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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.

President's Musings

Does soul *want* something? Does the Guild for Psychological Studies want something? Does the United States of America want something? What is wanted, as extreme political ideologies struggle in conflict on the stage of presidential primaries? Is soul involved in such political matters? What does the Guild have to do with it? Each of us is also a wanting, a desire, a longing. Do you want something? What in fact is the *wanting* that is more important than anything else? What is the central wanting that directs the traffic of soul?

Soul is not one thing, but a host of conflicting desires (wants), all good in their own right, and yet there is a direction at work that is not of human making. We think *we* make history, but in fact we only serve history, history's current wants, we serve the edge of history with the tools history gives us, and then we create something, we create what history wants. The Guild, then, seeks to create the space in which each of us finds our way to serve history and create what history needs us to create now—this is soul's imperative, which we know as a personal calling and which, in turn, knows us. The small work of our personal lives may or may not serve the greater historical work of soul—yet this is all we can do: stay true to the particular soul-imperative that comes to us.

Hal Childs

Threshing Floor Special Issue

As we have done with the March issue for the last two years, 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.

Each month, the newsletter may share information about upcoming events, reflections on recent events, short essays exploring new ideas, as well as poetry, stories, photos, and acknowledgements. You can submit an item for an upcoming issue by sending it to the Guild office.

The Threshing Floor's volunteer editors work creatively to include as many contributions as possible each month. For this issue, the Guild Board of Directors asked for contributions that would provide updates on activities around the country that we hope are of interest to you. In addition, we invited several people to respond to a question about the influence of seminars. If you know of others who might be interested in what the Guild's work offers, please share this TF with them.

The Board of Directors

Upcoming Seminars

For additional information and to register, please visit the Guild's web site at www.guildsf.org, or contact the Guild office. Limited scholarships and payment plans are available for all seminars. The non-refundable registration fee is required at the time of registration.

A Day of Exploration through Images and Dialogue: Discover SoulCollage®

March 5, 2016, 10:00am-4:30pm

From winter depths, spring emerges...
tend your rich and wild ground.

Join us and spend a day in playful but profound dialogue with your soul. You will learn the basics of the SoulCollage® method and invite your imagination and intuition to guide your creativity.

SoulCollage® is a method of personally creating and working with collage-image cards that bring our heart, mind, soul, experience and environment alive for exploration and sharing. The method provides a way of organizing and giving voice to these personal images that facilitates on-going connection, integration and transformation.

Rooted in Jungian analytic and transpersonal psychology, Gestalt and Psychosynthesis, SoulCollage® was developed by Seena Frost, MFT. The method has

continued its development and grown through worldwide use for nearly 30 years (www.SoulCollage.com).

Our presenter, Mariabruna Sirabella, has practiced and taught SoulCollage® worldwide for nearly 20 years, and trains SoulCollage® facilitators. Mariabruna was introduced to us by a Guild participant who, after attending a SoulCollage® retreat with her, felt it to be an excellent fit with Guild's work.

Creating image cards evokes a sense of play, reduces stress and uses both left and right brain functions. SoulCollage® has both personal and interpersonal applications.

This seminar meets the qualifications for 5.5 hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, 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.

Location: Elizabeth Bremer's home in Lafayette, CA (rides can be arranged from Lafayette BART). Please bring your lunch as there are no cafes nearby.

Presenter: Mariabruna Sirabella, MS, LMFT, SCT

Fee: \$75, plus non-refundable \$15 registration fee. The workshop fee includes SoulCollage® materials.

Nourishing the Soul XXI

March 28, 7:00pm-March 31, 12:00pm

This year's Nourishing the Soul will continue our talk about story. We will think about the ones we tell about ourselves, wondering if sometimes we construct a story about who we are and then try to live up to it or down from it. Perhaps we will look at the Tom Stoppard play, *The Invention of Love* as well as other myths and fairy tales and maybe even a little of Shaw's *Don Juan in Hell*. Last year's description said "We think storytelling is the most human of activities. It helps make us who we are, tells us where we are, and gives us some sense of where we want to be. Each night the dreamer visits us with his wild tales. All our stories are, in a way, a way of catching up." Come join us in catching up.

We give ourselves over to "play" in the most serious sense of the word which is its most playful sense. Music, art, and the conscious movement of Qigong will help us unravel these ideas.

A question that the three of us have been brooding about comes from Coleman Barks. He asks, "I would like to know what you have escaped, how you slipped free from some compulsion or inherited condition. What moved your story along." Perhaps this is something you'd like to think about as you start making your way to Bishop's Ranch.

Location: Bishop's Ranch, near Healdsburg, CA

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

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

We are soul's refugees!

