

# Writing Our Relationship with Trees

## What This Can Teach Us About Ourselves & Living Within The Sacred

WITH JOHN FOX, CPT

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*In our workaday world, we are no longer present to the natural world in any manner. We no longer see trees as other beings to commune with. We are not taught to make that connection, not encouraged to speak of trees this way.*

*~ Thomas Berry  
on Our Broken Connection to the Natural World*

In this retreat weekend we will explore and strengthen our relationship with trees. We will slow down to listen to what these sacred beings can teach us.

To make this journey, we will use poetry and poem-making as a way to express and describe this relationship with ourselves, one another and within the larger context of living as stewards of this planet, express it as part of the fabric of the cosmos.

Please bring a story (or poem) about a single tree or a forest, or an orchard, or a grove of trees, whatever is significant to you, that has made a difference to you in your life, somehow changed how you see yourself and the world around you, including the cosmos. This poem can be yours or be written by someone else. I invite you to also bring a photograph of a tree.

### A PUBLIC TALK, CONVERSATION AND MINI-WORKSHOP

Friday, November 7, 7:00 - 9:30 pm  
The Meeting Room of the Friends Meeting House  
4312 Southeast Stark Street, Portland, OR 97215

### A RETREAT FOR WRITING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TREES

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, November 9, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Peg Edera's Summerlin House

**FEE:** Whole weekend: \$220; Friday only: \$25

A portion of proceeds from Friday evening will be  
tithed to Write Around Portland.

TO REGISTER ONLINE:

[www.earthregenerative.org/events/2014trees.html](http://www.earthregenerative.org/events/2014trees.html)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact Marna:

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Reserve your place for *Writing Our Relationship with Trees* by mailing this registration form and a check for \$220 for Friday evening through Sunday morning (\$25 for Friday only), payable to The Institute for Earth Regenerative Studies, to Marna Hauk, PO Box 14194, Portland, OR 97293.

The Friday event is open to all. The weekend retreat is limited to 16 registrations.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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