

MADISON SUFIS



NEWSLETTER

June 2010

Dates to Keep in Mind

Aziza Scott September 18-19, 2010
Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz - November 12-14, 2010 (3 days)
Taj Inayat - March 12 & 13, 2011
Wali Ali Meyer - May 14 & 15

Aziza Scott Retreat

"Harvesting the Riches Within", a spiritual retreat with Aziza Scott, September 18 and 19, 2010 at the Tai Chi Center in Madison. Aziza will guide us on a sacred journey to the limitless bounty of the inner realms, drawing on Sufi meditation practices with light, breath and sound. Aziza has extensive experience leading retreats and has traveled widely in the U.S. and Europe, guiding retreats as head of the Sufi Order International Esoteric School and Director of Retreat Guide Training for the Sufi Order International. She has also worked closely with Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan for more than 30 years.

For registration information and further details, please see the attached flier.

Rev. Tasnim Fernandez Cherag Training in Minneapolis

Rev. Tasnim Fernandez will begin another series of Cherag Training beginning in April, 2010 and running through October 2012. We will meet twice yearly in April and October. The dates are: April 9-11, 2010; October 1-3, 2010; April 15-17, 2011; October 14-16, 2011; April 20-22, 2012; October 12-14, 2012. Program runs Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Contact Jamila Joy Wood for more info

jwoodsky@verizon.net

Gatha Classes Led by Joy Wood

Please note new date

Wednesday, June 16th

7:00 – 8:30 PM

San Domiano Center

(4123 Monona Drive, Monona)

Jamila Joy will continue the class using the Nakshi Bandi - Symbology Readings of Hazrat Inayat Khan. Please arrive promptly as we lock the door at 7:15 PM. For further information contact Jamila Joy 608-513-3950.

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, June 4th and June 18th

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Gates of Heaven Synagogue
(302 E. Gorham Street, Madison)**

You may contact Basir for info on the Dances of Universal Peace at 277-0340 or kmccullough101@yahoo.com. Also, you can visit the Dances of Universal Peace website: www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org

Special note regarding donations for Dances of Universal Peace and Universal Worship

The rental charges for the Gates of Heaven have again been raised. Please help support our continued presence there by making a donation for this activity either when you attend an event or when you make your annual donation. Thank You!

Long Dance Night

Friday, June 11th

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Tai Chi Center

(301 S. Bedford St. Suite 219)

Please note that the Evening of Zikr is open to anyone, however, it is recommended that newcomers attend one of the meetings of the Dances of Universal Peace on the 1st or 3rd Friday of the month before attending the Evening of Zikr.

"The essential practice in Sufism is

"zikr," which means remembrance -- remembrance of God, remembrance of the source and goal of all being, remembrance of our true home.

This remembrance is practiced ritually in the invocation of divine names, and especially in the recitation, "La ilaha illa-llah," "There is no deity but the one God." This recitation reminds us that all of our subjective conceptions regarding ourselves, regarding the nature of the universe are relative. The one reality includes, but transcends and outstrips, all such relative conceptions. That is what we call Allah, the one reality, the true Being, the Absolute. This One Being is remembered through acts of recitation -- repeated recitation with movement, with coordination of breath, sometimes with visualization, using this chant, "La ilaha illa-llah," as well as variants and other divine invocations." - Pir Zia Inayat Khan.

For further info, please call Basir at (608) 277-0340.

Healing Meditation & Circle

Sunday, June 20th

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

(2709 Willard Ave)

You can call Rachel Roang (608) at 241-2776, Sara Perkins at 223-0622, or Karima (Bonnie) Milgrim at 215-3081 to add a name to the list.

Karima's Sunday Gathering

Sunday, June 27th
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
San Domiano Center
(4123 Monona Drive, Monona)

Come join us for connection with the Spirit of Guidance in everyday life, group inspiration for deepening and quickening our ability to listen with heart, see without eyes, and journey together in mapping our way to wakefulness in each moment. Meditation, readings, practice, music. ...and communing in nature." Please contact Karima (608) 215-3081 for further information.

