

LISTENING WITH THE EYES: PHOTOGRAPHY AS A CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

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All photos taken by Peter Nutting at Woolman Hill

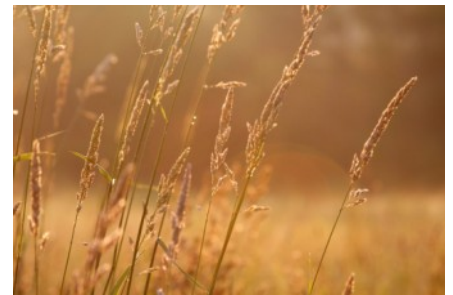
This program will run concurrently with KNITTING FOR OTHERS

Program cost of \$195 includes program, housing and meals. Sliding scale and scholarships are available.

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This retreat is for beginning to experienced photographers who would like to expand their awareness of seeing their surroundings with greater depth and clarity. In addition to photography assignments, participants will be invited to share in a conversation about their own ways of



seeing and about how photography helps them experience the world more deeply and clearly. Specific topics will include: a) seeing our everyday surroundings with increased awareness, b) developing fresh perceptions of color, line, pattern, and texture, c) discovering simplicity of form and space in our immediate environment, and d) learning the art of visual discernment. We will also discuss what contemplation is and how photography relates to our Quaker values.

Peter West Nutting, a member of Vassalboro (ME) Friends Meeting, has been a Quaker and a photographer for most of his life. Peter served as clerk of his meeting's Ministry & Counsel for many years, has led photography workshops at Friends General Conference Gatherings, and serves on FGC's Central Committee. He taught foreign languages at college and high school levels for many years and currently works as a freelance translator.



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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. 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. 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 Amtrak train station is in Greenfield. Vermont Transit and Peter Pan bus lines stop in Greenfield; Megabus stops in Amherst. Please contact us in advance to see if we can 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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NAME:	
E-MAIL:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	
MONTHLY MEETING (if applicable):	
Enclosed is \$ _____. I plan to pay a total of \$ _____. (\$195 standard, \$165-\$225 sliding scale, \$135 commuter)	
DIETARY, HOUSING, OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:	