

WOMEN MOVING THE EDGE

OF CONTINUOUS COLLECTIVE INQUIRY
NOV. 14-17, 2008, ANGEL'S REST, LEYDEN, MA USA

Our Purpose

A purposeful collective gathering space for conscious women who will:

- explore and move the edge of what it means to inquire, sense, be and do our emergent collective future potential
- ask together the question(s) it has never yet occurred to us to ask
- invite multiple creative streams of practice for individual and collective inquiry
- hold a resonant field from which miracles can spring
- bridge our practice of continuous collective inquiry into the many levels of co-creative action called for in the world



In this gathering we will not only explore the edge, we will **be** it; we will **do** it.

Our world requires of us the courage to open, to engage, to inquire, to suspend, to empty, to hold and to explore beyond what we think we know.

Together we will co-create and be the vessel to awaken the inter-subjective "**She**", the Being who comes alive through all of us together, who awaits our invitation to birth Collective Presence into the world.

Hosted by: Ria Baeck and Judy Wallace; **co-hosts:** Eve-Marie Schaffer and Wendy Webber.

You are invited!

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What we learned in the previous gatherings...

- As women we hold unique and untapped qualities of leadership to bring positive change on this planet
- Silence, listening, sensing, holding and receiving are active movements in birthing collective knowing, and of tapping into Source
- We must hold the paradoxes of chaos and order; stillness and movement; emptiness and fullness, joy and pain in order to give birth to the miraculous
- There is a Wholeness of Knowing, Being, and Doing that continuously evolves through us and is activated by our willingness to open to the emergent, to pathways we have not yet explored.
- Coming together into the collective "field" invokes a deeper felt resonance inherent in who we really are as we come forward now

Pictures from previous gatherings:

[March '07](#)

[October '07](#)

[Febr.'08](#)

Some blog posts:

[from Ria](#)

[from Helen](#)



... and next guiding questions...

- How can I/we stay tuned, both to ourselves and to the collective, so that a new order of clarity arises?
- How does the synergy of multiple practices - painting, movement, music, nature, silence ... shift or enhance collective inquiry?
- What is the practice of being in a state of continuous collective inquiry?
How do we experience that - individually and collectively?
- How do we stay in collective inquiry while acting in the world?

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What we will do

Our work is informed by the Art and Practice of *Presencing*, the *Art of Hosting*, and a commitment to creating the space for the magic of emergence. As our time together unfolds, we will open the way for collaborative engagement with various modes for creatively and organically exploring into *Wholeness of Knowing, Being and Doing*.

We will create a self-organizing field of women's wisdom, which will include all (y)our gifts, like:

- Collective practices such as World Café, Open Space and Circle
- Ritual and celebration
- Movement, dance, tone/vibration
- Art, music, poetry, journaling
- Walking and listening to nature in her beauty and presence
- Silence and meditation
- Emergent practices like Generative Dialogue, Constellation, and the U Process of Presencing

How will you show up?

- Willing to be fully present
- Open - to risk, to move beyond safety, to be surprised
- Leave behind what you already know so as to co-create in-the-moment
- Hold the courage and intention to find and move your edge
- Be in a constant state of evolving inquiry, of curiosity, and open to grace
- Be steady and patient in deep respect for one another and the process
- Hold the ambiguity of doing really important work and BEING WILD and HAVING FUN!!

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Invitation

If what you have read, speaks to you; if you are ready to fully engage in this way, you are invited!

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Your hosting team:

Ria Baeck, Judy Wallace,
Eve-Marie Shaffer & Wendy Webber

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All inclusive Fee \$875 for Workshop, Meals, and Lodging.

Early Bird \$675 by Sept. 15

Partial Scholarships - please inquire

Space is limited to 20. Please reserve early.

Dates

Friday Nov. 14, 3:00pm to
Monday Nov. 17, after lunch.

Venue

Angel's Rest, an amazingly tranquil retreat center held in the peaceful and natural and nurturing energy of Western Mass hills, is about 2 hours drive west of Boston or 1 1/2 hours north of Hartford, Ct. www.angelsrestretreat.com

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- * A warm and friendly staff
- * Delicious food with preference options available.
- * Comfortable sleeping, usually 2, sometimes 3 to a room.
- * Bathrooms near and plentiful.
- * Stillness, with sounds, and beauty of nature are all around.

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Reservation and payment

Contact us by email with your intention to attend, as well as mailing your check or money transfer. After we receive your deposit/payment, you will receive a letter by email with more specific information, travel suggestions, and your payment acknowledgement.

Full Payment appreciated or \$350 Deposit with balance due no later than Oct. 15, 2008.

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Ria Baeck

Belgium

I am fascinated by communities/groups/collectives and how we can make them work. I am a self-employed psychotherapist and I combine deep compassion, bodily awareness and a lust for life. I have also a passion for 'emergent tools', like the Circle and Systemic Constellations. My focus is always on the here-and-now; doing the action right now instead of talking about it. My company is Vitis, whose core purpose is to bring deep transformation in individuals, organisations and society.

I initiated and am involved in different new forms of collaboration on the edge of community and collective leadership.

[Ria's website](#) [Ria's blog](#) [Ria's Collective Wisdom Page](#)



Judy Wallace

Gloucester, MA, USA

I am committed to promoting and exploring ever-evolving ways of sparking creative collective and emergent thinking. My work as a consultant and facilitator has been bridging cultures in the world of global business. In recent years, my passion and interest in the evolution of consciousness has called me to expand into working with groups, especially women, who are open to consciously engaging collective wisdom, to stepping beyond any boundaries, to moving to the edge of knowing and there to discover the emergent. From here we must build the bridges to wise action in the world. My knowing is that this work is sacred and we are called.

[Judy's Collective Wisdom Initiative Bio](#)
[Judy's Blog – The Gates of the Future](#)



Eve-Marie Elkin Shaffer

Westchester, NY, USA

My desire to listen to inner wisdom and intelligence, in order to encourage authentic movement, results from my work as a creative arts therapist and a social worker. While studying systemic family constellation work and raising four children, I experienced and learned from the greater creative field. In my present work, Painting from the Inside Out, I guide others to follow their creative wisdom and authentic expression in the world.

[Eve-Marie's web site](#)



Wendy Webber

Marlboro, VT, USA

I describe myself as a 'practical mystic', seeking to bring together a deep inner knowing of our interconnectedness with the skills to bring that more into a world still in the thrall of separateness. Originally from the UK I have practiced as a body centered, Buddhist-based psychotherapist offering trainings in Focusing and transformational process groups. Now in Vermont my work with my husband has evolved 'Eye of a Needle Enterprises'. I am steeped in the practice and teaching of Nonviolent Communication. As a founding member of the Vermont Peace Academy, I am active in their school development program, seeking to bring the new consciousness into the education system.

[The Taoist Center](#)