Refugee, Exile, Wanderer, Pilgrim

June 25, 11:00am-July 3, 1:00pm

Soul has given birth to itself in a new historical form, leaving behind mythology and religion and a cosmos populated by the great gods and goddesses. We, as humankind, are now a kind of refugee of soul's own making, forced out of our traditional home of Meaning. Now that the old Idea, once so precious, orienting and true, has become lifeless, flat and empty...what new truth is soul asking us to face today?

We did not choose to be born into this time. And yet here we are. We did not consciously choose the home of our childhood, and yet there we were. Growing up, were you ever at home at home? Are you even at home in this world, or does the feeling of not quite fitting in whisper in the background? Our body requires a concrete home with a real address, but what about soul's home? Perhaps now soul is Exile, Refugee, Wanderer and Pilgrim all at once—what is asked of us in order to live into a new truth when truth is not settled, but on the road?

Is the Wanderer at home in their wandering? If the traditional forms of Meaning have dissolved, then what is the Pilgrim seeking? What are the wounds of Exile and Refugee that need to be faced? Which of these four images resonates with you at this time of your life?

The Judeo-Christian myth, poetry, contemporary reality, soul-psychology and our deep experience will guide our exploration of what is required to be human in our time of soul as refugee, exile, wanderer, pilgrim.

The Guild's seminar method includes guided group discussion, silence, journal work, expressive arts, body awareness and movement, oriented to aid deep listening and response to what life and soul are asking of us now.

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; Patricia Calcagno Stenger, MA, MFT and Harry Henderson.

Fee: \$1,485, plus non-refundable \$50 registration fee.

Casting Seeds: The Work Evolves

Casting Seeds continues its work of exploring psychology and creating, leading, and staffing seminars. Last summer's seminar, "The Inevitable Gravity of Beautiful Trouble," explored the changes that can arise from working creatively with the wounds and scars we have received. From the myth of Odysseus, we learned: "You shall be known by your scars." Most scars are invisible. What would life be like if our wounds and scars were revered, valued, if our stories were told with love and reverence, if we created our names from our scars, and regarded the scars as marks left by "beautiful trouble?"

The annual Winter Solstice seminar, which explored “Solitude” last December, opens new depths and perspectives each year, like roots traced beneath the snow. This summer’s seminar is “We are soul’s refugees! Refugee, Exile, Wanderer, Pilgrim.” We invite you to explore these themes with us, in both our individual lives and in our culture and world.

We are committed to psychological thinking and the process of soul as it works itself out in our relationships with one another, and the challenging circumstances of life, personally and culturally. Three members (Hal Childs, Faith Mason, and Harry Henderson) continue to participate in the International Society for Psychology as the Discipline of Interiority (ISPDI) and will be giving presentations at the society’s conference this May in Malibu, California.

Our collegial group is facilitated by Hal Childs and Patricia Calcagno Stenger, together with researchers Jennie Larson, Faith Mason, and Harry Henderson. Each member is responsible for choosing and carrying out a research project. Together we form the core staff for our seminars.

Harry Henderson, Faith Mason, and Hal Childs

An Invitation for Reflection and Response

Several people were invited to contribute a brief response to the following question, and several responses are printed below. Others will be published in future issues. Your own response to the question is invited, as well. The suggested word limit is approximately 200 words.

Thinking of a specific issue that you are currently concerned about, either in your personal life or in the culture, how have your Guild seminar studies helped shape your approach or response to this issue? In other words, perhaps it is something about the process and method, or a particular Records’ passage or other text, that gives you a unique and helpful perspective on some real life matter you struggle with.

The question is meant to be open-ended, and rather spontaneous, but here are some examples, just to get you thinking: the presidential election cycle, climate change, homelessness in your community, impact of some new technology, aging (in yourself or others), dealing with illness, retirement, changing cultural values, etc.

Jennie Larson

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by Shirley Sullivan, Denver Guild

In the aftermath of 9/11, there was a moment of opportunity. Between victimhood and the ferocity of war, there were a few weeks that might have changed the course of events had someone with a voice been able to sound a call out of The Records. Jesus was able to stand

in the desert, refusing to give in to the temptation to wield power to makes things “right.”

What would living by every word that comes from the mouth of God have meant, in 9/11? What would it mean today? In true Guild fashion, we must live the questions, hold the tension, resist easy answers. This is not politically acceptable in a world where “truths” fly at one another like mindless monsters. Not then, and not today. But Jesus in the desert points us to the way.

