

# 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.

## Threshing Floor Special Issue

This month's newsletter is being mailed to the Guild's full mailing list. We are taking this opportunity to connect with those who don't regularly receive the Threshing Floor.

The Threshing Floor is the Guild's monthly newsletter containing information about upcoming Guild events, personal reflections on recent Guild events, short essays exploring new ideas, as well as poetry, stories, photos, remembrances and announcements. You can submit items to be included in an upcoming issue by sending them to the Guild office. The deadline to have something included in the next month's issue is the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

The Threshing Floor's volunteer editors work creatively to include as many contributions as possible and produce the newsletter for distribution at the beginning of each month. For this issue, the Guild Board of Directors reached out for contributions that would provide updates on a range of activities that we hope are of interest to you.

The Threshing Floor is sent by email to those who request it for no charge and by regular mail for \$25 per year. To subscribe, please send a request to the Guild office at [office@guildsf.org](mailto:office@guildsf.org) with your current email address. We prefer to send the newsletter by email, but if you need to receive it in printed form, include a check for \$25 with your request - renewals are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The email edition of the Threshing Floor is in color, but other than this special yearly issue, the regular mail version is printed in black and white.

The Threshing Floor is also available on the Guild's website at [www.guildsf.org](http://www.guildsf.org) in the section titled "Guild news."

*The Board of Directors*

## President's Message

Greetings from the Guild for Psychological Studies. We thank you for your support and interest in the work of seeking connections between ego and soul in the always changing process of transformation. The Guild's unique method of asking questions in order to evoke the depths continues to guide our work as we seek new ways for soul to express itself. What is the living question at the heart of your life today?

Over the past few years the Guild reorganized its internal structure so as to enable leaders to express their creativity and inspiration through initiating proposals for projects that include seminars, presentations, classes and new creative possibilities that will bring our particular approach to inner growth into the world. We continue to work with the interface between the depth psychology of C. G. Jung and the mythological and religious heritage of western culture, while we also seek to understand the psychological meaning of our advanced modern technological civilization. Wither soul in our modern world?

Many people are troubled by the developments of modern life. What is the source of meaning in modern culture? While there are no simple answers to such questions, the Guild's work provides a way for us to seek deeper understanding that responds to the truth of our world and ways to listen to the needs of soul today.

You are invited to join in the Guild's work by participating in a seminar (seminars will be offered on the east and west coasts this summer), letting us know of your ideas for particular projects, or joining the Board of Directors where the organizational work of the Guild is nurtured. Whether you are near or far in relation to the Guild, drawing on the words of Howard Thurman, "What the world needs is people who have come alive." What makes you come alive? Go do that.

*Hal Childs*

## Upcoming Seminars

For additional information and to register, please visit the Guild's web site at [www.guildsf.org](http://www.guildsf.org), or contact the Guild office. Limited scholarships and payment plans are available. The non-refundable registration fee is required at the time of registration.

### Nourishing the Soul XIX

April 8, 5:30pm-April 11, 12:30pm

*Once upon time, there was a king who had three daughters. He had ruled for many years, felt old, thought it time to pass his rule along and decided to give each daughter a third of the kingdom. At an assembly of all the nobility, he gives each daughter her third asking only that she tells him how much she loves him.*

This would be one way to begin the story that is Shakespeare's *King Lear*, the richest and darkest of Shakespeare's four great tragedies. The play is myth, fairy tale, filled with some of the most extraordinary language ever written for the stage. (Many have said it is too big for the stage, no production can fully realize its resonances. For a hundred and fifty years, it was rewritten so that it had a happy ending to make it more tolerable.) The play reaches some of the deepest places in us, our darkest fears, our desires for justice, our longing for good, indeed, what it is to be a human in society, what we owe to each other.

We will bring art, poetry, and music to the weekend. Lear is told that he "should not have been old till thou hadst been wise." We think that these ways of "nourishing the soul" will help us be a little wiser than we are.

**Location:** Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg, CA

**Leaders:** Nils Peterson, PhD, Sue Renfrew, MA and Maureen Draper, MA.

**Fee:** \$600, plus non-refundable \$50 registration fee.

### Casting Seeds

Casting Seeds, the Guild's leadership training and research program, is now in its eighth year. During the past few years it has seen considerable growth and development under the mentorship of Hal Childs and Patricia Calcagno Stenger. Opportunities and responsibilities for leadership have gone hand in hand. The class has led an Advent / Solstice seminar the past two years, and members Jennie Larson, Faith Mason, and Harry Henderson have served as leaders or staff in the long summer seminars.

