

MADISON SUFIS



NEWSLETTER

September 2010

Dates to Keep in Mind

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

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, September 3rd

7:00 - 9:00 PM

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

Friday, September 17th

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**SPECIAL LOCATION FOR THIS
EVENING ONLY**

**Center for Conscious Living
(849 E. Washington Ave Suite 118)**

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

Earth Dance

Our own Hakim Dan Gallagher and Laura DiJulius will be presenting Dances of Universal Peace at the Earth Dance event being held on **Saturday, September 18th** at the **Center for Conscious Living, 849 E. Washington Ave. Suite 118, Madison.** Dances will be from 6 to 6:30 PM. Note: The Earth Dance event is going on from 4 PM until 1 AM. The Dances are part of this larger event. See the website for details www.livingonpurpose.org

Long Dance Night

Friday, September 10th

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.

Karima's Sunday Gathering

Sunday, September 26th

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. Aspects of the Breath Module from Suluk Curriculum will be offered as well as meditation, readings, practice, music. ...and communing in nature." Please contact Karima (608) 215-3081 for further information.

Healing Meditation & Circle

Sunday, September 19th

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

(194 Dixon St. 2nd Floor)

To get directions and leave a name for the healing list please contact Cynthia Wadsworth at (608) 242-8916, you can call Rachel Roang (608) at 241-2776, Sara Perkins at 223-0622, or Karima (Bonnie) Milgrim at (608) 215-3081.

Gatha Classes Led by Joy Wood

Wednesday, September 15th

7:00 - 8:30 PM

San Domiano Center

(4123 Monona Drive, Monona)

Gatha Class with Jamila Joy resumes this month. We begin with the last

series of Nakshi Bandi - symbology papers of Hazrat Inayat Khan. Please arrive promptly as we are asked to lock the front door at 7:15 PM. For further information contact Jamila Joy 608-513-3950.

Meditation Group
Wednesday, September 29th
7:00 pm – 8:00 PM
(2709 Willard Ave)

Join us for a silent meditation night. It will be 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, September 13th

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, September 13th
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.

Equinox Celebration
Wednesday, September 22nd
6:30 PM
(Olbrich Park)

Join us outside at Olbrich Park to celebrate the Equinox. We will be focusing on gratitude. Celebrating with songs and prayers and closing with the Anu Danu dance. It would be great to have the Dance community help create this circle! Please contact Rachel Roang (608) 241-2776, if you would like to help with this event or have any questions. This should take around an hour, maybe a little more.

Universal Worship Service
(Madison)
Sunday, September 12th
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.

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. 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).

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

www.madisonsufis.org

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Rick Inayat Bucheger/4709 Waukesha Street/Madison, WI 53705 or e-mail Rick Inayat at buchercb@charter.net Please indicate whether you want the paper or e-mail version of the newsletter.

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

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: _____

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____ Check here if you will need the hotel shuttle

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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.

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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:** _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

If paying with Credit Card, Please enter card information here:

Card Type (Check one): VISA Master Card **Card Number:** _____

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