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by Elli Norris, Davis, CA
Saturday, January 30, 2016

Would my life have been as rich without ritual, myth, and the belief that individual life has meaning, without the tools of journaling and dialoguing and expressive art and movement to music? Of course not! These are gifts gleaned from many Guild seminars and from wrestling with the questions they posed and the emotions that come with the territory of a Guild seminar. Now all these gifts serve me well as I move into the mysterious realm called Aging. Shall I greet lower energy levels or new aches and pains with outrage? Maybe, but then I remember it’s all grist for the mill. Aging is a time of loss, of small deaths and large deaths, as well as much pleasure and joy. They’re all part of the Great Exploration that is life. As Jung tells us, “Bidden or not, god (the gods?) come.” Thank you to Guild seminars and the wonderful people I’ve met there for giving me some tools and, most important, the willingness to greet the unexpected gods not as enemies but as teachers. One more life-giving tool I brought with me when I first came to Four Springs and which saved me many times—the ability to laugh at myself and the absurdity of life! What a trip!

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by Janet Boeth Jones
What the Guild Has Meant to Me

My first seminar, Jan. 1985 (Kazantzakis’ *Saviors of God*), was nearly my last, because of its rigid structure and the challenge to respond from my heart. Yet I kept signing up for more, at first for the less intense “work” weekends (donating manual labor to our “home” at Four Springs). I was enlightened by Elizabeth Howes’ books. At seminars, the subjects (often the synoptic Gospels), the process (exploring our understandings), and varied modes of expression (art, movement, and play reading) gradually helped me find my own voice. Honoring synchronicity in quotations and play-reading roles that “chose us” helped me to ask more often: “What is in this? Why is it coming to me now?”—as evidence not of a manipulative divine hand, but of the interconnectedness of all, both outer and inner, and of an Other at work in our lives. I took the 17-day “Basic Records” as a prerequisite for “Intermediate” and “Advanced” seminars. I was impressed with leaders who volunteered their time in intense study and preparation. I gradually moved from panic about speaking, and from my rejection

of Christianity, to become active in a church and certified as a spiritual director. I still attend "Nourishing the Soul," which awoke the poet within, and Sue Renfrew's 1-day art seminars, where I learn about artists and my response to their works, and where I am surprised at what emerges out of the art materials laid out for us.

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Susan Thompson sent us her own response as well as reflections from several other participants in the East Coast Guild for Transformational Studies seminars and study groups. Following Susan's response are reflections from six participants who write about souls touched, potential discovered, inner truth uncovered, and intentional journeys launched:

by Susan Thompson

Furthering Spiritual Development:

The transformation of the heart is a wondrous thing, no matter how you land there. ~ Patti Smith

When I was going through my divorce in 2001, a friend called one afternoon urging me to take a Guild Records class at St. Mark's on Capitol Hill, in Washington, DC. I explained that I was more than overwhelmed. I was a single mother with an intense job who was trying to normalize our home environment while packing up our house of 15 years. Fitting one more commitment into my life was not high on my agenda. She told me she believed the Guild course would prove to be important—that it could potentially provide tools to help me through the difficult time I was experiencing. Finally, she offered to drive from Virginia to pick me up in Southern Maryland, then take me into the District of Columbia for the course. That got my attention. I signed up and drove myself to my first Guild class at St. Mark's Church.

Working through the material of the Records course was a life-changing event. My friend was right. Now, 15 years later, after experiencing six Guild Summer Seminars (half of which were taken after forming the East Coast Guild for Transformational Studies with several others) and participating in two Home Guilds (study groups that meet monthly in members' homes), I am on a continuous spiritual journey for the rest of my life, refining a personal theology that works for me.

Arriving at this place is not a process that happens overnight, however, by accretion, the method has led to deep, personal truth as I continue to understand myself through these ancient words. When I encounter a sticking point in my life or one of those persistently nagging questions, I use the tools of the seminars to pursue those issues further. Because of this work, I am better able to know and act upon my longings and dig deep into my potential. I feel a greater sense of my inner authority – my core that guides me. I'm more willing to take risks, set out on unfamiliar ground and grow. And, all the while, I continue to make close bonds with scores of people who are on similar journeys through soul work.

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by Matthew Black

I've been involved with the Guild for over a decade and it has become the primary context for my soul work. The Guild has helped me explore and develop a personal theology that frames my relationship with God and my search and commitment to embrace the whole of me--my Self. In my remaining years I want to live fully and experience the rapture of life. The Guild supports me in acting on this intention. Pursuing this in the community of others has helped me as I listen to the insights and stories of others. I benefit enormously from both the intellectual inquiry and the experiential modes of our Guild work. The latter has been especially important in unlocking doors to the great and mysterious unconscious. My soul work stirs up curiosity, excitement, angst, fulfillment and hope. For me, the Guild has proven to be a deepening of St. Mark's Christian Education; it has expanded my own understanding of Christianity.

