

Diving for Luminous Pearls in the Dark Pool of the Soul: Playing in the Depths of Our Shadowed Selves



**Friday evening
February 23, 6:00 pm to
February 28, 1:00 pm,
2018**

**on the Mendocino Coast
of California
at Jug Handle Creek Farm**

**With Guides:
Annie Bloom
and Peter Scanlan**

Perhaps on a sun bright day you have caught a glimpse of and danced, played, or had a conversation with your dark shadow there on the ground. Just as the alluring dark shape that walks with our sunlit bodies holds a fascination for us, there are corners and niches of our psyches where pearls have been hidden away in the dark pool of our unconscious. We invite you into the magic play of diving into those corners

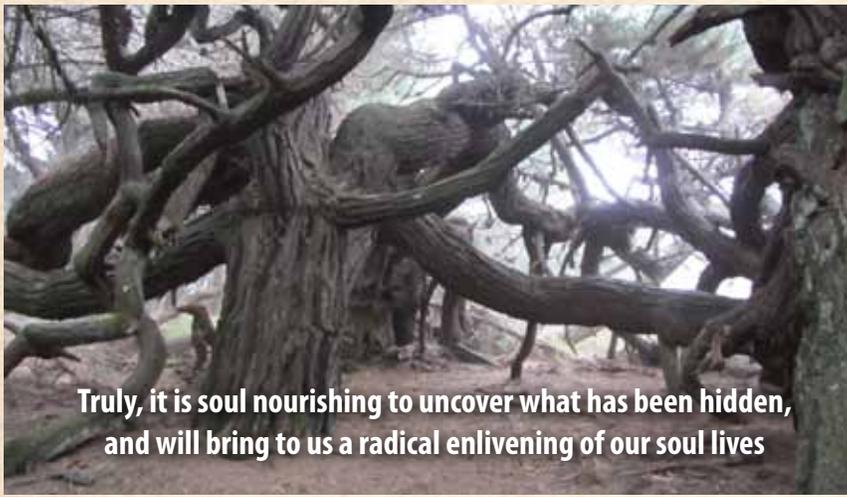
We tend to think of our shadows as holding the repellent or abhorrent aspects of ourselves, but more often it is our salient and unique genius that has been shunted into the shadow because of our vulnerabilities and self protection maneuvers.

Just as the Moon slowly becomes hidden into her darkness and reappears gradually into numinous brilliance, so we are each called to explore the dark reservoir of ourselves. And while the journey of reclaiming what has been hidden from us can be daunting and requiring of much courage, it is soul nourishing and can bring to us a radical enlivening of our soul lives.

We will enter into into Shadow Council and Heart Warrior Council, where we will courageously own and bring back into honed awareness our projections onto the world. With time on the land in the dark of the night, we will have the opportunity to befriend the dark and engage in conversation with what our deep imagination reveal. And, of course, there will be opportunity for voluptuous Dream Tending with what emerges from our night fishing in the dark pools.

For 5 days we will explore, discover, and engage with what we do not know about ourselves (imagine!) and bring it all back home to live a more integrated and authentically rich offering of ourselves a in service to our personal vision in the world.





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and will bring to us a radical enlivening of our soul lives

Jug Handle Creek Farm

is an old farmstead on the Mendocino coast of Northern California overlooking the vast Pacific Ocean. There are abundant opportunities in this landscape to



wander in a rich variety of ecosystems. From our accommodations in a beautiful historic farmhouse, it is a five-minute walk to an intimate cove or ocean bluffs. The Pacific waters open memories of our ancestors' passages and help enliven our journeys back in time. Wandering inland transports us through meadows to forests of Pine, Fir, and Redwoods, where we cannot help but feel the old ones present and shimmering in the air. At the farmhouse we will be sharing rooms on the second floor. The ground floor provides us with a fully equipped kitchen, a dining table that can accommodate us all, and a cozy space with a wood burning stove for meeting all together.

Program Cost : \$850

~Food as Poetry~

Planning and preparing healthy, delicious meals together is our way of nurturing community among us.

Participants will team up to plan, purchase food, and prepare meals in a full kitchen

Maximum number of participants: 12

Registration requires a \$200 non-refundable deposit with balance due

30 days before the start of the program

To Register or for further information about the program contact:

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Guides



Peter Scanlan was a clinical psychologist in private practice for 34 years in Nashville, Tennessee. He trained with Animas Valley Institute and with School of Lost Borders as a vision quest guide and was a lead guide for the Animas Valley Institute for 16 years. He works to facilitate the transformation of personal story into the mytho-poetic story

that each of us inhabits. He is dedicated to guiding people to the edge of the deepest mysteries, holding sacred space while they plunge into those depths, and then honoring the unique power and truth of the stories that they bring back from those journeys. He brings heart presence and a playful spirit to his work. Website:

Website: <http://www.peterscanlan.com>.



Annie Bloom has been guiding with Peter in the wilderness since 2002 when they discovered the magical cauldron their combined hearts wove together for people to cook in the transformations that awaited them.

For the past 25 years Annie has been an initiator to hundreds of people who have crossed over the threshold into the dreaming lodge of the world seeking a sacred vision for their lives. With her own development of Somatic Inquiry over her 33 years as a bodywork practitioner, she has led people into the truth at the center

of their being, and is now standing with welcoming arms with her sweetheart Niles at the doorstep of **Buffalo Dreaming Lodge: <http://www.buffalodreaminglodge.com>**. With training and guiding through School of Lost Borders, Animas Valley Institute, Wilderness Reflections, and Synergos Institute, she has devoted her life to listening for the heartbeat of the holy in all things.