In addition to developing new leaders, Casting Seeds is exploring "research and development" in relation to the Guild's practice and theory through intensive study and reflection on new developments in Jungian psychology (notably the work of Wolfgang Giegerich). As a result of these endeavors new perspectives and techniques are being brought to bear on the Guild's work. Recently John Petroni and Manuel Costa, senior Guild leaders with a lively interest in new psychological developments, have joined the group in discussions that are examining the role of human beings in a world of soul-stirring change.

If you are interested in Guild leadership training, contact Hal Childs: [halchilds@earthlink.net](mailto:halchilds@earthlink.net).

## Wound and Healing Consciousness and Love

June 21, 11:00am-June 29, 1:00pm

"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.

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. Please refer to the website for learning objectives.

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, plus non-refundable \$50 registration fee.

For more information or to request a printable flyer: Hal Childs, 415-573-2469; [halchilds@earthlink.net](mailto:halchilds@earthlink.net).

## Art Seminars

When the three founding leaders decided that it was essential to have art, music, drama, and movement as part of the Guild seminars on "The Records of the Life of Jesus," it was a fresh and innovative idea. The biblical scholar Walter Wink wrote in one of his books that this was what drew him to the Guild. And it has brought people ever since. We may forget that it was Elizabeth Howes who was instrumental in having separate weekends to experience the music of composers like Schubert or Brahms. Also, seminar participants might draw a part in a play dialogue that "chose them," or mime "The Samaritan" as he started to pass the wounded traveler. One of the special buildings at Four Springs is the Art Room. Today it would be hard to find a seminar that did not bring "the arts" as a way to express each person's unique creativity.

Periodically, an art day seminar is given in San Francisco where the work and words of special artists wait to speak to those who come. On that day there is time to explore ways to capture each one's creative inspirations, time to learn about each artist and ask questions, time to enjoy lunch together and time to be grateful for the beauty in the world around us. Another avenue we are exploring is to gather as a small group to attend special exhibits and to use the artist's work as a stepping stone to explore where it takes us. Hal Childs and Sue Renfrew led a group to the Diebenkorn exhibition and plan to go to other shows during the year.

"Art as Elixir" is the next Saturday offering at Sue Renfrew's house in San Francisco. The date is to be announced. If you are interested, call her at 415-221-7472 or the Guild Office for more information.

## International Connections for a New Psychology

For almost a decade now a group of Guild leaders has been exploring a new psychology that seeks to evoke and reflect on the life of soul as expressed in the great technological and cultural movements of our day. Developed by Wolfgang Giegerich, a Jungian analyst in Germany, this psychology starts with Jung's fundamental premise of the reality of soul and then goes on to create a new perspective that is not bound up with the ego's point of view.

The International Society for Psychology as the Discipline of Interiority (ISPDI) held its founding meeting in Berlin in 2012. The "Guild delegation" of five leaders aroused considerable interest in our unique way of working with psyche through the use of questions. Hal Childs delivered a paper on the "I Am" in the history of consciousness that was well received. Last year several of us attended a regional workshop in Toronto. This year three leaders (Hal Childs, Faith Mason, and Harry Henderson) will return to Berlin for the second international conference, and Hal will present a new paper.

In our experience we have found a mutually enriching relationship between the advance of psychological theory and perspective and the "Guild method," and we have been applying what we have learned in a variety of seminars and other settings. For more information on the ISPDI, go to ([www.ispdi.org](http://www.ispdi.org)).

Harry Henderson

## Study-Circles in Local Communities

The following groups offer Records-related studies in their communities, and we invited them to share news and contact information. If we have missed a group you are aware of, we would love to hear about it. Please send an update for publication in a future TF.

