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## SPIRIT PASSAGES

C. Allie Knowlton LCSW, DCSW psychotherapist, shamanic healer /teacher and Evelyn C. Rysdyk, shamanic healer/teacher, and author of Modern Shamanic Living are founding practitioners of True North a unique, fully integrative medical center in Falmouth, Maine which offers shamanic healing--as one element of a multi-faceted approach to both regaining health and enriching wellness--to patients from around the country.

Sessions with Allie and Evelyn are booked by contacting:

SPIRIT PASSAGES  
202 US Route One  
Yarmouth, Maine 04105



## SPIRITED MEDICINE: Shamanism in Contemporary Healthcare

SSP has a new book coming out at the end of this year entitled "*Spirited Medicine: Shamanism in Contemporary Healthcare*," edited by Cecile Carson, MD, with Tom Cowan, José Stevens, and Bonnie Horrigan. Contributors include many Society members, and the book is an exciting contribution to the integration

of shamanism into modern western society, tracing by example how shamanism is shaping western healthcare and being shaped by it in turn. The book offers both a broad perspective on re-introducing soul into the healing process of western medicine, as well as clinical examples and practical strategies for healthcare and shamanic practitioners alike. It covers a broad range of healthcare settings: surgery, psychotherapy, rehabilitation medicine, family medicine, naturopathy, osteopathy, hospice care, and a general medical clinic to name a few.


The Society will be self-publishing this book in both print and e-book formats. We are embarking on a fundraising initiative with a goal of \$15,000 to cover the publishing costs. Please consider contributing and helping us to continue our important work of integrating shamanism into modern western society.

Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to Society for Shamanic Practitioners, PO Box 100007, Denver, CO, 80250-0007. Please make the check out to the Society for Shamanic Practitioners, stipulating in the memo line that this contribution is for the Spirited Medicine book. Or, you may donate online at [www.shamansociety.org](http://www.shamansociety.org).


## Looking For A Volunteer To Do Layout Work

SSP is looking for a volunteer with some experience to do the digital layout of the Spirited Medicine book (description above).

We can offer you a [business partner membership](#) and some promotional notice. Please contact Sara at

[sara@shamansociety.org](mailto:sara@shamansociety.org), or call 303-726-2922  303-726-2922.

## DANCING WITH THE RHYTHM OF CHANGE 6th UK Residential Conference

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**THANK YOU!!!**



SSP gratefully acknowledges the fabulous leadership, guidance and support offered by **Tom Cowan, Jane Burns and Jim Wood** at the East Coast Regional Shamanism Without Borders retreat. They facilitated a most excellent gathering that allowed SSP to continue its mission of supporting the re-emergence of shamanic practices in modern society, especially those that promote healthy individuals and viable communities.

**THE JOURNAL  
OF SHAMANIC  
PRACTICE**

**6th - 9th Sept 2012, Dorset, England**  
(Extra, Optional Pre-Conference Social Day on Wednesday, Sept 5th)

**Workshops and Ceremonies with...**

Jonathan Horwitz and Zara Waldeback \* Leo Rutherford \* Trisha Mulholland \* Annie Spencer \* Christiana Harle \* Beatrice Simmons-Heiz \* Duncan Wordley \* Jeff Stockton (Winner of World Storyteller 2012)  
Nicholas Breeze Wood and Faith Nolton \* John-Luke Edwards \* Shenoah Taylor \* Sarah Howcroft \* Robert Blake \* Steve Niner \* Taz Thornton \* Rosemary O'Toole \* Willem Hartman \* Sue Pennington \* Anna Ziman \* Stephanie Mills \* Mark Loman \* Grant Guindon

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Space still available. To book your place or ask a question [email Elsa](mailto:elisa@spiritpassages.org).



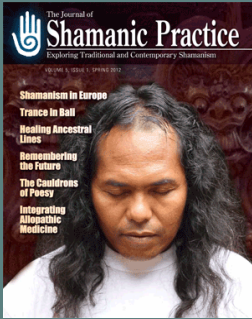
**DON MARTIN PINEDO ACUNA &  
MARCO NUNEZ ZAMOLLOA  
to join MARTHA LUCIER**

**at the SSP Canadian Conference  
in South River, ON, Canada**

**Friday, Sept. 21 - Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012**

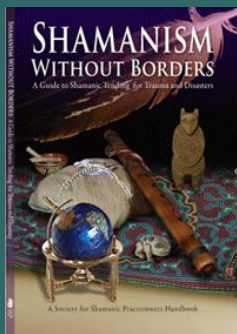
**Northern Edge Algonquin  
Awareness Retreat Centre**

CCSS is excited to be hosting the SSP Regional Canadian conference entitled "Shamanism Without Borders". Join SSP Board Member, Martha Lucier and Shamanic Practitioners from across Canada. We have the great honour of welcoming Don Martin Pinedo Acuna (El Condor, the Condor Shaman) and Marco Nunez Zamolloa (Shaman and Teacher) to the Shamanism Without Borders Conference in Canada as we bridge the medicine ways of the Andes of Peru. We are grateful to have these great



PDFs of all the journal articles from the Spring 2012 issue are now posted on the member's portion of our site, along with all previous journal articles. You will need your member name and password to access the journal archives page.

