



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.

WALKING A PATH

Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM, 2000

By Janet Boeth Jones

Walking a path, looking for a friend . . .
Strange idea - asking a rock or bird to talk to me as friend.
I'm used to being with them, admiring them, giving thanks for them.
But a friend in need of someone to listen to their story?
I try to let go of inner cynic, crab, and critic, and walk
Out along a dusty road,
Past warnings of Plague and Fleas,
Past other pilgrims tucked away in private leafy corners,
Past all others and all signs of human presence,
Past inner cautions of walking alone too far,
Always looking, looking for something.
I stop and raise my eyes and look around -
Monolith of red cliff rising straight up -
Arms stretching out around the green valley.
Sudden tears from nowhere.
Mine or theirs?
I'm drawn forward toward the power of this central presence.

Wait, you're looking for a friend, let's be a little humble, shall we?

A nice lizard, a stone, a bush?

The sheer wall draws me forward, stories of ancient cataclysm in its face,

Now protector of the green valley.

It's too far away! You're supposed to get close enough to talk!

(Its voice should be loud enough.)

You're supposed to sit down next to it and listen quietly!

(Not with that, you don't. It's more like, "Son of Man, Child of Humanity, stand upon your feet!")

I stand and look and weep again, not knowing why. Something from a deeper place of connection with all things, of the yearning of all things to be attended to, responded to?

I waffle - going forward more, starting to head back, going on again.

What is the message for me to take to the others from you?

Do not be afraid to become as friend to the mighty.

Do not be afraid to draw close and listen and be in peace with it.

Open your heart to its grief and joy and yearning.

We are one.

Final Call - Nominations for the Board of Directors Are Due by July 20th

By Denis Dinwiddie, Secretary of the Board

Help ensure that the work that has been such an important part of your life continues to grow and flourish. The Board invites you to contact one of us, or send a friend our way, so that we can share more information about board service. We are recruiting candidates between now and July 20th in preparation for the annual August election.

Board members bring varied talents, experiences and perspectives to the common purpose of helping the Guild realize its mission. Board work encompasses support for leaders, community outreach and financial management within the Board's overall scope of providing strategic, policy, program and operations oversight for the organization.

By July 20th, potential candidates must confirm their willingness to run and have the official nomination of a voting member in good standing (voting members may nominate themselves). Nominations are due to the Guild office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2017.

Along with their confirmation, candidates are asked to provide a brief statement of interest and qualifications to be included with ballots (approx. 150 words). Ballots will be mailed to Guild voting members on August 1st.

The August election will provide for up to five directors to be elected: three for two-year terms and two for one-year terms. There are two vacant board positions, and three current directors are completing their terms: Elizabeth Bremer, Denise Dinwiddie, and Jennifer Larson. All three will run again. Other directors are Hal Childs and Harry Henderson, who are at mid-term.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Denise Dinwiddie, Secretary of the Board
(dendin49@comcast.net)

Waters of Life

By Maureen Hartmann

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| Sonya Milton | Jul 5 |
| Regine Wilson | Jul 7 |
| Dennis Serdahl | Jul 8 |
| Fay Kilgore | Jul 9 |
| Louise Frank | Jul 13 |
| Dudley Pace | Jul 13 |
| Donna Sachs | Jul 14 |
| April Barrett | Jul 20 |
| Ann Keiffer | Jul 21 |
| Ruth O'Day | Jul 26 |
| Hugh Leonard | Jul 27 |
| Lisa Yount | Jul 28 |
| Terry Dowdy | Jul 29 |



Second International Workshop

**International Society for Psychology
as the Discipline of Interiority**

Psychological Interiority



**July 22 & 23, 2017
Chestnut Residence and Conference
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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”
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