### South San Francisco Bay Area More Fire for Life

More Fire for Life began about two decades ago. We began this study group working with the Records of Jesus and Jungian depth psychology, in the Guild way, so that people in the South Bay could have the benefits of this powerful work in a small community, affordably, conveniently. The structure that we set up--three series a year of six weeks each plus a one-day Advent seminar--has held up well. We have never missed a meeting. We have a mailing list and a registrar who notifies the group with a description of each series; people register if they wish to join. Newcomers can come once for free to check it out, before they commit to the series. Our fee is \$100 a series. The community spirit that grows is deeply appreciated and the continuity allows for deep work, support, and growth. Our next series is titled:

"This do and you will live."

—Jesus

We will enter more fully the doorway to life (perhaps meeting the Tree of Life again), building on our work from "The Path of Conscious Love" and "The Eros of Wound and Healing."

Along with expanding our concepts and experiences of Life itself, we will focus on the role of the human ego in relation to the deep Self: what must we "do" to "live." Material will be drawn from Edward Edinger's *Ego and Archetype* and the *Records of Jesus* and, of course, experiences of participants, inner and outer. We hope to expand our relationship to symbols through active imagination.

Tuesday nights 7:00PM– 9:00PM, March 18-April 22, at the home of Nils and Judith Peterson.

Fee for series: \$100.00

**Note:** Although this seminar is led by experienced Guild leaders, it is not managed by the Guild. To register, contact Linda Davidge at 408-371-5535 or email: [LindaPD215@aol.com](mailto:LindaPD215@aol.com).

Judith Peterson and Manuel Costa

## East Coast Guild for Transformational Studies

Guild work is alive and well and continues to grow on the eastern seaboard. Thirteen years ago, classes began at St. Mark's Church in the shadow of the Capitol in Washington, DC. Four years ago, four committed participants from California's Guild for Psychological Studies' summer seminars started the East Coast Guild for Transformational Studies. Longstanding efforts as well as new offerings in the coming year include:

- August 9-17, 2014, The Guild for Transformational Studies will offer its fourth annual nine-day seminar in Sharpsburg, Maryland. "The Gifts of the Shadow" will focus on the dance of light and shadow over the ground of our lives and 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 Jesus' life and teachings show us the way of soul-work by throwing a light on the More that we are, the More that we hunger for, the More that desires to be known. The psychology of C. G. Jung and the wisdom of 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 inner Stranger who bestows the gift of our Truth. Leaders: Hal Childs, MDiv, PhD, MFT and Patricia Stenger, MA, MFT of the Guild for Psychological Studies in California. The cost is \$1499 per person (inclusive) for room, board, and instruction, with a deposit of \$499 due by April 1, 2014.

For additional information or a registration form:

Susan Thompson: [susanthompson045@yahoo.com](mailto:susanthompson045@yahoo.com); 703-329-9797; Karen Falk: [kfalkdc@gmail.com](mailto:kfalkdc@gmail.com); and Andrew Getman: [afgetman@gmail.com](mailto:afgetman@gmail.com).

- Two "Home Guild" groups have evolved from the California and East Coast seminars and Guild experiential coursework provided at St. Mark's Church. One was formed in 2011 and the second started 2 years ago. The groups meet in participants' homes, monthly, for 10 months a year. Hal Childs serves as a mentor to both groups, providing a monthly letter and activities that draw upon Jungian concepts applied to the synoptic Gospels, poetry, and other myths to further participants' understanding of soul and the self. If you would like more information on how to start your own Home Guild group contact Hal Childs at [halchilds@earthlink.net](mailto:halchilds@earthlink.net).
- Hal Childs will be providing an evening seminar on "Sacred Selfishness: The Value of No" at St. Mark's on Thursday, April 10, 7:30-9:30PM. Contact Susan Thompson at [susanthompson045@yahoo.com](mailto:susanthompson045@yahoo.com) for further information. A nominal fee of \$25 is requested.

The DC Metro area community is deeply committed to furthering the work of the Guild, including evolving new paradigms for how committed individuals and groups can continuously grow in soul work, deepen spiritual journeys, and better understand our relationships with others.

*Susan Thompson*

## Southern California: Claremont

Here in Southern California we have gathered for many years, for seminars and meetings to continue the journey. In addition to holding several meetings a year, we have two seminars (one in February and one in Fall) at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. We use material from the *Records*, myth, and stories. Now we are just a few, but we will continue to explore the riches found in the stories and teachings of Jesus, Jung, Guild members, and others who light our paths. To contact me, please e-mail [patwro@att.net](mailto:patwro@att.net) or call 310-323-2788.