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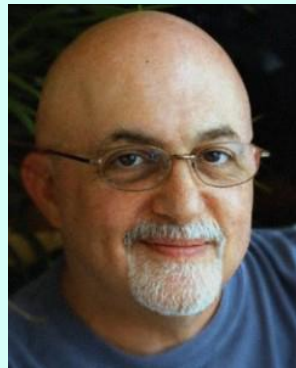
The Shamanism Without Borders - A Guide to Shamanic Tending for Trauma and Disasters is now available. In this handbook, produced by the SSP, experienced practitioners explain techniques and principles used by shamans throughout time to deal with trauma and disasters and how

healers with us in the North to share their ways of the South. They come to us in fulfillment of the ancient Inca prophecies that speak of the time when the Condor (South) once again shares the sky with the Eagle (North). Together we will re-connect our hearts and spirits with our great Mother Earth through sacred ceremony, wisdom teachings, and journeys that have been known for millennia by the Inca of Peru.

In this conference we will explore together, how as Shamanic Practitioners, we can respond to the spiritual needs of those who are suffering in this tremendous time of change. How can we be bridge builders bringing balance back to our world? What does 'Shamanism Without Borders' mean and how can we build strong, healthy and vibrant Shamanic Communities, to serve the highest good for the times we are living in?

We will weave together the wisdom from our dreams and journeys learning how to become 'Shaman's without Borders', dissolving that which keeps us separate, coming into love with all our relations. We will co-create ceremonies for healing the land, animals, and people, planting seeds of hope, compassion, comfort and healing. As we work together towards a common goal we transcend our individual lives bringing beauty to the world. Conference fee includes the SWB handbook.

[MORE INFO](#)




## TUESDAY CONVERSATION

**This Tuesday Conversation will take place on July 17th, 2012 on Restoring Spirits of the Land with David Franklin Farkas. Join us at 11am PDT, 2pm EDT, 6pm GMT.**

What do we do when things stop flourishing? What do we do when houses don't sell, businesses fail, and illness keeps cycling through the family? Where do we go when we sense that the very matrix of the energy that supports life is somehow torn or set asunder? This week guest, David Franklin Farkas, joins host, Christina Pratt to explore practical ways to clear and restore the energies in our physical world so that we are able to maintain good communication and reciprocity with the spirits of the land, the elementals, and the Earth herself. Years ago during a moment of prayerful asking how to repair a profound distortion in our energy world, David was shown the energetic geometry of the etheric ...

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## SHAMANISM WITHOUT BORDERS CONFERENCE

Hastings, Michigan

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Friday, Oct. 19 - Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012

Led by Kate Durda & Stephanie Tighe

The weekend will include a pilgrimage to the Kalamazoo River, to honor Water, and offer ourselves in service to transform ourselves and all Water back to perfection. As within, so without! May all be restored. During the weekend, we will dance and drum in Oneness with the Spirits, Earth and each other, share, journey, pray, play, and weave the web of Oneness with our intention focused upon healing within so that the dream of a healthy world may manifest. We call for a world of loving people who are in their power, and who are deep caretakers of all life!

[MORE INFO](#)

### Thank you for your donations to the SSP scholarship fund!

Please accept my deepest gratitude to all of you for the opportunity to participate in the SSP Hudson Valley Regional Conference by way of the scholarship that I was awarded. I came to the program with great anticipation and the weekend proved to be more than I could have imagined. Having the chance to sit beside, converse with, and work with practitioners and teachers from across the Northeast was incredible. The program allowed me to explore my own practice and develop a deeper relationship with the land and river my family has lived along for centuries. (My grandmother's mother was a Hudson.) Attached is a photo that another attendee took of a cairn I built at the end of the weekend in honor of the spirit I was called to represent.



As a young practitioner I can not thank you enough for providing this type of opportunity. Unfortunately many in my generation are limited by financial constraints (college loans...) and unemployment. My friends and I have often discussed how much we would love to participate in programs and trainings for shamanic practitioners but at \$300 and on into the thousands, they generally prove cost prohibitive. I can only hope that other organizations follow your example and offer opportunities to us in the future. There are so many in my age group who are currently in the

Drums & Rattles

Jewelry

helping professions that could benefit from learning about and experiencing this work in the amazing programs that the SSP and its members present.

Thank you again for providing me with this scholarship and membership in the SSP. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Regards,  
Bryan Flowers




## TURNING OUR OFFICE MORE GREEN

We are in the process of finding ways to cut costs for SSP, as well as be more environmentally friendly. Starting in July, we will start sending our membership receipt packets to members via email. If you would like to continue to receive a mailed member package instead, please email me with 'Keep Me on Snail Mail' in the memo line, and we will make note on your file.

ALSO, if you would like to help SSP be more environmentally conscious, please renew your membership on the first emailed request. The second and third notices currently go out via snail mail. The sooner you respond, the more we will all save!

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