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by Betty Foster

Guild is the place where I am working on truth—my truth.

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by Karen Falk

The Guild has shown me ways to look deeper inside, to reject the status quo and look at my thoughts and behaviors through a new eye, to discover the real "I" along with a group of other like-minded explorers on this life adventure. The readings and the work keep me alive and questioning, with new discoveries and glimpses of the soul when least expected.

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by Barbara Black

I was drawn to the first Guild study group at St. Mark's at a time I was feeling spiritually undernourished by the institutional church. Almost 20 years later, this creative and challenging approach continues to feed and sustain my search for meaning.

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by Marilu Sherer

The Guild for Transformational Studies has expanded my mind and therefore my world. I am always challenged by our work together. Like life, Guild work is awash in complexities and demands my best.

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by Hester Ohbi

Guild nourishes me. Belonging to a Guild group takes me way beyond myself—into the light and dark of infinity—and at the same time leads me inward to a place of growing clarity and belonging.

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by Josie Jordan

For me, participating in Guild work is time set aside to pause and examine how three key threads of my spiritual life are woven together: my understanding of the human condition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and my current concerns in daily life. Engaging in this kind of exploration regularly for several years has led me to feel more grounded and integrated as a person and in my faith.

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Study-Circles in Local Communities

The following groups offer Records-related studies in their communities, managed independently of the Guild. We invited them to share about their current activities and provide their 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 continues to meet at the home of Nils and Judith Peterson for several weeknight seminar series per year, and for a 1-day Advent seminar. Most participants live in the South Bay, but others have come from the wider Bay Area. Using the Guild's modified Socratic method, we explore material from the Records, Jung's writings, and the teachings of other wisdom-keepers. Art, bodywork, music, poetry, and play dialogues help us to explore our texts in depth.

Currently, we are exploring the theme of "*Seven Paradigm Shifts in the Teachings of Jesus*" in an eight-week series. The paradigm shifts are: 1) from the tribe or collective to the individual; 2) from the outer to the inner; 3) from external rules to individual authority; 4) from exclusion to inclusion; 5) from perfection to wholeness; 6) from egocentricity to Self; 7) from punishment/reward in an afterlife to consequences experienced now in this life. We focus on what we know about these paradigmatic shifts in our own lives. To what degree have we incorporated them, and to what degree might we be attached to the old?

For information about current Tuesday evening sessions or other events, contact Linda Davidge at 408-371-5535 or email: LindaPD215@aol.com.

Judith Peterson and Manuel Costa

The East Coast Guild for Transformational Studies (Washington, DC; Virginia; Maryland)

More than 60 parishioners from St. Mark's Church have now taken a Summer Seminar or participate in a Home Guild group. Summer Seminars also bring travelers from other areas. This summer we are offering:

Flame and Flower: Encountering the Living Questions—July 17–21

Join a circle of seekers to explore your living questions and come to a fuller expression of your own truth. Questions, intensely asked and heard, can set the course of a life, drawing us from birth to birth, dissolving and transforming ourselves as the very journey of life. No matter where we are in our life's journey, at the beginning, middle or end, questions work away on us, disturbing complacency and awakening consciousness. What are the burning and urgent questions you are wrestling with? In each inviting question, what is the bud yearning to become a flower? We will explore how to live in relation to our living questions. We will seek to know the questions that have been guiding our lives, and to discover new questions that are emerging right now.

The seminar 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 will be enriched through non-verbal approaches: meditation, expressive arts, music, body movement and awareness, drama, and silence. All applicants new to the 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.

For a registration form or more information contact susanthompson045@yahoo.com. Registration is due by March 31st. We keep the circle small, so sign up early!

Location: Shepherd's Spring Retreat, Sharpsburg, MD

Leaders: Hal Childs, PhD, M.Div, MFT and

Patricia Calcagno Stenger, MA, MFT.

Fee: \$1,100, for ALL expenses: double room, board, materials and leader fees. Extra \$100 for a single room. A \$500 deposit is due with registration; the balance is due May 15th. A few partial, need-based, scholarships are available. Please apply with your request to Betty Foster, bettywesfoster@earthlink.net, and Susan Thompson.