*Pat Wroblewski*

## The Northwest: Seattle Area

After an hiatus of almost a year, the Northwest Committee is back on track and ready to plan for new seminars. Sarah Eeles will be bringing "The Magic of Transformation: an exploration of Northwest Coast Mythology" to us on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We are also planning for a Fall seminar. Though seminars are dwindling in size, we all agree that continuing to bring the Guild's work to the Northwest is important work. If you would like to connect with us, please contact me by e-mail at [lgrosvenor@earthlink.net](mailto:lgrosvenor@earthlink.net), or by phone at 360-637-8158.

*Laura Grosvenor*

## Denver, CO Guild for Sacred Studies

The Guild for Sacred Studies in Denver, founded and led by Dr. John Lee for over 30 years, is committed to enhancing spirituality in individual and community. Our website ([denverguild.org](http://denverguild.org)) states:

**"An authentic spirituality, whether traditional or otherwise, invites a person to move through fear into love, through loneliness into relationship, through living others' expectations into expressing one's own uniqueness, to an ever expanding vision of life, and more, that one's soul and the soul of the world will have space to breathe and flourish. A commitment to this journey moves one's life from battleground to sanctuary."**

We host an annual seminar in June, 5 days long, in the foothills outside Denver (The Way of Imagination: Wisdom of an Awakening Heart), based upon *The Records of the Life of Jesus*, in addition to 3-4 weekend seminars during the year. We meet on the second Monday of each month, and to celebrate Advent and the Solstices. Right now, there are two ongoing book groups as well as a travel group that has sponsored pilgrimages in the past to Ireland, Scotland, and Chartres. This spring we will go to Istanbul and Patmos.

We welcome inquiries. Further information on upcoming seminars is available on the web at: [denverguild.org](http://denverguild.org) or by e-mail: [denverguild@juno.com](mailto:denverguild@juno.com).

*Shirley Sullivan*

## Pendle Hill and Philadelphia

Greetings to the Guild from Philadelphia! In our area, there are a number of Episcopal Churches who use Dr. Sharman's *Records of the Life of Jesus* in weekly Bible study classes, and have been doing so for decades. Using this style of Gospel studies in Philadelphia began when Dr. Sharman taught from 1930 to 1933 at Pendle Hill, a Quaker retreat and study center, in suburban Philadelphia. Recently several Philadelphia leaders have reached out to the Guild and to Four Springs in an effort to learn how the *Records* are being used on the West Coast. We are especially interested in the Washington DC area *Records* initiatives. We will be making connections with those associated with The Guild for Transformational Studies in DC, and we look forward to strengthening new connections on the West and East coasts, and hope that these will be mutually beneficial!

*Sarah Elliott and Ginger Goodrich*

## Other Transformations

It is also interesting to hear about other kinds of group work being done by people who have experience with Guild seminars. If you are doing group work with a focus other than *Records*, we invite you to share something about it and how values and experiences from your Guild involvement have shaped that work.

We reached out for the following contribution. Perhaps it will inspire you to share from your ongoing journey, as well.

### **Sarah Eeles: The Raven Forum**

In the early 1990s, when I was no longer leading Guild seminars, I wanted to continue exploring some of the major values and ideas that had been most important. Three specific areas came to mind: the method, the indigenous cultures of this continent, and the strikingly evocative nature of place. The non-argumentative, non-punitive nature of the method allowed each individual to be reached, below the surface of conscious thought, and to evoke surprisingly "new" content. Exploration of original cultural traditions from our own land seemed more and more important in our contemporary times, so that values and practices would not be "lost"! And I have never forgotten the amazement I had every time the Leadership Group discussed material FROM a place while IN that place.

All of this led to study and exploration of the indigenous cultures of British Columbia and Southeast Alaska, culminating in the offering of experiential journeys into those places. Other people were enticed by Raven to "come along" and, ultimately, six people came to share these studies and experiences on a regular basis. We seven are now The Raven Forum, delving deeply into indigenous living on a monthly basis and traveling among Native people when we can.

## News from Four Springs Seminars



View from Olive Tree Patio, exterior nearly ready to paint

Construction at Four Springs has moved quickly since September. We are planning an emergence celebration on Saturday, May 31, the day after the third anniversary of the fire. Please save the date!

