with snow;

And have been cold a long time
To behold the junipers shagged with ice,
The spruces rough in the distant glitter

Of the January sun; and not to think
Of any misery in the sound of the wind,
In the sound of a few leaves,

Which is the sound of the land
Full of the same wind
That is blowing in the same bare place

For the listener, who listens in the snow,
And, nothing himself, beholds
Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.

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THIS NIGHT YOUR SOUL IS REQUIRED OF YOU

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WOUND AND HEALING, CONSCIOUSNESS AND LOVE (EAST COAST)

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MORE FIRE FOR LIFE

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THE BIRTH OF NO RETURN:

A WINTER'S FEAST AT FOUR SPRINGS

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“...the nothing that is.”

Braving the “mind of winter,” 16 intrepid souls spent a winter weekend at Four Springs, December 6-8. Called by “The Birth of No Return” we found ourselves shivering through one of the coldest weekends of this winter, with temperatures well below freezing. We attempted as best we could to put on the “mind of winter” and “not to think of any misery.”

Wallace Stevens’ poem, “The Snowman,” was the centerpiece of our weekend, helping us spiral down into our own “mind of winter.” This poem is not about the weather or the season, but utilizes images of winter to reach deep for the *nothing* that we are.

Moving us through crusted snow, frost, glittering ice, an empty wind and a bare land, we are, as listeners in the snow, ‘nothing in ourselves’ simply attentive to what is, the truth of our now. If we can recognize the “Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is,” then we will be ready for the *New Year*, the Year of our life that is not yet.

Soul is the *nothing* that creates itself (as our living).

Hal Childs

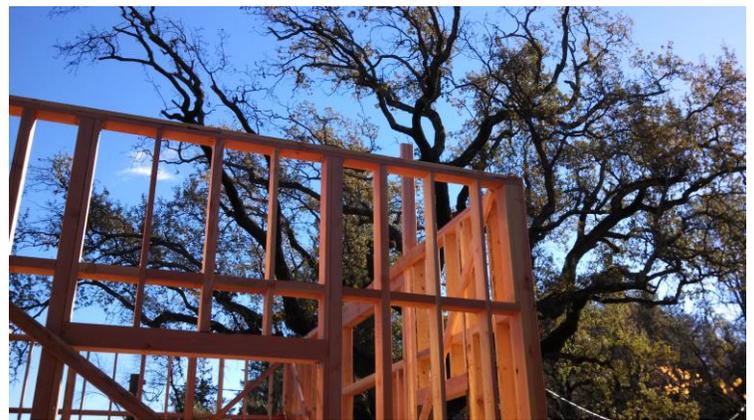
Construction is Moving Quickly

Now that the foundation is in, the walls are going up quickly. The roof trusses will arrive during the first week of December, and we are on track to finish in March and have a grand opening in April.

We are also adding a bathroom between Corn Maidens and Sun House, which we hope to have ready by the Guild's Solstice Seminar.

Tim Locke

Four Springs



January Birthdays

NanSea Russell Stone	Jan 1
Alyzsa Van Til	Jan 3
Harry Henderson	Jan 5
Daniel Davis	Jan 7
Nancy Heron	Jan 9
James Preston	Jan 12
Selina Sweet	Jan 13
Al Braidwood	Jan 17
Pat Wrobleski	Jan 17
Coleen Higa	Jan 19
Michele Morgaine	Jan 19
Robert Fletcher	Jan 25
Alice McHugh	Jan 25
Shirley Sullivan	Jan 26
Shirley Sait-Huneven	Jan 28

*In the very earliest time,
when both people and animals lived on earth,
a person could become an animal if he wanted to
and an animal could become a human being.
Sometimes they were people
and sometimes animals
and there was no difference.
All spoke the same language.
That was the time when words were like magic.
The human mind had mysterious powers.
A word spoken by chance
might have strange consequences.
It would suddenly come alive
and what people wanted to happen could happen—
all you had to do was say it.
Nobody can explain this:
That's the way it was.*

--Nalungiaq (Inuit)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Guild for Psychological Studies

June 21-29, 2014

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?

What is the healing process?

Is the healing of deep wounds truly possible?

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; halchilds@earthlink.net

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.

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