

# MADISON SUFIS



## NEWSLETTER

**August 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, 2011

### **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](mailto:jwoodsky@verizon.net)

**Dances of Universal Peace**  
**Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**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](mailto:kmccullough101@yahoo.com). Also, you can visit the Dances of Universal Peace website: [www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org](http://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org)

**Long Dance Night**

Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Combining**

**Karima's Sunday Gathering**

And

**Healing Meditation & Circle**

Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

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.

**Gatha Classes Led by Joy Wood**

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 8:30 PM

San Domiano Center

(4123 Monona Drive, Monona)

**No Gatha class in August, it will resume again in September.**

**Meditation Group**

**No Meditation Group meeting in August.**

**Women with Wings Open Sing**

**No Open Sing meeting in August.**

**Ziraat Lodge**

**No Ziraat Lodge meeting in August.**

## **Universal Worship Service**

**(Madison)**

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 AM**

**Gates of Heaven Synagogue**

**(302 E. Gorham Street, Madison)**

Come join us as we continue to celebrate summer and Universal Worship. For more information contact Sara Farishta Perkins (608) 223-0622.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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. You may pay with check or Credit Card (Master Card, Discover Card or Visa only).

- Basir, Treasurer, Madison Sufis

**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!

**Save Printing and Postage Costs  
- Subscribe to the e-mail  
Newsletter**

We are attempting to reduce expenses by encouraging anyone who can to subscribe to the e-mail version of the Madison Sufis newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has made this change. If you receive the paper newsletter, please consider changing to the e-mail version, please send e-mail to Rick Inayat ([buchercb@charter.net](mailto:buchercb@charter.net)).

**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](http://www.ruhaniat.org)

*Sufi Order International:*

[www.sufiorder.org](http://www.sufiorder.org)

*International Sufi Movement:*

[www.sufimovement.org](http://www.sufimovement.org)

Madison Sufis

[www.madisonsufis.org](http://www.madisonsufis.org)

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There's a stillness of life that comes with  
the rain

It whispers and whispers and calls you  
by name

Wash away the sorrow that is staining  
your brow

And see how the colors are brighter  
somehow

Drink up the nectar that comes from the  
tears

There's a rainbow that glows as the grief  
disappears

The sunlight can tell you, all is not lost  
Your heroes live on, your heroes live on

Author: Cody Wood  
on his grandfather's passing.

Submitted by Jaharala Joy Wood

# The Aramaic Jesus and the Sufis: *Shared Paths of the Heart*

with Murshid Saadi Shakur Chisti



**November 12 – 14, 2010 ~ Madison, Wisconsin**

Yeshua's words, viewed through Aramaic eyes, reveal many aspects of his original way of prayer, contemplation and spiritual practice. Many of these carried over to ancient Arabic Christianity and into the early history of Islam. Historically, early Islam had a close relationship with Aramaic and Arabic Christianity, which share the same emphasis on the mystical and spiritual side of Jesus' teaching. Within the larger community of Islam, the Sufis expressed this mystical side, used some of the same practices and told many stories about Jesus, whom they still hold in high respect. As we explore this relationship, we aim to help build bridges between the differences we perceive within and between us. This three-day workshop will feature chant, Sufi stories, meditation and movement, Dances of Universal Peace and Sufi zikr focused on the shared prayers of the heart that connect the Aramaic Jesus and the Sufis. Jesus' wisdom teachings are still as relevant today as when he first said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." We love the neighbor within as we become more fully human, exploring the full potential of our power and love. This naturally expresses itself in a more vivid and enlivened daily life.

**Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz** (Murshid Saadi Shakur Chisti) is an independent scholar and the author of *Prayers of the Cosmos*, *Desert Wisdom*, *The Hidden Gospel*, *The Genesis Meditations*, *The Sufi Book of Life*, *Blessings of the Cosmos* and *The Tent of Abraham* (with Sr Joan Chitister and Rabbi Arthur Waskow).

**Times/Dates:** 10AM to 5PM on Friday (11/12) ~ 10AM to 5PM on Saturday (11/13) ~ 10AM to 1PM on Sunday (11/14).

**Location:** Lussier Family Center /3101 Lake Farm Rd./Madison, WI. Map: (<http://tiny.cc/LussierDirections>)

**Housing:** Housing NOT included in cost of seminar. Recommended hotel is Country Inn & Suites - 400 River Place Monona, WI. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations by calling (608) 221-0055. Use Group Code of "**Madison Sufis**" to receive special rate of \$99 per night for standard room with 2 queen beds. A shuttle will be available for attendees to go between the hotel and the event. Hotel info: <http://www.countryinns.com/hotels/wimonona>

A limited number of low cost accommodations may be available; please contact Ellora Atkinson at (608) 251-6434.

**Registration Fees:** Full Time - \$215 for entire event (Three Days) includes lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Part Time - \$90 for one day (Friday or Saturday) ~ \$40 for Sunday only

**For more information:** call Hakim Dan Gallagher at (608) 438-3732 or E-mail: [dan\\_with\\_plan@yahoo.com](mailto:dan_with_plan@yahoo.com)

**NEW:** Please consider registering and paying online with a credit card or Paypal at <http://madisonsufis.com/Saadi.html>

If you Register online with a Credit Card or Paypal Account, your confirmation email is confirmation for the event.

----- To register by mail, fill in form below, and mail with check or credit card info -----

Registration for seminar with Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz 11/12 – 11/28/2010 ~ Make check payable to: **Madison Sufis**

**Mail to:** Madison Sufis - c/o Hakim Dan Gallagher – 18 1/2 W. Main St. Apt. A / Evansville, WI 53536

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you will need the hotel shuttle

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# August 2010

*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

*-----To register detach and mail this form with payment-----*

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*)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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