FEATURING

Mandaza Kandemwa
Nganga or Bantu medicine man
in the Shona and Ndebele traditions of Zimbabwe

ALSO FEATURING
Pamela Albee, David Beck, Jane Burns,
Elaine Egidio, Leontine Hartzell,
Dara Harvey, Sarah MacDougal,
Sharynne MacLeod NicMhacha,
Mark Perkins and Linda Secord

PLUS
Continuous Drumming, Continuous Prayer
A Ceremony of Service
A continuous drumming ceremony
24 hours a day
as a powerful form
of continuous prayer for our gathering

June 18-21, 2009
Menla Mountain Retreat
Phoenicia, Catskill Mountains
New York
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009
7:00 pm Welcome and Opening Ceremony
Northeast SSP Regional Group

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009
7:00–8:00 am Breakfast
8:30–9:00 am Morning Circle
9:00–11:30 am Keynote
BECOMING A TEMPLE OF SPIRIT:
On Surrender, Prayer & Service
Mandaza Kandemwa
Noon–1:00 pm Lunch
1:15–5:45 pm Workshops (Choose One)
THE FEATHERED CLOAK
Sharynne MacLeod NicMhacha
SPIRIT OF GRANDMOTHER
AYAHUASCA
Leontine Hartzell, CHT
SHAMANISM FOR CRITICAL CARE PATIENTS
Pamela Albee, CCHT, CHI
6:00–7:00 pm Dinner
7:30–9:00 pm Evening Ceremony
SACRED DREAM CEREMONY
Mandaza Kandemwa

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009
7:00–8:00 am Breakfast
8:30–9:00 am Morning Circle
9:00–11:30 am Keynote
HOLDING DREAMS IN REVERENCE
Mandaza Kandemwa

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009
7:00–8:00 am Breakfast
8:30–9:00 am Morning Circle
9:00–11:00 am Presentations (Choose One)
NATURE AWARENESS AND SHAMANISM
David Beck
CHILDREN’S SHAMANIC WORLD VIEW
Elaine Egidio, MCAT,ADTR, LPC
CORN ORACLE DIVINATION
Dara Harvey
11–11:30 am Closing Ceremony
Noon–1:00 pm Lunch
Please call 845-688-6897 to make your housing reservations.

Housing packages include lodging, food, all service charges and tax. For more info email office@menla.org.

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**SINGLE/DUPLICATE OCCUPANCY (per person rates)**

- **DELOS INN, HILL HOUSE** - Room with queen bed and private bath — $705
  - Room with queen bed and private bath for couple — $613 per person
- **ORCHARD COTTAGE** - Room with queen bed and private bath — $689 (couple $596 pp)
- **PANTHER COTTAGE** - Room with queen bed and shared bath — $682 (couple $541 pp)

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**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (per person rates)**

- **DELOS INN** - Room with two twin beds and private bath — $573 pp
- **MOUNTAIN HOUSE** - Room with two twin beds, in-room sink/vanity, bath shared with adjacent room — $531 pp

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**SUITE (per person rates)**

- **HILL HOUSE** - 4 suites with two twin beds, daybed & trundle-bed, each suite has a private bath
  - 4 guests: $496 pp; 3 guests: $510 pp; 2 guests: $572 pp; 1 guest: $705

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**PRIVATE HOUSES & COTTAGES (per person rates)**

- **SNOWLION HOUSE** - Twin bed and twin bunks in private houses, 2-4 persons per room,
  - Two bathrooms, kitchen, living room, meeting space, sleeping loft — $474 pp
- **EAGLE HOUSE** - twin bed and twin bunks, 1-3 persons per room, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, LR, meeting space — $464 pp
- **DRAGON HOUSE** - twin bed and twin bunks, 1-4 persons per room, 3 bathrooms, meeting room, kitchen, sleeping loft — $464 pp
- **EVA’S HOUSE** - Two bedrooms, one queen bed, one queen sofa-bed and 3 twins, kitchen, bathroom — $613/$473/$464 pp

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**NOTE:** Conference participants staying off-site must still register with Menla Mountain and pay a $35 per day meals and resort usage fee.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** 15% non-refundable; 61-90 days prior to program 45%; 31-60 days prior 50%; 11-30 days prior 70%; 0-10 days prior 100%.

**RESORT INFO:** Wireless internet is available in the dining room and conference center cafe. For those with WF ready laptops access is free. Delos, Hill House and Mountain House have data ports. Delos connects via broadband; Hill & Mountain via dialup. Payphone available in conference center; bring phone card. Delos, Hill and Mountain have in-room telephones. There is no cell phone service in Phoenicia/Woodstock area. You may use fitness equipment, pool, tennis courts, cafe & bookstore. New spa facility open by appointment only.

**FOR MORE COMPLETE INFO VISIT:** WWW.MENLA.ORG
This experiential conference on shamanism and shamanic practice has been designed to offer both personal healing and continued education for practitioners.