A pass-through window in the large kitchen of the new lodge will open to the patio to make outdoor dining more convenient. The gathering space is welcoming with large windows and ample room for activities.

We have begun construction of the first two bedrooms, including one that is wheelchair accessible. Plans call for an additional four bedrooms. The paneling for the ceiling in the great room, over the decks and under the eaves was milled on site from two trees at Four Springs. We have received several generous donations to help finish and install this beautiful homegrown wood.

We have improved other facilities as well. Most recently we added a bath with a shower between Corn Maidens and Sun House, the cabins down the hill from the seminar room.

We have continued to host personal retreats and small groups. Our next seminar, "The Opportunity of a Lifetime: Another Point of View," will explore a teaching tale from Jesus, the parable of the sower. It will be held March 15-16, with lodging available beforehand for those who would like additional quiet time at Four Springs. For more information visit [www.foursprings.org](http://www.foursprings.org) or call 888-428-5189.

We were delighted in December to host the Guild's first seminar at Four Springs since the fire, "The Birth of No Return: A Winter's Feast at Four Springs." We look forward to hosting the Guild's long seminar in June, and hope to see many more Guild seminars at Four Springs in the years to come.

*Tim Locke, Ph.D.*



Gathering Space-fireplace will be at end between windows

## Guild Publishing House News

The classic anthology, *The Choice Is Always Ours*, is still available, and was reviewed in the February issue of the Threshing Floor. In the November 2013 issue, two reviews, *Scarlet Incantations* by Sheila Moon, and *A Meditative Calendar* brought in extra sales. We would like to solicit more reviews and in particular, some of the books we offer through Amazon: *The Choice is Always Ours Study Guide*, *Knee Deep in Thunder*, *Hunt Down the Prize*, *Deepest Roots*, *Jesus' Answer to God*, *Footprints of God*, *Intersection and Beyond Vol 1 and 2*, *Intersection the Journal Vol 1 and 2*, and *Tackling Life Head On*. In addition, check out more titles offered through the Guild Publishing House under the Guild website. If you would like to submit a review for the Threshing Floor and/or Amazon, please contact Carina Ravely at [guildpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:guildpublishing@yahoo.com).

### Reflections on *Joseph's Son* by Sheila Moon

For many participants in past and ongoing seminars that include the Records of the Life of Jesus, this book speaks to us through the poetic voice of Sheila Moon, one of the founders of the Guild. Her reflections come out of her deep appreciation of the work of the Guild, her love of nature, and her insight into Jesus' work. It reflects his message and interaction with his companions, his land, and the political and religious influences of the historical time in which he lived. The content titles are arranged in chronological order from "I came to John" to the last "A Lonely Wine" and "Dialog of the Crucifixion." In her prolog, the poet introduces the reader to the amazing feat of such a historic figure who is among those who are:

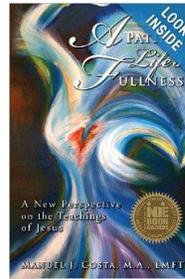
"wanderers...(who) bear questions fresh with asking... (who) come from nowhere, their home is sorrow... their ears see dreams. ...above each abyss they brood light and follow smallest gleam on feet burning with love. What is this they do? ...Their existence tells itself to ours through the crack. One such was Jesus the Jew, bearing his hours on his back,--pedlar of choices and fisher for God. Let him pass."

This book is available through the Guild Publishing House; order forms are included on the Guild web page ([www.guildsf.org](http://www.guildsf.org)) under Guild Publications; Cost is \$9.95 plus tax for orders shipped to CA addresses, plus shipping. Credit card payments are only available through the PayPal button on the order form. Alternatively, you may request an order form by email to [GuildPublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:GuildPublishing@yahoo.com) or mail to P.O. Box 29385, San Francisco, CA 94129-0385.

Rita McGowan

## Recent Publications from Leaders

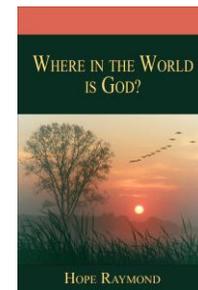
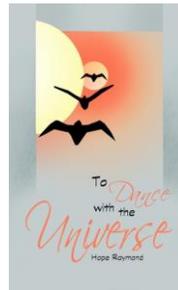
By Manuel Costa:



*A Path to Life's Fullness: A New Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus* (paperback and Kindle).

