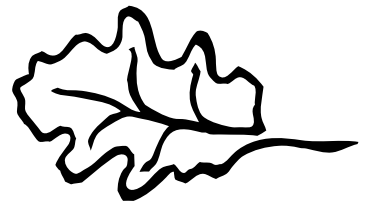
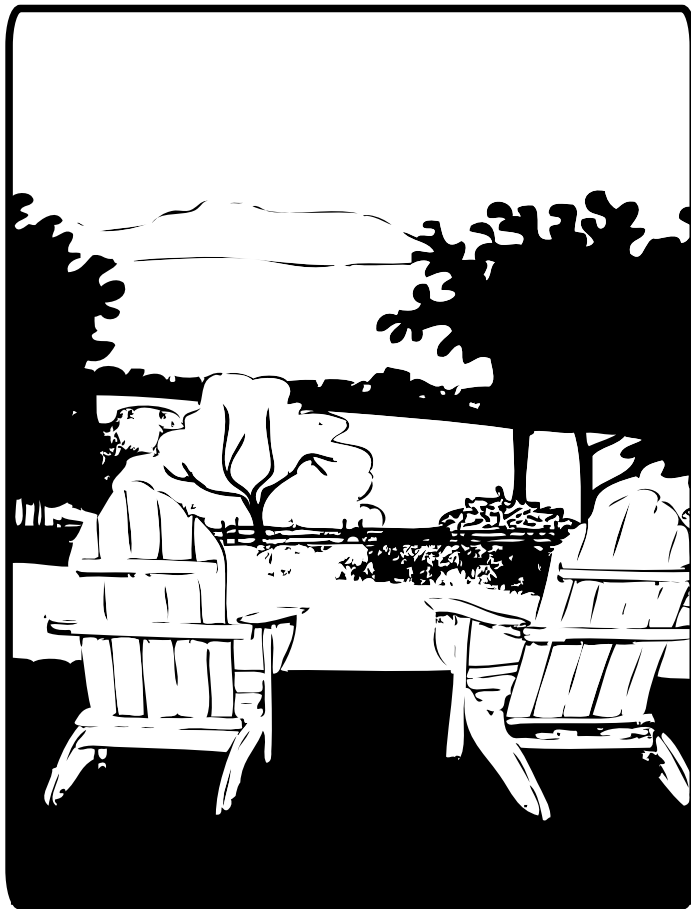


The Bishop's Ranch Spring/Summer 2012 Programs



The Bishop's Ranch
The Episcopal Diocese of California
5297 Westside Road
Healdsburg, CA 95448
Change Service Requested

Body and Soul: A Lenten Mini-Retreat for Women March 18-19, 2012

1 night/4 meals (Sunday dinner – Monday dinner)

Fee: Subsidized Rate - \$132.00 per person

Double Rate \$165.00 per person

Single Rate \$199.00 per person

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength." What would a truly integrated spirituality look like, a way of life that supported all of our being, even as it challenged us to live from a place of greater wholeness? What better time to explore a fuller way of being than during Lent when we're invited to take a break from our "business as usual" – even from our faith-as-usual – and go a little deeper.

We'd love to have you join us for this one-night "mini-retreat," which minimizes your time away while offering you a real change of pace.

Facilitated by the Rev. Whitney Roberson, priest, writer and experienced retreat leader, Body and Soul offers an opportunity to recognize the presence of divine Mystery in your life, to listen for the whisperings of your own deepest self, and to explore new ways of living and being in the world. Along the way, we'll get to know each other, share our joys and sorrows, questions and insights, hopes and fears. And we'll laugh a lot!

Encaustic Collage, Creative Exploration March 23-25, 2012

Fee: \$355 includes 2 nights lodging double occupancy in Webb Lodge, meals, and all art materials to bring home lots of wonderful art.

Join me, artist Lisa Thorpe, at an intimate workshop to explore encaustic collage techniques. We will create small collage pieces on wood using art papers, old maps, photos and other ephemera. The collage is then covered with hot encaustic medium (a mixture of resin and beeswax). Includes demos of techniques and lots of time to play and experiment. All materials are included and no prior experience is needed. Friday evening begins with dinner followed by a quiet evening for you to relax and settle in. Saturday studio time will be from 9:30-4 with a break for a delicious Ranch made lunch. After 4pm there's time for a hike or relaxing before a 6pm social, then off to another great Ranch dinner. The evening will be left to you, to read, relax and wander or return to the art center to explore on your own. Sunday morning we will resume our creative pursuits, there will be a post-lunch sharing circle, then clean up and pack up by 3pm.