KEYNOTES

Friday Morning
BECOMING A TEMPLE OF SPIRIT: ON SURRENDER, PRAYER AND SERVICE
Mandaza Kandemwa
In this morning circle Mandaza will open us to the ways of serving Spirit. He will speak of the practices that connect us to our Ancestors and to the gifts we carry. Together we will join in prayer, and deepen into surrender, thus becoming instruments of Spirit in honor of all living things.

Saturday Morning
HOLDING DREAMS IN REVERENCE
Mandaza Kandemwa
Dreams from the community will be called forth this morning as the Spirit working through Mandaza reunites us into a circle of Oneness. We will listen into the messages of our dreams to hear what Spirit is asking of us. Mandaza will teach us how to comprehend, foster and honor our dreams as well as the Great Source from which they flow.

CEREMONIES

Thursday – Sunday
DRUMMING CEREMONY OF SERVICE
What has come through from spirit is to hold an ongoing ceremony of continuous drumming that will allow us to do deep, connected ceremonial work as a sustained act of service to the world.

The continuous drumming will be dedicated to the primary intention for the conference, Deepening In Service to Life. It will be sustained for 24 hours a day from Thursday evening to Sunday noon as a powerful form of continuous prayer at the center of our gathering. The drumming will be done in pairs in 2-hour shifts. Each of the presentations, workshops and other ceremonies will connect to the same intention, so that all our energy will be aligned in a powerful and joyful way.

Two-hour blocks of time per pair allows the partners to drum together or to do relay drumming while the non-drumming partner can dance or chant or pray for the intention. At the change of shift, pairs also make it possible for one partner to continue the drumming while the other smudges the new arriving partners. If you wish to participate in this powerful experience, you can sign up at the time of registration.

Thursday Night
WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY
Northeast SSP Regional Group
The opening ceremony will bring us together with each other and with the land, blending waters that we will bring from our homelands and tying prayer ties of personal intentions for our time together that will prepare the sacred space for the 4-day continuous drumming.
Friday Night
SACRED DREAM CEREMONY

*Mandaza Kandemwa*

Dreams are a holy land where Spirit creates and communicates. Our dreams guide us to heal and to be of service in the world. We do not dream alone; we dream in the luminous web of Oneness. In this ceremony Mandaza will call on Spirit to open our dreams. He will translate some of the dreams that visit us this night in the community circle on Saturday morning.

Saturday Night
SANGRAAL COMMUNION CEREMONY

*Nita Renfrew and Tony Allicino, MA*

The Sangraal (Holy Grail) communion ceremony has its spiritual roots thousands of years ago in the shamanism of Central Asia (Mongolian, “sang” = “invocation” and “garal/gerel” = “source/ light”). In this ceremony we will energize and share bread and water after a Grail attunement, followed by a healing circle. Bring rattles and drums, intentions, and bottles of water to take home.

**FIVE-HOUR WORKSHOPS**

**THE FEATHERED CLOAK: INDIGENOUS SHAMANIC TECHNIQUES IN THE EARLY CELTIC SPIRITUAL TRADITION**

*Sharynne MacLeod NicMhacha*

This workshop will provide participants with an introductory yet thorough grounding in some of the most important shamanic elements of the early Celtic tradition. It will also give them a cultural and energetic ‘taste’ of a culturally-specific shamanic tradition. The shamanic journeys, guided meditations and ceremonies are tailored so that participants will have encountered spiritual power places and spirit guides they can continue working with after the workshop. In particular, the lore and chant associated with the Cauldrons of Wisdom can be utilized as a powerful daily devotional or shamanic practice at home.

**SPINNING STRAW INTO GOLD: THE CELTIC MEDICINE WHEEL AS A DAILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

*Jane Burns*

Based on the five spokes of the Celtic Medicine Wheel and its points of Prosperity (East), Music (South), Learning (West), Battle (North) and Sovereignty (Sacred Center), this program encourages the participant to spend one month of study (or one moon cycle) on the gifts related to each point of the wheel, and the ideals through which we access, experience and share these gifts with others: Generosity, Inspiration, Wisdom, Courage and Truth.

**VIRTUAL SHAMANISM: COMPREHENSIVE SHAMANISM FOR CRITICAL CARE PATIENTS**

*Pamela Albee, CCHT, CHI*

These processes have been developed over a four-year period working closely with the helping spirits and used for patients who had numerous acute and/or life-threatening healthcare issues after grave diagnosis or prognosis from the medical community. Many of these same processes have been applicable for pre/post op surgical patients, transplant recipients, stroke patients and cancer patients in recurrence.

**HAWAIIAN HEALING WITH HO’OPONOPONO: A SHAMANIC ASSESSMENT**

*Mark Perkins*

For practitioners who want to learn a potent Hawaiian healing technique and use shamanic journeying to
validate for themselves the effectiveness of this technique. Through discussion, prayer, honesty, ceremony and forgiveness, Ho'oponopono offers the ability to heal on mental, intra-personal, physical, temporal and spiritual levels.