The book explores nine key themes in Jesus' teachings as a path toward a more conscious and full life. Because the teachings of Jesus are rooted in reality and are psychologically true, they can be tested experientially. One does not even have to believe in God to find in these teachings a way to become fully human. They have the power to illumine and transform our lives right here and right now. Available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

By Hope Raymond:



*To Dance with the Universe: The Ripening of Consciousness* (paperback).

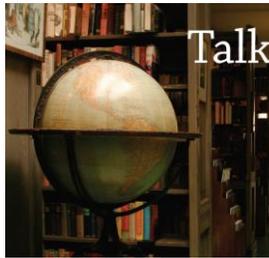
After discussing the role of consciousness in the life of humanity, the author develops nine related "living ideas." They range from complementary roles of the universe and humanity in the development of consciousness, to globalizing as a process to cohere humanity, to the rise of individuals on the world scene, to rebalancing East and West, humanity and the natural world. Available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

*Where in the World is God?* (free e-book).

This original, unabridged, unedited version of *To Dance with the Universe* traces the course of an informal study of humanity's choices today, linking them with energy-driven needs of the universe. Available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and at [Smashwords.com](http://Smashwords.com)

For further inquiries, e-mail Hope at: [mshoperaymond@gmail.com](mailto:mshoperaymond@gmail.com).

By Nils Peterson:



## Talk in the Reading Room

Nils Peterson

***Talk in the Reading Room*** (free e-book).

In his new collection of memories and poems, the first poet laureate of Silicon Valley meditates on the meaning and mystery of memory, looking back on his childhood as the son of a chauffeur in New York and his college days in Eastern Kentucky. This is an insightful and often funny memoir from a member of the last generation to grow up without TV or coed dormitories. Hyperlinks to photos, videos and background articles have been added to enhance and deepen the reading. In order to read the book or learn more about it, go to <http://www.echapbook.com/memoir/peterson/> or click the link on the Guild website.

## Stay Connected

### Guild Office

Please note the list of Guild Contacts on the back page of this newsletter. Bob Ridder, our Administrative Coordinator, is available for all inquiries by phone at (415) 561-2385, or by e-mail at [office@guildsf.org](mailto:office@guildsf.org).

### Guild Website

Visit the Guild's website at [www.guildsf.org](http://www.guildsf.org) for information about seminars and events, as well as to register for seminars. The website also has general information about the Guild, archival information such as past issues of the Threshing Floor, news of interest to the Guild community, and links to relevant resources. Harry Henderson, the Guild's web administrator, is exploring possibilities for redesign in order to make the website more useful and attractive. We endeavor to keep the site current, but we need your help. If you are part of a group that does Guild-related work or know of events that would be of interest to Guild members, please email Harry at [harryhenderson51@gmail.com](mailto:harryhenderson51@gmail.com) so that your news can be posted on the site. We also expect to have a Facebook page in place soon.

### Send us your email address

Send us your email address to [office@guildsf.org](mailto:office@guildsf.org) so that we can keep you connected and up-to-date on Guild events. Also be sure that we have your current mailing address so that we are able to send you this yearly edition of the newsletter. Please keep us updated with your address changes.

## Donations

Your financial support in any amount will help the Guild with the expenses involved with seminars and other activities, with the training of new leaders, and with the outreach represented by the web site, brochures and publications, and other new and ongoing efforts. Because the Guild is a registered nonprofit organization, your contribution may be tax deductible. Donations to the Guild should be directed to the Guild office address or if you would like to donate online you can do so on the Guild's website [www.guildsf.org](http://www.guildsf.org) using the PayPal link you'll find by selecting the Make a Donation link on the main page.

## Volunteers

There are several people who fill necessary volunteer roles in the Guild. If you would like to be a Guild volunteer, please contact the Guild office at [office@guildsf.org](mailto:office@guildsf.org) and let us know particular volunteer roles that appeal to you. Currently volunteers are members of the editorial staff for the Threshing Floor; members of the Board of Directors; serve as continuing education coordinator; train to serve as seminar coordinator, committee person or cook; provide transportation to/from seminars for attendees; help to catalog or research Guild archive materials; write reviews for Guild books and other publications; etc.

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