Leader: Lisa Thorpe See some of Lisa's art at lisathorpe.com

Wildlands & Wildflower Walk March 24, 2012

\$15 includes 10am-3pm guided hike and box lunch

Spring is a wonderful time to explore the 343 acres of The Bishop's Ranch. Situated on rugged terraces above the Russian River, the Ranch lies between the wetter conifer forests to the west and north and the heavily cultivated river floodplain with its remnant riparian forest on the east. Join Sean Swift to explore lesser-known Ranch trails, find out what wildflowers are blooming, achieve spectacular views of the watershed from the hilltops and traverse little known sections of the Ranch trails. Be prepared to walk five miles with some changes in elevation, but the pace will be a rambling one, with time to discuss what we see.

Bring sturdy shoes, water, hat and raingear if necessary. Binoculars and camera might come in handy as well.

Silent Days in Holy Week Monday through Good Friday April 2-6, 2012

Rate Schedule per person single occupancy:

<i>Day Use</i>	<i>\$95.00</i>
<i>One Night</i>	<i>\$155.00</i>
<i>Two Nights</i>	<i>\$255.00</i>
<i>Three Nights</i>	<i>\$355.00</i>
<i>Four Nights</i>	<i>\$455.00</i>

Come away to a place of silence and solitude: an opportunity to enter the mysteries of the week we call holy. There will be worship, meditations, Taize chant, and, for those who are interested, time and space to work with Resident Artist Lisa Thorpe, making small altars, shrines, and odes.

The traditional services of the week, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will be offered. And each day: Holy Eucharist, silent meditation, appointments for conversation/guidance and/or the Sacrament of reconciliation, time to walk the grounds of the Ranch, rest and enjoy lovingly prepared meals. Your participation in the offered activities is optional; our purpose is to offer you the space you most need to prepare for Easter.

**The Ranch is able to offer a limited number of Sunday night accommodations (meals will be available as well). You are also invited to join Morning Prayer, Bible study and Eucharist on Monday. Please note: due to other group staying at the Ranch "Silent Days in Holy Week" will not officially begin until Monday afternoon. Please contact Shannon Reilly, Conference Coordinator, at (707)433-2440 ext. 106 or shannon@bishopsranch.org for more information.*

Spring Hands on Service Days April 14, 2012 & May 5, 2012

No Fee

This spring, there are two opportunities to help improve the environment of the Ranch through hands-on projects. Participants will work with Ranch staff to improve the gardens or work on conservation projects in the woods, depending on the day and the weather. Service Days are held on two Saturdays, 4/14 and 5/5, from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM and include lunch. These days are a great way to spend the day outside, learn new things about the Ranch environment, and meet new friends. Come broaden your knowledge of the Ranch and help create a more harmonious place of renewal for others. Wear work clothes and bring work gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes or boots, and a water bottle.

Song and Silence: The Music of Hildegard von Bingen

April 13-15, 2012

2 nights/6 meals (Friday dinner – Sunday lunch)
Standard Rate (3-4 per room) \$291.00 per person
Double Rate \$313.00 per person

Join a circle of voices in singing sacred chant that comes to us from 12th-century Christian mystic Hildegard von Bingen. Hildegard was a visionary, wisdom teacher, composer, singer, author, healer, and spiritual conscience for the patriarchy of her time. Her songs are made of exquisite melodies and inspiring poetic imagery that reach deep into the heart of the singer. Experience her music the way she shared it with the women and men who sang with her — in a restful, spirit-nourishing process of listening and singing together, through the ear to the heart.

Follow the daily pattern of Hildegard's Benedictine tradition, gathering several times each day to sing together. Hear stories of Hildegard's life and times and contemplate her visionary imagery. Enjoy plenty of silent time for meditation, reading, writing, drawing, walking, and relaxing. Open to everyone who enjoys singing or has always wanted to sing.

Retreat leader Devi Mathieu has been teaching Hildegard's music in the medieval oral tradition since 1996. She offers regular evening gatherings that give singers of all levels the opportunity to sing Hildegard's music as contemplative practice, under the auspices of Numina Center for Spirituality and the Arts. Devi also sings early and contemporary music in the US and Europe, coaches singers of early music, and helps individuals who think or have been told they can't sing to experience their singing voice.



