

## What will YOU do after the Tree of Life Celebration to participate actively in the Great Turning?

We might observe here that the Great Work of a people is the work of all the people. No one is exempt. Each of us has our individual life pattern and responsibilities. Yet beyond these concerns each person in and through their personal work assists in the Great Work. Personal work needs to be aligned with the Great Work . . . for carrying out the transition that is demanded of these times, transition from the period when humans were a disruptive force on the planet Earth to the period when humans become present to the planet in a manner that is mutually enhancing.

Cultural historian, Thomas Berry in *The Great Work*

It is easy to feel inspired by a one-time event, but the question for us today is how do we maintain a sense of inspiration and commitment when we return to our everyday lives. The following pages offer resources to help carry forward the inspiration of this *Celebration of the Tree of Life in the Time of the Great Turning*. They are designed to help us integrate its spirit into our lives; bring it forth in our actions; develop the perspectives, tools and practices to deepen our capacities to meet the challenges of this critical moment in human history; and find ways to renew and revitalize ourselves and our communities as we go forward.

**\*\*\*Coming Soon!\*\*\***

***Singing in the Great Turning***

Uses group singing and interactive practices of the Work That Reconnects to explore our deepest responses to being alive at this time on the planet. Leave enlivened, with songs to share and a deeper understanding of the Great Turning and your unique place in it.

Facilitated by Grethen Sleicher.

Friday evening and Saturday, December 10-11, 2010

Sliding scale \$50-90 donation

Nalanda West in Seattle

Contact [greatturningnorthwest@gmail.com](mailto:greatturningnorthwest@gmail.com)

Also offered April 8-9 in Pt. Townsend, cost and location TBD.

***The Art of Ritual Leadership***

Ritual is a core aspect of cultural life in any community and we need ecumenical ritual leaders to serve our communities. Learn and practice creating and enlivening ritual and ritual space to bring heart and spirit to the healing of our people and our planet.

Guided by Darcy Ottey and Rite of Passage Journeys

Four residential weekends in 2010-11 beginning Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Go to <http://riteofpassage.groundwire.org/adult-programs/ritual-leadership> for more information and to register.

**\*\*\*Plan Ahead\*\*\***

***Advanced Workshop with Joanna Macy  
A Residential Retreat***

June 22-27, 2011 at Seattle University

Spend five days in a supportive community with Joanna Macy and experience the power of the ideas and practice that are the Work that Reconnects. Admission is by application and you must have prior experience with Joanna's work. (Many of the workshops listed here qualify as prior experience.) A full announcement with registration information will be posted at [www.4tgc.org](http://www.4tgc.org) in January 2011. Sponsored by ForTheGrandchildren, Great Turning Northwest, Rite of Passage Journeys, OSR-Seattle University and others. Contact [Victor@4tgc.org](mailto:Victor@4tgc.org) to be put on the mailing list for this event. Registration will be limited.

### **Events in the Seattle area**

#### ***Cultivating Compassion: Creativity and Empowerment in Troubled Times***

Facilitated by Belinda Griswold and Great Turning Northwest

January 29, 2011

Suggested donation \$50; Nalanda West in Seattle

Contact [greatturningnorthwest@gmail.com](mailto:greatturningnorthwest@gmail.com)

#### ***Images of the Tree of Life: Myths, Stories, Art and Science***

What can the Tree of Life tell us about this time of cultural transition that some call the Great Turning? How can it be for us an emblem of the life-affirming changes we are called to make now to ensure the quality of life of future generations? From the Jesse Tree to the many-branched scientific model of evolution, we will investigate the universal archetypal image of the Tree of Life.

Presenters: Molly Brown and Randy Morris

Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m., January 19-February 16, 2011

The Center at St. Andrew's, Seattle

Registration fee: \$50

Contact: [cherryh@saintandrewsseattle.org](mailto:cherryh@saintandrewsseattle.org) or 206-523-7476 ex 304

#### ***The Work that Reconnects: Facing Troubled Times without Going Crazy***

Led by Lois Canright and Great Turning Northwest

March 26, 2011, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sliding scale \$40 - \$80 at Nalanda West in Seattle

Contact [greatturningnorthwest@gmail.com](mailto:greatturningnorthwest@gmail.com)

#### ***Your Place in the Great Turning***

Led by Edith Kusnic and Victor Bremson

February 11-13, 2011, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon

Cost & location in Seattle area to be determined

Contact [edith@riteofpassage.org](mailto:edith@riteofpassage.org) for more information.

### **Events in Oregon**

#### ***Awakening the Dreamer***

Facilitated by Barbara Ford, Paul Spindel and members of Earth Wisdom Council

February 19, 2011

Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR

Cost & Time TBA

Registration Information at [www.qaiaworkshops.net](http://www.qaiaworkshops.net)

#### ***The Work That Reconnects***

Facilitated by Barbara Ford

March 26, 2011, Time TBA

Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR

Registration Information at [www.qaiaworkshops.net](http://www.qaiaworkshops.net)

#### ***Cultivating Compassion: Creativity, Empowerment and Action in Troubled Times***

Leader: Pam Wood

May 7, 9:30 am -4 pm

Portland, OR

Cost TBA

Contact: Pam Wood, [www.sacredgroundhealing.com](http://www.sacredgroundhealing.com)

## Organizations

Offerings listed here have been developed by a loose coalition of educational designers, facilitators, and teachers from the organizations listed below. These organizations are working together with others to create sacred spaces where we can do the authentic learning we need to help us re-invent ourselves as the people of the Great Turning working and learning together to build a truly life-affirming Earth Community.



**Rite of Passage Journeys**, established in 1968, fosters self-discovery, community and connection with the natural world. This not-for-profit organization provides intentional rites of passage experiences and rite of passage education. Journeys offer a variety of programs designed for children, teens, and adults and is admired nationwide for its solid integrity and commitment to soul-work that honors deep human values and the earth. The qualities our programs nurture enable us to more fully embrace the challenges and beauty of our collective experiences as well as our unique individual callings. Journeys has a growing commitment to assist in the cultural rite of passage of bringing forth a Great Turning and is creating new programs for adults and elders to help build the social and cultural forms and practices of Earth Community. Watch the website for new programs.

*Contact information: [www.riteofpassagejourneys.org](http://www.riteofpassagejourneys.org) or e-mail [info@riteofpassagejourneys.org](mailto:info@riteofpassagejourneys.org).*



**ForTheGrandchildren** is a membership organization established to promote a commitment "not to rest until we build an Earth community that matches all of our love for all of the grandchildren." This organization is based on three core beliefs: 1) At this moment in time, everything is at stake. 2) Whatever we do right now, individually and in community, will determine our future. 3) we have the chance to live the most meaningful lives ever lived.

ForTheGrandchildren collaborates with others to promote these beliefs.

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**Great Turning Northwest** is a network of experienced facilitators who have been trained by Joanna Macy in the Work That Reconnects. GTNW is stepping forward to offer leadership in promoting this work and making it accessible to individuals and organizations in the Pacific Northwest. Through participatory workshops, facilitators create opportunities to help people both understand and meet the challenges of bringing forth the Great Turning, and developing the personal and community resilience needed in this time of change.

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