

May 1-3, 2015 (Friday-Sunday)

May 3-4 (Sun-Mon), optional day for deepening our practice

ELAINE EMILY, JOE GARREN AND REBECCA MAYS

THE MYSTIC'S EXPERIENCE OUR RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNION WITH THE DIVINE

The purposes of this workshop are twofold. First, persons who have known what they call a mystical experience are invited to come and share of their experience. These sharings will be grounded in Quaker meeting for worship. Those who seek mystical union or who wonder how to name their experiences are also invited. Secondly, participants will be invited to experiment with practices that may open us to profound love and beauty. Activities may include: telling our stories, chanting and singing, guided meditations and a Grand Silence, meeting for worship and opportunities in the Quaker tradition.

"I came to know God experimentally." - George Fox

"Yet in my flesh shall I see God." - Job 19:26

"I love those who love Me, and show Myself to all who seek Me." - Proverbs 8:17

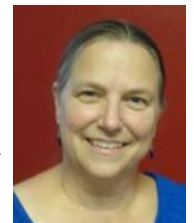
For those who can stay longer and want to deepen their spiritual practice, facilitators will guide the group for another day in activities that grow out of the weekend and support ongoing practices.

Elaine Emily has led workshops on mysticism, healing, discernment, and eldering in the UK, US, Australia and Canada. She served as Spiritual Nurturer at Pendle Hill, providing spiritual accompaniment with students, staff, and visiting seekers, and currently has a Spiritual Direction practice.



Joe Garren is a member of Brooklyn (NY) Friends Meeting, working and sojourning at Pendle Hill and Goshen (PA) Monthly Meeting. He has served his meetings in ministry, pastoral care and facilitating educational programs and meeting retreats, particularly in the areas of vocal ministry and worship.

Rebecca Kratz Mays, raised in a Southern Baptist family, became a convinced Friend after attending Earlham College. She served as Publications Editor and Gospels teacher at Pendle Hill Quaker study center over two decades. Out of her Jewish-Christian dialogue work, she now serves as Director of the Dialogue Institute at Temple University.



Program cost of \$195 includes program, housing and meals, Friday dinner thru Sunday lunch. Scholarships are available. NOTE: Participants may stay for an extra day, leaving after lunch on Monday, for an additional \$75.

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COST & REGISTRATION

The standard rate for this retreat is **\$195 (with a sliding scale of \$165-\$225)**. The fee includes program, lodging and food from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Commuter rate is \$135. Please ask if you need scholarship funds. **THIS RETREAT HAS AN OPTIONAL EXTRA DAY.** The cost for the extra day is \$75. Please indicate below if you plan to stay through Monday lunch. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold a space for a program. If you need to cancel, the deposit can be applied toward a future workshop.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Plan to arrive after 4:30pm Friday evening, in time for dinner at 6:30. The workshop will end by 2pm on Sunday (or Monday if you choose to stay). We are centrally located in western Massachusetts, close to both I-91 and Route 2. For those arriving by car, we will send directions after you register. Please let us know if you'd be interested in carpooling. The nearest bus stations and Amtrak train station are in Greenfield or Springfield (MA). Please contact us in advance to arrange a ride from these stations.

ROOM & BOARD

Our 19th-century farmhouse has hand-hewn beams and wide pine floors, with simple dorm-style lodging. The meetinghouse and the first floor of the main building are wheelchair accessible. We serve nourishing, primarily vegetarian, home-cooked meals and always offer a vegetarian option. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Part of the community building at each retreat includes the joyful sharing of meal chores and clean-up.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring your own toiletries, towels, and bedding (sleeping bag or sheets and blankets or comforter). Pillows are provided. Be sure to bring seasonally appropriate clothes and comfortable indoor and outdoor footwear. You might also like to bring a flashlight, journal, musical instrument... Please do NOT bring pets or candles. We have limited internet access and cell phone reception. We encourage guests to consider whether cell phone or computer use will detract from their experience of being fully present, here and now.

To register for this program, please fill out the information below and send it to us with a \$50 deposit made payable to Woolman Hill. The balance is due at the beginning of the workshop. For more details about our programs and facilities, **OR TO REGISTER ON-LINE**, please visit our website (www.woolmanhill.org).

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| MYSTIC'S EXPERIENCE, May 1-3 or 4, 2015 | |
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| E-MAIL: | PHONE: |
| ADDRESS: | |
| MONTHLY MEETING (if applicable): | |
| Enclosed is \$ _____. I plan to pay a total of \$ _____. Please X here if you plan to stay through Monday _____. (Fri-Sun: \$195 standard rate, \$165-\$225 sliding scale, \$135 commuter; optional Sun-Mon is additional \$75). | |
| DIETARY, HOUSING, OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS: | |