PLANT SPIRIT HEALING WITH THE SPIRIT OF GRANDMOTHER AYAHUASCA
Leontine Hartzell, BA, CHT
This workshop involves no ingestion or physical presence of the Ayahuasca (Banisteriopsis caapi) plant. In this workshop participants will learn how to work with the pure light form of the spirit of Ayahuasca to do healing work with individuals. This is a unique opportunity to learn a powerful healing method that is not being taught by anyone else outside of South America.

CO-CREATING RITUAL AND SACRED SPACE WITH THE DYING AND THEIR BELOVEDS
Linda Secord, MA, MHA and Sarah MacDougall, MS, EdD
In our western culture, we all too often witness how difficult it is for the dying and their loved ones to experience the end of life process in sacred and meaningful ways. As Shamanic practitioners we live rich spiritual lives, and understand and know how to create sacred ritual and ceremony. This workshop aims to bridge this gap through conversation, shared experiences, and by exploring together our own simple and powerful shamanic practices.

TWO-HOUR PRESENTATIONS
CORN ORACLE – SHAMANIC HEALING THROUGH DIVINATION
Dara Harvey
Attendees will have an opportunity to observe and experience a divination process rooted in shamanic stone/bone casting traditions. The Oracle of the Corn is a spirit–designed form of divination that provides most aspects of shamanic healing: soul retrieval, extraction, and power animal retrieval as well as direct council from helping spirits. As a shamanic healing, this process will address a client’s need to better understand their souls purpose, why their life has followed a particular course and to embrace new actions, choices and healing to bring their life into alignment.

NATURE AWARENESS AND SHAMANISM
David Beck
Until recent times, humans have lived in harmony with their environment. These first people were able to sense and understand the natural world at a very intimate level. Today we have lost much of this connection. In this class we are going to strive to recapture a small piece of this birthright we have lost. Participants will learn to use body movement and shamanic awareness to move more naturally in the outdoors. This will enhance their connection to the earth and allow them to immerse themselves in the wilderness more fully.

HELPING CHILDREN RECLAIM A SHAMANIC WORLD VIEW
Elaine M Egidio, MCAT, LPC, ADTR
This presentation is a sharing of presenter's experience working with children in various settings including spirituality groups, private school setting, private practice teaching shamanic journey skills, and helping children reclaim a shamanic world view. They will experience and explore techniques, ceremonies, resources and insights.
Registration Information

DATES:
Conference: June 18–21, 2009

PLACE:
Menla Mountain Retreat and Conference Center
375 Pantherkill Road, Phoenicia, New York
www.menla.org  (845) 688–6897

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 20, 2009

REFUND POLICY:
A full refund for conference registration will be provided to those persons canceling prior to May 2, 2009. After May 2, 2008, a $100 processing fee will be charged. Please see Menla Mountain policies for housing refunds.

MORE INFORMATION:
Please contact the Society for Shamanic Practitioners
(760) 586–8252 or email: admin@shamansociety.org

Registration Form

Name: ____________________________________________________________
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MAIN CONFERENCE
❑ Member of the Society for Shamanic Practitioners $395.00
❑ Non-Member joining the Society (includes 1 year dues) $440.00
❑ Non-Member $475.00

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OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.SHAMANSOCIETY.ORG
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Registration deadline is May 20, 2009. Please mail the Conference Registration Form with your payment to the SOCIETY FOR SHAMANIC PRACTITIONERS at 2300 Eighth Street, Olivenhain, CA 92024. If paying by credit card you can fax form to 760-632-7905 or register online at www.shamansociety.org. Please make your housing arrangements through Menla Mountain at 845-688-8697.

GETTING TO MENLA MOUNTAIN: It is advised that you make travel arrangements well in advance. The closest airports are Stewart Airport in Newburgh, NY and Albany International Airport in Albany, NY. You may also fly into any of the major New York City airports and take a train or bus from New York City. All New York City airports connect to Port Authority Bus Terminal (for the Trailways bus 800-858-8555) or Penn Station (for Amtrak 800-872-7245). The Amtrak Rhinecliff train station is approximately 50 minutes from Menla. Taxi service is generally available at the Rhinecliff station. Comprehensive information available at www.menla.org.

WHAT TO BRING: We advise everyone to bring a drum or rattle, something to sit on such as a blanket or pillow, eye covering for journey work, a jacket for evenings, and any personal object you wish to embue with power during shamanic cerremonies.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY: The Society for Shamanic Practitioners, which respects all shamanic traditions, was formed in 2004 to help assist the re-emergence of shamanic principles and practice in modern society. We are an alliance of people deply committed to using shamanic knowledge and skills to heal the spiritual aspects of illness in people, their communities, and the environment. Learn more at www.shamansociety.org.

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