

May 13th Emergence Program:

Ceremonial Direction:

Marla Durden

Marla Durden is an alchemist, artist, entrepreneur and wisdom coach. Marla produces and facilitates the WOW Watering Wholeness Monthly Community Call. She consults in brand development; creates and manages several brands of her own and coaches individuals and families in personal transformation, life-affirming values and life strategies. She is an InterPlay Leader (LIT). Marla holds a B.A. in Fine Arts from the University of Texas at Austin, and is a graduate of the Birthing of Giants Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at (MIT), Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Morning Workshops:

Rev. Kelly Isola - *Reclaiming the Visionista Heart*

We each have our own cosmic team of guides, loved ones in spirit, master teachers, and many other non-physical beings we wish to engage with. Through experiential, creative practices we connect with these beings, interpreting messages through our own unique language of symbols, thoughts, colors and vibrations. We reclaim the visionista heart in order to expand our innate intuitive skills.

Rev. Kelly Isola is an innovation alchemist, speaker, teacher, author and well-being disruptor.. For more than two decades she has been a global leader for creating and building inclusivity through interfaith and interspiritual activism, knowing it is a pathway for healing and to creating a world of safety, dignity and belonging. She is Chair Emerita for Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council and Founder of Humans of Interfaith in the Heartland.

Robin Maynard-Dobbs - *Joyous body, Reconnect to Our Life Force*

See your body as part of nature and embody the exuberance of life force emerging in this springtime! The cultural religion of thinness can cause us to disconnect from life force that animates the body. Together, we will reconnect to feel our body come alive, to become light and unencumbered as spring rises and blooms. We will embody this energy through art and movement as we experience a flowdream in celebration of our unique bodies to create a diverse rich and abundant forest grove. Bring a pad or sheet of paper, colored pencils, pens or oil pastels.

For the past 30 years, Robin has used her skills as a certified counselor, hypnotherapist, and health and wellness coach to help hundreds of women who struggle with their relationship to food and to their body size. She guides women to release the burden of heavy emotions and to develop a loving partnership with their bodies and thus become lighter on all levels. As an artist, Robin is passionate about shifting the perception of healthy eating as boring and tedious to experience the beauty, wonder and delight inherent in ordinary fresh fruits and vegetables. www.becominglighter.com.

Lunch program: Samia El-Moslimany – Visual presentation on her journey to the Holy Land - *Hope Under Fire* during the lunch hour.

Samia, a dual US/Saudi citizen, is a professional photographer and the daughter of two of Seattle's pioneer American Muslim activists. For 40 years she has spoken, written and photographed nationally and internationally on the subjects of Islam, Women, Civil Rights and Photography. Samia was a Founding Director of CAIR-WA, Founding Member of an interfaith Habitat for Humanity chapter, a member of the Board of Directors of the Islamic School of Seattle, a Founding Member of The Cherry Street Village, an interfaith Jewish-Muslim Arts Collective, and a Founding Director of The Cherry Street Mosque, a progressive, woman-led worship space.

Panel - *Spring into Action ~ Birthing the Seeds of Change*

Rev. Vernelle Nelson – Ephesians 4 starts out by telling us to 'live a life worthy of the calling we have received.' Each one of us has been called to be a lightworker. We are the light of the world. We are here for times such as this... to shine our light upon the darkness that we see unfolding all around us... claiming the truth of light and love for ourselves and all of humankind.

*Rev. Vernelle is an ordained Unity minister. She is Senior Minister at Unity of Melbourne, FL, and Founding Minister of Unity Golden Life Ministries in Fort Lauderdale. Her primary ministerial focus is pastoral care, Her books, *Living a Golden Life* and *Don't EVER Invite Me to Another Pity Party* are available on amazon.com and at select bookstores. Her passions are reading, writing as well as designing and making her own clothes.*

Heidi Thompson

It is hard to deny that what dominates much of life today is fear, anger, violence and division. And yet most of us would much prefer to live in a world rooted in peace, love, acceptance and connection. So let's focus on what we want, and share our ideas and inspire each other to do simple things that over time will shift and create the world we long to live in. The world is not outside of us. We are the world. Let's plant these seeds of possibility together.