Meditation Group
Wednesday, June 23rd
7:00 pm - 8:00 PM
(2709 Willard Ave)

Join us for a silent meditation night. It will be held the 4th Wednesday of the month at the studio in back of 2709 Willard Ave. Whether you're new to meditation or experienced, all are welcome. We will start with a short guided breathing practice, followed by about 40 minutes of silent meditation. The group energy helps the individual focus and go deeper within. Call Rachel at 241-2776 or Cynthia Wadsworth at 242-8916 if you have any questions.

Women with Wings Open Sing
Monday, June 14th
6:15 PM - 422 N. Henry St. Unit B

Open to all. Come to listen and to sing love. 2nd Monday of each month. Call Ellora (608) 251-6434 or Sara (608) 223-0622 for details.

Ziraat Lodge

Monday, June 14th
7:30 PM - 422 N. Henry St. Unit B

Ziraat is a ceremony that uses nature as a metaphor for the cultivation of consciousness. "Nature is a bridge to cross to Thy dwelling place." Call Ellora (608) 251-6434 or Noor Rachel (608) 241-2766 for further information about this month's ceremony.

Universal Worship – Ancestral Picnic Celebrating the Masculine
(Madison)

Sunday, June 13th
Gather at 10 am, celebration begins at
10:30 AM
Gates of Heaven Synagogue
(302 E. Gorham Street, Madison)

Join us for a cosmic celebration-style Universal Worship that celebrates the Archetypes and Ancestors from the divine masculine. All those attending are invited to bring pictures or symbolical objects to place on the altar in representation of the qualities we will celebrate during the service. This a time for story-telling and sharing tales of relationship with the divine masculine. We will co-create the altar beginning at 10 AM and begin the service at 10:30 AM. For more info - contact Rev. Jamila Joy - 608-513-3950 or Rev. Murad Jody - jodycurley@gmail.com

Children's Global Peace Project

Children's Global Peace Project is a non-profit organization based in Evansville, Wisconsin, that empowers children worldwide to transform their challenging emotions and conflicts into healthy self expression and peaceful co-creation. Through experiential games and exercises, peace banners, multicultural songs and Dances of Universal Peace, students learn to

move beyond prejudice and assumption to realize their potential, their connection to each other, and the global human family. We are building a global network of schools where every child discovers the power of peace and our interconnectedness.

Tajali Theresa Tolan is co-director of the Children's Global Peace Project and is providing training for people to become Peace Facilitators, working with children and teens in schools. There will be an orientation during August, the time and place have not been set yet. Please contact Tajali if you are interested in Peace Facilitator Training or would like more information on this peace program (608) 712-6732 or at Tajali@cgpp.org.

Moving Meditation at the Gardens on Monday Evenings

6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens
(3330 Atwood Avenue)**

Come to the peace and beauty of Olbrich Botanical Gardens to enjoy moving with and being moved by tai chi-chi kung and heart-centered meditation practices. Facilitated by certified teacher Jody Shafiya Curley, registration for the ten week series is \$120 and is made through the Olbrich Botanical Gardens events office, 608-246-4718. No drop-ins, please. Portions of the proceeds go to Olbrich and to Madison Sufis. For questions about content, please email jodyshafiya@sbcglobal.net or call 608-223-0461.

Financial Note

Donations to the Madison Sufis were down about 50% over the past year. All donations to Madison Sufis are tax deductible. If you are able to make a donation yet this year, it will help in our work spreading the Message. Checks can be made out to: Sufi Order of Madison and

mailed c/o Ken McCullough 6201 Devon CT - Madison, WI 53711.

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- Basir, Treasurer, Madison Sufis

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Sufi Info on the Web

For more information about the Sufi Message of Hazrat Inayat Khan, you may visit the following websites:

Sufi Ruhaniat International:

www.ruhaniat.org

Sufi Order International:

www.sufiorder.org

International Sufi Movement:

www.sufimovement.org

Madison Sufis

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Readings from Universal Worship 3-14-2010

Beauty and Wisdom:

Two qualities that help us realize our oneness with the Beloved.