EcoPilgrimage July 8th-11th, 2012

Cost for the EcoPilgrimage is \$425 per person, which includes lodging, all meals, boat rental, and transportation during the trip.

The EcoPilgrimage is a journey -- by boat and by foot -- through the Russian River watershed to the Sonoma Coast, highlighting the vibrant landscapes of The Bishop's Ranch and St. Dorothy's Rest.

The trip begins at the Ranch, where we leave chaparral forests and vineyards for the Middle Reach of the Russian River. Two days of peaceful paddling leads us to the redwoods at St. Dorothy's. From there we'll hike through the Willow Creek watershed and canoe the last stretch of the river to the sandy dunes and rocky coastline of the Pacific Ocean.

Related readings and speakers will help us learn about and appreciate each new ecosystem we discover along this adventure. Tasty meals will fuel our bodies, and an engaging chaplain will offer spiritual nourishment.

Writing in Ordinary Time

Week 1: August 5-10, 2012

Week 2: August 12-17, 2012

Each week is 5 nights/15 meals
(Sunday dinner – Friday lunch)

Single Rate \$640.00 per person/per week

Writing in Ordinary Time is a time to enter into the deep work of writing in the company of others. Modeled after Silent Days of Advent, Writing in Ordinary Time is offered to give writers a week or two to sink into the quiet places of creative work supported by facilitator Laurie Glover.

Attendees will be able to work through the course of each day, holding respectful silence amongst themselves—not interrupting one another's work (even if that work looks like staring into space or hiking). This silence will be within the not-so-silent activities of other groups sharing the Ranch during the same weeks.

Participants may register for both weeks with the understanding that the introductory activities at the start of each week are essential to building that week's community. Writers need not have any particular religious affiliation. We believe that creative work, with its inward attention, quietude, and sustained focus, is itself a spiritual practice. We ask that each participant approach their work anew: new or veteran writers starting new

work, or veteran writers seeking a fresh approach to ongoing work. Leave behind the pressures of getting published, networking, making career moves, or the fears of not being any good, and just write!

Dr. Laurie Glover is a poet, essayist and novelist. While she is published, she thinks that the most essential aspect of being a writer is the work of truth-telling, of honest self-expression, not achieving recognition. She has participated in several collaborations: with poet Maria Melendez, with writer Yosefa Raz, with historian Victor Silverman. She has been teaching writing since 1990, at UC Davis since 1997. She has facilitated artist and writer's retreats and writing workshops for ten years.

The Bishop's Ranch Quiet Day

August 18, 2012

1 day/2 meals (Saturday lunch and dinner)

\$75.00 per person

Come to the Ranch, enter the quiet.

This retreat day begins at 9:00 am and ends with sung Evensong. Step away from the phone, the computer, and the endless "to do list" to enter a time of stillness. Step into a contemplative space with a mix of silence and worship, movement and meditation, and of course, good food. Claim a space for the gift of simply being present in God.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check one or more:

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Silent Days in Holy Week - see rate schedule

I plan to arrive on April _____ and depart on April _____

Cost for that time period \$ _____

April Hands on Service Day

no fee

Song and Silence: The Music of Hildegard von Bingen

\$291 Standard Occ. \$313 Double Occ.

May Hands on Service day

no fee

The day will close with a delicious, soul nurturing dinner, followed by an Evensong service sung by the Grace Cathedral Boys Choir with reception to follow.

Diocese of California Benedictine Experience

July 8-15, 2012

7 nights/21 meals (Sunday dinner – following Sunday lunch)

Experience the quiet, discipline, and community of a contemplative retreat sponsored by The Friends of St. Benedict and the Diocese of California. The Experience is a time to nurture and strengthen our daily lives through prayer and spiritual companionship. Modeled after the balanced way of life set out by St. Benedict in his rule, participants take part in an ordered day of prayer, study, work, and leisure.

For more information, including cost, and to register please contact Dorothy Jones at (415)381-3235 or dcndort@comcast.net

EcoPilgrimage

\$425

Writing in Ordinary Time

Week 1: \$640 Single Occ.

Week 2: \$640 Single Occ.

The Bishop's Ranch Quiet Day

\$75

I authorize my Visa or Mastercard to be charged for the amount of \$ _____

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I have enclosed a check payable to The Bishop's Ranch in the amount of \$ _____.

Mail registration form to:

The Bishop's Ranch
5297 Westside Road
Healdsburg, CA 95448

For more information contact us at 707-433-2440x106 or shannon@bishopsranch.org