Also, on the evening of April 14th, Hal Childs will conduct a short seminar on "*Being Fully Human: Living Life fully Right Now!*" at St. Mark's Church in Washington, DC. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Susan Thompson

Denver, CO: Guild for Sacred Studies

The Denver Guild for Sacred Studies meets for a 5-day seminar at the end of June, currently dealing with the integration of head, heart, and body wisdom as we continue to explore our spiritual paths. We also meet every second Monday, have book study groups, and about 3 weekend-long seminars. We are affiliated with a pilgrimage group going to Scotland this spring. Our website is www.denverguild.com (not org). All are welcome.

Shirley Sullivan

The Northwest: Seattle Area

We meet as a small study group, and do not currently know when we might have another local seminar. If you would like to connect with us, please email me at lgrosvenor@earthlink.net, or contact me by phone at 360-637-8158.

Laura Grosvenor

Southern California: Claremont

We are really winding down here in the south land.

Only four of us remain in the original group, and two have major health issues; consequently, our weekends at the Abbey are on hold until the four of us can attend again. We are in our eighties now, too, so the energy level is not what it used to be. We are, however, looking forward to better days.

The Guild work we have participated in over the years has greatly enriched our lives, and will continue to be an inspiration for us.

If anyone down this way would like to get together, give me a call, and we can arrange a meeting at my house. There is plenty of room, and a big backyard. To contact me, please email patwro@att.net or call 310-323-2788.

Warm regards to all from the Claremont Committee.

Pat Wroblewski, Chairperson

Four Springs Seminars



View of Lodge from Pool area

Our first full year back in operation with the new lodge was quite successful. The Guild held a long summer seminar and a Winter Solstice weekend at Four Springs, and will return for the summer 2016 seminar. Other old friends have returned as well, and new organizations and personal retreat guests are finding us through social media and Airbnb.



Multi-use Gathering Space

Our partnership with the Guild to develop a sustainable forestry plan for all the land at Four Springs is moving forward. Preparation included environmental studies of species and habitat, as well as geological and historical studies. The plan has been submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Work to maintain and beautify the forest should begin by fall.



The Valley Fire behind the Casino, nearing Four Springs

We are so grateful that Four Springs survived the Valley Fire which, in September, burned nearly 80,000 acres in Lake and Napa counties and came within half a mile of Four Springs. We were able to support our community by housing workers who came to help and by hosting programs to assist area residents.

This year we will reestablish our seminar program which has been on hold while we rebuilt after the lodge fire in 2011. We have a new motto: “Bringing Light to the Inner World”, which we feel is a good description of what has been going on at Four Springs for many years, as well as a valuable focus for new creative work. Seminars will include work with *Records of the Life of Jesus* and other texts, the psychological work of Jung, Kunkel and others, and practices and traditions that have long supported deep work at Four Springs. Along with work in art materials, movement and close attention to nature we plan to augment the experiential dimension of seminars with more opportunities for meditation. Check our website, www.foursprings.org, or the Four Springs Facebook page for program news.

Tim Locke, Ph.D., Executive Director

Guild Books

The Guild Publishing House sold 230 books last year. Of those, 40 were *The Choice is Always Ours*, 32 were *Knee Deep in Thunder* and 27 were *Jesus' Answer to God*. The best news is that the RSV *Records of the Life of Jesus* continues to be in demand for seminars all over the country. Forty copies were sent to Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, and Pennsylvania.

I am looking for copies of the little green Guild Pamphlets. If you have any that I could borrow, scan and return, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me at guildpublishing@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of titles in print, please see <http://www.guildsf.org/publications-list>.

Carina Ravelly

Fees, Scholarships, Payment Plans

Perhaps the value of stepping into a long residential seminar, such as this summer's *We are soul's refugees!* invites you to apply or to tell a friend. You look at arranging your schedule; your heart soars! You look at your budget; your heart sinks. Don't give up—chances are, there's a way.

We keep seminar fees as low as possible, and offer financial assistance to those who need it. The advertised fee for each seminar is the amount that will cover the cost, based on the expected attendance. Costs include the facility, lodging, meals, materials, and stipends for leaders and staff. Those who can afford the full fee help support the Guild's ability to continue offering seminars. Anyone who cannot attend due to cost is encouraged to request financial assistance. The Guild does not want cost to be an obstacle to participation and is fortunate to be able to offer scholarships and payment plans.

Scholarships:

To request a scholarship, please contact the Guild office, and your request will be forwarded to the staff for the seminar you wish to attend. Each seminar is allocated a percentage of its costs, which the seminar staff may distribute as scholarships. Because scholarship funds are limited, it's important to make your request early, and to request the minimum support that you can manage. Scholarships may be combined with payment plans.

Payment Plans:

To arrange a payment plan, please contact the Guild office. With or without a scholarship, you can arrange to pay over time, with the final payment due by the end of the calendar year in which the seminar is attended.

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