ZOROASTRIAN

Then do I proclaim what the Most Beneficent spoke to me,
The words to be heeded, which are the best for mortals:
Those who shall give hearing and reverence
Shall attain unto Perfection and Immortality
By the deeds of good spirit of the Lord of Wisdom.

Avesta, Yasna 45.5

AMERICAN INDIAN

I am beautiful, I am indeed beautiful:
I am the spirit of the earth itself.

I am beautiful, I am indeed beautiful:
The earth's strength is my strength.

I am beautiful, I am indeed beautiful:
The earth's thoughts are my thoughts.

I am beautiful, I am indeed beautiful:
All that the earth is, all that is everywhere, I am.
I am beautiful, I am indeed beautiful.

- Navaho chant of Changing Woman

JEWISH

At the beginning of the world, I was.
Before there was an ocean, I was.
Before springs burst forth from the land, I was.
Before the mountains settled, before the hills were born, I was.
When there was neither lake nor land, I was.
When the heavens were not yet in their place, I was
Before the ocean was formed on the horizon, before the ocean was yet firm in its bed,
before the earth's foundation was stabilized,
I was.
There I was, laughing and playing, as the world was formed.
Proverbs 8:22-30, the voice of Sophia, Holy Wisdom

GAYAN

Wherever I look I see Thy beloved face, covered by many different veils. The magic power of my ever seeking eyes lifted the veil from Thy glowing countenance, and Thy smile won my heart a thousand times over. The luster of Thy piercing glance hath lighted my darkened soul, and lo!
Now I see the sunshine everywhere. (Gayan 529)

When we are face to face, Beloved, I do not know whether to call Thee me, or me Thee! I see myself when Thou art not before me; when I see Thee my self is lost to view. I consider it good fortune when Thou art alone with me, but when I am not there at all, I think it is the greatest blessing. (Gayan 531)

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Madison Sufis Spiritual Community Events and Seminars

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Speaking and Listening Heart to Heart, Soul to Soul.

Harvesting the Riches Within

Spiritual Retreat with Aziza Scott

September 18-19, 2010
Tai Chi Center
Madison, Wisconsin



In these times of change and transition, when fear and confusion seem to be spreading all around us, spiritual retreat allows us to break from the stressful atmosphere of daily life and discover the riches of the silent, changeless world within. Retreat is an answer to the call of the soul to soar on the wings of spirit. As we awaken to inner guidance, we experience the upwelling of joy, peace, understanding and power that are our true nature. We emerge with renewed purpose, creativity and dedication to service.

In this season of harvest, Aziza will guide us on a sacred journey to the limitless bounty of the inner realms, drawing on Sufi meditation practices with light, breath, and sound. Her humor, common sense, and no-nonsense approach to spirituality encourage self-discovery, personal problem solving and inner realization.

For many years, Aziza has traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe, guiding retreats as head of the Sufi Order International Esoteric School and Director of Retreat Guide Training for the Sufi Order International. She is one of the core faculty of the Suluk Academy with Pir Zia Inayat Khan. She worked closely with Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan for more than 30 years.

Dates/Times: Hours will be 10:00AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday (9/18) ~ 10:00AM to 4:00PM on Sunday (9/19).

Location: Saturday & Sunday - Madison Tai Chi Center – Suite 219 - 301 S Bedford Street – Madison, WI

Registration Fee: \$175 for entire event (includes lunch on Saturday & Sunday).

Housing: A limited number of low cost accommodations are available; For housing information, Ellora Atkinson, 608-251-6434

For More Information: Contact Karima at 608-215-3081

Registration: Basir at (608) 277-0340 or E-mail: kmccullough101@yahoo.com

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To Register for Sept. 2010 weekend with Aziza Scott: Complete this form and mail with \$175 registration fee to: Madison Sufis - 6201 Devon CT - Madison, WI 53711 (Checks payable to: *Madison Sufis*)

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