



# 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.

## You are invited to support the Guild's work

*By Denise Dinwiddie, Secretary*

By contributing a few hours each month as a member of the Guild Board of Directors you can help the Guild continue to offer seminars that help individuals discover and live their conscious and vital purpose. 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 mid-July 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. We are especially seeking individuals who do not provide compensated work in the Guild. 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.

Currently, the board meets approximately every-other-month, on a Sunday afternoon, in the San Francisco Bay area. Though not preferable, it is sometimes possible for members who cannot travel to a meeting to participate by conference call, and video conferencing may also be considered. Between meetings, communication is usually by group e-mail, and members

contribute a few hours to projects individually or with others. The current directors are Elizabeth Bremer, Hal Childs, Denise Dinwiddie, Harry Henderson, and Jennifer Larson. We look forward to hearing from you.

## June Birthdays

Michelle De Beixedon	Jun 3
Richard Naegle	Jun 4
Godelieve Theys	Jun 4
Denise Dinwiddie	Jun 5
Gretchen Sterenberg	Jun 11
Marian Hopping	Jun 12
Alison Rayner-Hooson	Jun 15
Susan Renfrew	Jun 19
Paul Henri Carvalho	Jun 20
Timothy Locke	Jun 20
Karen Petty	Jun 22
Jean Gansa	Jun 25
Faith Mason	Jun 27
Rosemary Dickerson	Jun 28
Maureen McCarthy Draper	Jun 29

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## Phallic Warlords

*By Maureen Hartmann*

Men

parading rocket-shaped spectacles  
symbols of their power to rape the Earth  
and destroy other nations  
men claiming power  
beyond feminine divinity.

April 20, 2018





**SAVE THE DATE! JULY 7 – 12, 2018**  
**2018 GUILD FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL STUDIES SUMMER SEMINAR:**  
**ANXIETY AND JOY**  
Roslyn Retreat Center  
Richmond, Virginia

Every two years, Hal Childs (PhD, MDiv, MFT) and Patricia Stenger (MFT) from the Guild for Psychological Studies in California, guide a 9-day retreat through St. Mark's Church on Capitol Hill. Between July 7 and July 15, the seminar for 2018 will explore **Anxiety and Joy**. These seminars are spiritual in nature rather than religious, honoring all who want to grow in their truth.

Anxiety steals the breath -- it disorients us in the middle of the night or overwhelms us in the middle of normal daily activities. We may feel powerless in its presence or embarrassed that the experience of anxiety compels us toward unwanted behaviors. How are we to face anxiety and its manifestations? What is anxiety and what does it have to tell us about itself?

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 the new being. What orientation of heart and mind might be needed to explore the creativity that is within anxiety? What might be the relationship between the disturbing symptoms we experience and 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. Participation in any of these activities is voluntary. There will be ample free time to explore, hike, and gather with other participants.

All applicants new to Guild seminars 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. No prior experience is needed to attend. You are asked only to bring yourself to a circle of seekers to come to a fuller expression of your own truth.

For a registration form and additional information, please contact Susan Thompson at [susanlynnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:susanlynnthompson@gmail.com). **We will accept 18 participants to keep the circle small and early registration ensures you have a spot.** Partial scholarships are available. Please indicate your interest in a scholarship to both Betty Foster ([bettywesfoster@earthlink.net](mailto:bettywesfoster@earthlink.net)) and Susan Thompson ([susanlynnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:susanlynnthompson@gmail.com)).

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## Guild Website

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