Heidi Thompson is the founder and President of the Board of Peace And Love World, whose mission is to shift the focus in the world from fear, anger and division, and to make peace, love and connection the foundation from which decisions are made, relationships are formed and life is lived. Her work of 38 years teaching computer technology in corporate and university settings has provided valuable insights into transforming fear into peace and connection.

Tara Skubella

As we shift with change, it's important to remain grounded and centered to trust the journey ahead. The goal of rebirthing growth is not to escape or transcend the challenges, but to learn how to navigate them with fluidity. By staying grounded and centered, we can cultivate resilience and wisdom with deep trust, which is needed to emerge with wholeness.

Tara Skubella is founder & guide of Earth Tantra. She is an earthing/grounding expert, level 4 certified Tantra guide, death doula and wilderness survivalist. She has over 22 years' experience working in women's outdoor wilderness therapy, social services, family/ youth programming, adoption, outdoor guiding, Earth Science teaching and more. Some people know Tara from Discovery Channel's Naked and Afraid, as having the most bug bites on record. Tara lives her truth in harmony with mother earth by calling her nearly off-grid tiny house on the side of a mountain just outside Ouray, Colorado home. www.earthtantra.com

Rev. Judith Laxer

It may sound trite to have a 'calling' but there is nothing insignificant about it! We may think a 'calling' has to be to some grand dream or goal, or that it is only spiritual in nature. But each of us, when we listen deeply, can hear what we are called to do to make the changes needed for the highest good of all, and when we follow that calling, we live more soulful and satisfying lives.

*Rev. Judith Laxer is a modern-day mystic who believes that beauty, humor, and the wonders of nature make life worth living. The founding Priestess of Gaia's Temple and MoonWise Mystery School, both now online and accessible from anywhere, Judith is a keynote speaker, teacher of the magickal arts and mysteries, and author of *Along the Wheel of Time: Sacred Stories for Nature Lovers* [Ravenswood Publishing]. Judith dedicates her work to the rise and cultural integration of the Divine Feminine in all Her magnificence and wisdom. www.judithlaxer.com www.gaiastemple.com*

Afternoon workshops:

Christine Gautreaux - Radical Self-Care to Sustain Community Care

What does self-care truly mean for you? Join Christine Gautreaux for a fun, interactive InterPlay Workshop as we discover what Self-Care is Not and What it is for each of us! We'll learn the 5 skills of self-care and play with different techniques to access joy within our bodies to help us thrive in our communities!

*Christine is a heart centered, engaged, coach who is ready to make your helping more fun, or get it back to being fun like it once was. She uses movement, storytelling and voice to facilitate healing and help people to identify and fulfill their dreams and purpose. Christine is experienced in ADHD, Creativity, Health/Wellness, Career, Adoption, InterPlay, and Life Coaching. She is the author of *Stillpoint: A Playbook for Caregivers to Find Ease, Time to Breathe and Reclaim Joy* & her latest book *Women Connected in Wisdom: Stories and Resources Rooted in the 8 Dimensions of Wellness*.*

Dr. Heather Taylor-Zimmerman - Tending the Seeds of Sacred Purpose

Explore the rich soil of your nature as you dig deep and get to the heart of your unique sacred calling. We will tend the garden of the earth together to create common ground. Through circle work and guided visualization, we will explore what native seeds lie dormant, waiting to be cultivated and grown within. Through intention, imagination, and art, we will water these seeds to create a Living Mandala, Creatrix Affirmation, and Intention to connect our nature to the wild nature of the Creatrix within ourselves, lives, and world.

Supplies are a pad of art paper (size can vary) and colored pencils, oil pastel, or pens. 3 Pages are needed. Otherwise, whatever makes people comfortable for a guided meditation.

Dr. Heather Taylor-Zimmerman is a visionary artist whose imagery embodies the sacred feminine as a healing image for ourselves and world. She has a doctoral degree in feminine soul-based art therapy, rooted in the intuition and embodied ways of knowing. She lives amongst the tall cedars and deep waters of the Pacific Northwest where she has started an earth-centered retreat space. Heather is a nature mystic and creative eco-activist whose path reconnects human nature to the natural world. Her art can be found in magazines, prints, and books around the world. www.soulofcreativity.com