

Restorying

Cultivating personal, cultural and planetary stories for a new era



Still Point Mountain Retreat near
Rolling Ridge, Harpers Ferry, WV
September 27 - 29, 2013

*"It is all a question of story.
We are in trouble just now because we do
not have a good one."*

~ Thomas Berry

We have always lived by stories that told us how we got here, why we are here, and what God and the Universe were up to. Today, the old stories have either been discarded or paint an incomplete or inaccurate picture of our world. The signs are everywhere as we struggle with economic havoc, social injustice, hunger, environmental degradation, violence, and depression.

This retreat is designed to help each of us move away from the infinite loop of what's not working and open to the new stories that want to emerge through us. As Thomas Berry suggests, the task of our time is to discover and to inhabit the new story that is being revealed to us -- a story that he says: "will be my story, as well as the story of everyone and everything about me, the story that brings together the human community with every living being." Even now, a new story is emerging in our world. We are waking up to our inborn compassion, to our interdependence, to our prodigious power of imagination.

In this retreat we will cultivate a new story for ourselves as individuals and as a planet, exploring new messages that are germinating deep in our individual and collective consciousness. We will listen to the stories that mountain and river, that hawk and snake, and that ancient rocks and trees tell us, these guardians and guides to the wildness and the imagination of the earth. We will attend to the ancient voices of our ancestors, to the prayers of the future ones, and to the quiet whispers of our own ears and hearts. It will be a joyful, inspiring romp in mythic story structures, poetry, and attending to night and waking dreams, with time for solo wandering on the land, journaling, and gathered times of storytelling, movement, play and ceremony.

Retreat Leaders

Jim Hall, longtime member of Rolling Ridge Study Retreat, lives at the Dayspring Retreat Center in suburban Washington, DC, where for the past 25 years he has been leading retreats, classes and outings on the land linking faith and ecology, and exploring ways of living more simply, justly and in harmony with the Earth. www.dayspringearthministry.org

In her work as architect, teacher, filmmaker and writer, Julie Gabrielli explores ways to tell the new stories that are emerging in our culture. Her experience includes designing buildings and places from new/old paradigms; community engagement for sustainability; and cultivating joy, creativity, attention, and reverence. www.gabriellidesign.com

This retreat will be held at Still Point Mountain Retreat, a five-bedroom cabin in a secluded wilderness setting overlooking the Shenandoah River and valley. Still Point Mountain Retreat is accessible by car only. The retreat begins with supper at 6pm on Friday and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Fee for the retreat is \$165 and includes lodging for two nights in shared accommodations, six meals and program. We expect this retreat to fill rapidly. To reserve your place, email Lindsay@rollingridge.net and request an application to be returned with a \$50 deposit.