

WORKSHOPS

Tuesday Evening at 7:30

Manifesting Delek led by David Quinn and Carol Johnstone

Creating an enlightened society is not an overnight conceptual buzz. It takes work. It takes unconditional delight and exasperation and all the emotions to care for other people. It begins on the local neighborhood, kitchen sink level. Join Carol Johnstone and David Quinn to talk about the nits and grits of how to manifest compassion, beginning with yourself and expanding out to others. Is it just potlucks and celebration? Politics? Communication? Support? Grand vision? Can you have a delek if you have a small center? Join us and discover this amazing practice.

Social Engagement led by Lance Brunner

"The Heart of Warriorship longs to express itself." An important part of that longing is to create an enlightened society. How practice informs and guides societal transformation does not lend itself to simple answers, but is more like a koan that stops the mind and gives us pause. The presentation and workshop is designed to inform Congress participants about the work of the Social Engagement Advisory Group over the past six months, to offer contemplation and invite comments and contributions, as well as suggest ways in which we, as individuals and as a sangha, might approach the issue of social engagement. This is a perennial topic, but the invitation to do a "period of service" associated with the new ngondro has made the issue all the more important to address and to bring down to the earth of our lives. Everyone welcome.

Shambhala Culture led by Hudson Shotwell

As citizens of Shambhala we are engaged in the activity of creating a drala culture. A drala culture is an environment that captures alive the awake state, embodying sacredness. Such a culture is also committed to the cultivation of intrinsic goodness as our practice. A drala culture makes real the transformational promise of enlightened society, because it can uplift an entire people and nurture the waking state. Much of our dharmic inheritance is not encompassed by programs and academic learning alone, but is held within this cultural medium and upaya. This is an occasion to share our understanding and aspiration for the unfolding of a potent warrior culture. Shambhala Culture Includes:

Feeling uncomfortable in a ballgown * The qualities game * Anxiety over having a reserved seat, or not having one * Awkwardness at being invited, or not * How to have a dinner party * The Good Meeting * Should it be broccoli, or asparagus? * Current Events * Gossip * Family Dining * Jokes * The Shambhala Arts * Court Vision and Practice * Elocution/Poetry and the Language Arts * Forms and Ceremonies/Holidays * Heraldry/Design * Protocol and Dress * Ritual * Sacred Architecture and Fengshui * Social Institutions - Health, Family, Education * Court Service * Kasungship * Not What, but How *

Commission on the status of women and feminine principle led by Alice Haspray

The title of the Shambhala Commission on the Status of Women and Feminine Principle includes two complementary aspects. One aspect involves issues related to gender-the status of women-and the other involves the non-gendered feminine and masculine principles. It is a very provocative mix to talk about the status of actual women and the profound, basic principles that both men and women share. Why would we do that? Very simply, feminine principle represents space and wisdom. Masculine principle represents energy and skillful activity. These principles are inherent to both men and women and are in fact, inseparable. Feminine principle is the space from which all phenomena arise. Intuitive, vast, and intangible, this insight is the source of all awakened activity. Yet without the dynamic force and action of masculine energy, wisdom cannot manifest or be sustained. Our path is to cultivate and integrate these qualities into our lives. How can we contemplate and study these principles-and bring the gift of their inseparability into the heart of our Shambhala communities?

Leadership as Path led by Susan Szpakowski

European Database – Demonstration and presentation led by Ed Keizer

A demonstration of the newly installed database used by Shambhala Europe

The Shambhala Trust led by Deborah Garrett

"Shambhala Heartlands,"

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A celebration of the roots of our lineages and traditions. First, a short talk by Khenpo Tsering from Surmang Dudtse-til with a brief slide show on Surmang by Peter Seidler. Then a presentation from Carolyn Gimian on the archives (The Royal Treasures of Shambhala) and collected works of the Vidyadhara Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, followed by a presentation by Fabrice Midal on his book (just published in English) on the life and teachings of the Vidyadhara with questions and answers.