

Green Sufism: Deeply Ecological Pathways of the Heart



with Sufi teacher

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**May 14-16, 2010
Columbus, Ohio**

Our yearly workshop focuses on resources from the “99 Beautiful Names” (as contained in *The Sufi Book of Life*) that invite us into a deeply ecological experience of the human soul and its purpose in consonance with the whole natural world and all beings. Included will be Sufi stories and teachings from Inayati and classical Sufism, from the Quran and Hadith, as well as Dances of Universal Peace, Sufi zikr (remembrance practice), walking meditations, silent meditation and guided ‘journeys’ through a selection of the “pathways of the heart.”

This retreat is open to all, without prior experience. Only an open heart and mind, ready to move and dance with the One, are necessary.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday, May 14 – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

7:00 - Registration table opens. Book table and vendors will be open during registration time.

7:30 – 9:30 – Opening Session .

Saturday, May 15 – 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. – Bookstore open. Coffee and tea available.

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Morning and afternoon Sessions with breaks.

12:45 - Lunch will be provided in the college cafeteria a short walk from Martin de Porres Center. Book table and vendors open during breaks throughout the day.

7:00 p.m. - Saturday evening (Optional evening program for interested persons): Dances of Universal Peace. Dances led by visiting leaders from around the country who have volunteered to lead. This dance evening will also be open to the greater Columbus, OH community.

Sunday, May 16 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Coffee and tea will be available at 9:30 a.m.

Session ends at 12:30. No lunch is served so that you may begin travels home.

Workshop Location:

Martin de Porres Center (at the edge of the Ohio Dominican University campus)

2330 Airport Drive

Columbus, OH 43219

614-416-1910 (emergency contact number, please do not call the Center for registration or information)

Check MapBlast, Google Maps, or Yahoo Maps for driving directions to the Center.

Cost: \$175.00

Discounts: 15% reduction for AILP members; 10% for INDUP members, retired, students.

Meals and Breaks:

Coffee and tea will be available throughout the workshop. Please eat breakfast before coming. Saturday lunch will be eaten in the college cafeteria and is included in the workshop fee. It is a short walk from the workshop site to the cafeteria. If you would like to eat Saturday dinner in the cafeteria, this is an option you can choose on the registration form.

Housing: On your own

A block of rooms has been reserved for this event at the Best Western Port Columbus Hotel. The block of rooms is held under the name **Shalem Center**. Best Western contact info:

1450 Airpointe Drive
Columbus, Ohio, 43219.
Phone: (614) 337-8400

Doubles are \$79 per night; singles (limited rooms) are \$72 per night. Continental breakfast is included. They have an airport shuttle. Go to Baggage Claim Area to find signs for hotel shuttles.

Rooms must be reserved by April 13th.

If you have a car there are many discount hotels at even lower rates available within a 10-15 minute drive. Check Hotels.com for hotels, prices, and driving distance (Motel 6, InTown Suites, Knights Inn, Red Roof). Hotels near I-270 and/or Morse Road, St. Rt.161/Dublin Granville Road, and Interstate 270 and St. Rt. 23 are all within a 15-20 minute drive to the Center. Also in the past many people have had great success using Priceline.com for obtaining great hotel rates in 4- star hotels. Downtown Columbus is 10-15 minutes.

There are no organized home stays in Columbus for those who have stayed in local homes in years past. If you have stayed in someone's home in previous years and wish to personally contact them, you are free to do this. However, please understand that no one will be asked by the organizers to provide free housing this year. Unfortunately we have too few homes for too many requests and have had some unfortunate circumstances to deal with in providing home hospitality.

Transportation to Martin de Porres Center

At the first evening of the event we will make an announcement to try to link those in the hotels without cars with others who have cars and are willing to provide transportation. The motels are approximately a mile from the workshop site.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ (please include area code)

Please write your amounts in the correct lines and total below:

_____ I enclose full time registration of \$175.00.

_____ I am a member of the AILP and receive a 15% discount. My fee of \$148.75 is enclosed.

_____ I am a member of the INDUP, I am a student, or I am retired and receive a 10% discount. My fee of \$157.50 is enclosed.

OPTIONAL:

_____ *I would also like to eat Saturday dinner in the college cafeteria. I enclose an extra \$9.00.*

_____ **TOTAL FEES**

We ask that you pay in full to facilitate the registration process at the event. We can accept a \$50 deposit to hold your space; however we request that full payment be received by May 1.

All monies received are refundable, minus a \$25.00 processing fee, until March 1; minus \$50.00 until April 15; and minus \$75.00 until May 6. No refunds after May 6 except in special circumstances.

Some partial scholarship aid is available. Please inquire if you have demonstrable need.

Make check payable to Shalem Center and mail to:

Aatoon Nina Massey, Registrar

c/o Shalem Center
881 High Street, Suite 206
Worthington, OH 43085

For registration questions please email: aatoon.nina.massey@gmail.com or phone 614-949-6197.
To reach Shalem Center/Abwoon Resource Center email: resourcecenter@abwoon.com or 614-429-4009.