

Finding the Gold in the Darkness:

The Way of Soul in Troubled Times

September 13-15, 2019, Rolling Ridge Study Retreat



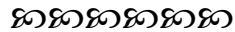
Solitude [Collage]. Doug Van Houten©, used by permission

When the common institutions collapse and the usual cultural containers break, our role is to recover the true spirit for living and help reveal the underlying wholeness of life --- Michael Meade

Do not lose heart. We were made for these times. --- Clarissa Pikhola Estes

We live in a time of intense turmoil -- social, political, and planetary. But the deeper disturbance is at the level of soul. We have lost the capacity to face the darkness without falling into despair or denial. But the ancient wisdom of all our spiritual traditions says that if we can turn toward the darkness, we will be amazed and transformed by what we find there. We will find gold.

On this retreat we step into this mystery of finding the gold in the darkness. We wander in solitude in the mystical enchanted world of nature, seeking to be met by raven and hawk, ancient rock and rushing brook. We attend to our nighttime dreams and the dreaming of Earth herself and we immerse ourselves in stories, poetry and art, and gather for ceremony, for sacred dance and song, and for circles of shared wisdom.



This program is for people of all faiths and all those seeking to know the beauty and wisdom of the sacred Earth.

Retreat Leaders: Jim Hall, and Cheryl Hellner, longtime members of Rolling Ridge Study Retreat, have apprenticed nature-based soulwork through numerous programs for many years.

This retreat will be held at Rolling Ridge Study Retreat House, a six bedroom cabin in a wilderness setting near Harpers Ferry, WV. The retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday (people are encouraged to arrive between 3 and 4:30 to settle in gently) and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Fee for the retreat is \$298 and includes lodging, six meals, and program. Two people registering together and choosing to share a room may pay a reduced fee of \$248 each. Camping further reduces the fee to \$218. Scholarships are available. For information and to register email lindsay.rollingridge@gmail.com or visit www.rollingridge.net.