



The Threshing Floor

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Two Poems Written While Looking Out a Window at the Old Four Springs Lodge *By Nils Peterson*

The sun rises confidently over the hill making morning shadows. It burnishes the new leaves of an old oak till they shine – and more – they shine so hard they find their own inner fire and burn back with a cool spring yellow green. The old tree splits into four trunks right above the root and each trunk branches and branches in a great sweeping motion, an elegant gesture of wood. But each leaf, each leaf – how satisfied with itself, and how it enjoys its being in the grandiosity of spring.

In the meadow below my window, housewife spiders have put out clotheslines to hang the dew. I see the strands down there, fifty yards off moving, shining, in the slow morning air.

How did they do that, the sisters Arachne, drawing the strand, parallel to the ground from one sprig to another sometimes twenty feet off?

Maybe the way we, not knowing, leap from the end of our line wildly spinning fancies, hoping to catch a word to hang our feelings on.

Waters of Life-2017

By Maureen Hartmann

Let us sing
of the Dakota Sioux's struggle,
against executive orders,
driving them off
tribal territory,
for cleansing water, that carries their prayers
and holy burial grounds.
Rising from the dust
they sing and write
for generations that follow,
about the tragedy
of the water protectors,
their baptism by fire.

"Anxiety and Joy"

by Manuel Costa

"Anxiety and Joy": a seminar to be held at The Angela Center. Santa Rosa, CA, from June 27 to July 2, 2017, led by Manuel Costa, Jennifer Larson, and Patricia Calcagno Stenger. Anxiety is helpful when it pushes us to prepare better, work more effectively, or do what needs to be done. But anxiety can, at times, make us lose needed sleep, worry futilely, and throw us into a state of psychic paralysis. In this seminar, we will explore ways of staying secure and grounded by managing our anxiety creatively.

Fee: \$1,100 + \$50 registration, if application is received before February 27, 2017, and \$1,200 + \$50 registration, if application is received after February 27, 2017.

April Birthdays

Barbara Black	Apr 12
Barbara Jeskalian	Apr 12
Carla Gerber	Apr 14
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 Moore Gaines	Apr 23
Elisabeth Hathaway	Apr 23
Judith Richardson	Apr 29
Mary Freedlund	Apr 30



Mary Oliver's Poem Mindful...

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less

kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle

in the haystack
of light.

It was what I was born for –
to look, to listen,

to lose myself
inside this soft world –
to instruct myself
over and over

in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,

the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant –
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab,

the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help

but grow wise
with such teachings
as these –
the untrimmable light

of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?

Second International Workshop

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as the Discipline of Interiority**

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**July 22 & 23, 2017
Chestnut Residence and Conference
Centre Toronto, Canada**

Workshops

- David Miller “Evil – A Paragon of Luster”
Greg Mogenson “*Peripeteia du Mal* (a poem by Theoreticus Anonymous)”
Michael Whan “Chiasmus & the so-called ‘*coniunctio*’ of the Transference”
Pamela Power “Interiorizing Feeling”
Michael Caplan “The ‘Outside’ of Psychology & the Discipline of Interiority”
Colleen Hendrick El-Bejjani “The Obsolescence of Gender Identity
in Light of Animus Psychology as Being”
Samina Salahuddin “Dissociation versus Interiority”
Peter White “Interiority & the Garden of Eden”

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*Anxiety and
Joy June 27 - July
2, 2017*

Anxiety is no stranger to many of us. It can steal the breath. It can disorient in the middle of the night or overwhelm in the midst of normal daily activities. We may feel powerless in its presence or embarrassed that it compels us toward unwanted behaviors. What is anxiety and what does it tell us about itself? What is required of us to face it and its multiple manifestations?

Jakob Boehme says, “The Holy Spirit leads us by anxiety to a new birth.” What might this mean? Perhaps anxiety itself is the push of something new that wants to come into being. What orientation of heart and mind might be needed to explore the creativity that is hidden within anxiety? How might the disturbing symptoms we experience lead to greater freedom and joy?

In this seminar, we will use discussion, art, play dialogues, movement, music, silence and above all our own experience and self-reflection to explore what Soul/Life/Self has to teach us about the many sides of anxiety.

Leaders:

Manuel Costa, MA MFT

Jennifer Larson MA

Patricia Calcagno Stenger, MA MFT

Location:

The Angela Center, Santa Rosa CA

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\$1,200 + \$50.00 registration if application is received after February 26, 2017

For more information about the seminar please contact
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