

PROGRAM 2018

For all activities, costs for accommodation and meals to be covered by DCH donation plus contributing some food to share.

Monthly meditation practice

On the second Saturday of the month, from Friday 6pm to Sunday 9am.

Silent time of contemplation with intense meditation. See website: ../meditprogram.pdf

Dates for monthly meditation practice:

Feb. 9-11 / March 9-11 / April 13-15 / May 11-13 / June 8-10 / July 13-15 / Aug. 10-12 / Sept. 7-9 / Oct. 12-14 / Nov. 9-11 / Dec. 7-9.

We are ready to organise some time of introduction to meditation if someone wishes it.

Bi-monthly community days

Regular community days = working bee + lunch + sharing – 9am to 4 pm: 30 June / 22 Sept. (AGM) / 20 Oct.

Sat. 17 - Sun. 18 February:

Listening to the Voice

Workshop. From Sat 9am to Sun 5pm.

Facilitators: Yves and Ursula de Morsier

In our everyday life we never stop being guided. Yet we need to learn how to listen to this discrete inner voice which is so subtle and remains too often unheard.

We will investigate the many ways of listening: to other people, to nature, to the inner voice, to the many gifts of the Spirit; and see how it can deeply change our life when we live rooted in this inner inspiration.

Fri. 2nd March – Wed. 7 March:

Insight Meditation – 5 days

Teacher: Lesley Lebkowicz

Organiser: Mary McLean

This is a retreat of 5 days, organised by the Insight Meditation Group (Vipassana in the Burmese Buddhist tradition). DCH offers the venue. Fees will apply. If you are interested or wish to participate, please contact Mary McLean: maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com

Sat. 17 March:

Bi-monthly community days

Usually on the third Saturday of the month, Sharing from 9am to 5pm.

We are all One! After the experience of last year we noticed that these monthly community days do not seem to answer the needs of participants.

Therefore we propose to organise a day of sharing on the 17th March to rethink how we could create good conditions for true community experience. You'll receive beforehand a text to prepare the ground for this discussion. From there another practice at DCH could develop. It seems essential to be able to develop this quality of sharing as a community if we want to grow into more mature beings. Later this year (Nov.) we will organise a workshop to deepen our reflexion on this theme.

Sat. 19 – Sun. 20 May:

Observation, most powerful tool

Workshop. From Sat 9am to Sun 5pm.

Facilitators: Yves and Ursula de Morsier

We live in an incarnated world that seems to hide the invisible Reality. Yet we can learn how it also reveals this mystery to us when we become able to

observe with detachment. Observation is the most powerful tool to help us to see what is as it is truly. We may then be set free from our false representations... and from suffering.

We will investigate how we can apply the tool of observation to the outer world, to the laws that rule our daily lives, to others, to our own inner states of mind and discover how the false constructs in our mind may hopefully dissolve and how this may open us to a new vision of Reality.

Sat. 23 June 23 + Sat. 1st December:

Enneagram 4

Workshop. Twice on Sat. from 9am to 5pm.

Facilitators: Ursula de Morsier and Jan Midena

After 2 weekends of training (2015+2016) and a couple of meetings last year, we will continue our investigation and sharing into the spiritual dimensions of the Enneagram.

The Enneagram is a system of 9 characters which are interactive; we are shown how we can evolve and develop our special gifts.

Everyone may join if you know to what space of the Enneagram you "belong". Ask us for advice.

Sat. 21 – Sun. 22 July:

Money, Work and Generosity

Workshop. From Sat 9am to Sun 5pm.

Facilitators: Yves and Ursula de Morsier

We usually have very preconceived ideas about what role money, work and generosity play in our lives. They seem to be linked but also opposed.

We will investigate how these three energies are supporting each other when we dare to recognise their respective true functions and meanings. This new recognition may help us to be more in tune

with the laws of the Universe than with the laws of market, with new attitudes for every day.

Sat. 25 – Sun. 26 August:

Theatre of the soul:

Reclaiming your spontaneity

Workshop. From Sat 9am to Sun 5pm

Facilitators: David Oliphant and Angela Young

Spontaneity is how we bring the life of the soul into relationship. Rather than as isolated individuals, everything worth doing is a co-creation. This workshop will look at what matters to you, whether past, present or future, imaginary or real. The producer and group help their protagonist set out his or her own world. This is not a performance, rather provides freedom within bounds, to experience and express. The process is playful and experimental as well as immensely respectful. We use J L Moreno's action method of learning.

Fri. 26 October – Sun 4 November:

Insight Meditation – 5 or 9 days

Teacher: Lesley Lebkowicz

Organiser: Mary McLean

This is a retreat of 5 or 9 days (your choice), organised by the Insight Meditation Group. Same thing as above (see as for March 2-7).

Sat. 17 – Sun. 18 November:

Individualism, Friendship, Community: what is true Love?

Workshop. From Sat 9am to Sun 5pm.

Facilitators: Yves and Ursula de Morsier

We live in a society which promotes individualistic values and our economic system (market, welfare state) has totally taken charge of us: either we are consumers or workers or assisted people. In this context that seems to reject our creativity and

reduce us to simple cogs, what are then our potentials and roles as full beings to develop true human relationships of solidarity?

We will investigate how our market exchanges have replaced direct human relationships and reciprocity; or how our possibilities for true relationships with friends seem to be rather limited to “leisure time” (sharing a meal / holidays / sport games) that remains only at the periphery of our everyday life. How can we dare to develop links of solidarity which may involve us together in a common “work” that could build true community? a community which may allow us to better decide about our daily conditions of life; in which we may, each of us, be valued for who we are (unique); and how can this experience of community become the place where we learn what Love is truly?

Booking and fees

If you intend to participate, please contact us.

The only income of DCH is through donations. You are invited to participate free of charge but are also asked to leave a donation that will allow someone else you do not know to take part later in another meeting.

Bank references: see on cover page.

Working bees

The infrastructure at DCH is adapted for welcoming around 12-15 people. It means there is a lot of work of maintenance to be done; we need your precious help. You are welcome to stay here for free for a longer time if you are ready to give a hand.

Participate in our regular working bees.

Enrol in our list of regular workers.

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Desert Creek House is:

- *A place for prayer and contemplation, in a search for unity.*
- *A place for a simple way of life, in a search for harmony with nature.*
- *A place for sharing and community, in a search for reciprocity.*

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Main activities in this year:

- 11x regular meditation (2nd Sat. of the month),
- restarting our regular community days,
- 2x meditation retreats by the Insight Meditation Group (5days in March, 9 days in October),
- 4x two-day workshops examining who we are and how we live (Febr., May, July, Nov.),
- 1x “Theatre of the Soul” experience (Aug.),
- 2x one-day workshops about the Enneagram (June and December).

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