



Institute of World Culture
Program for 2009

Theme: Spiritual Values in a World Culture (Aim 5)

January 10, 2009

Seminar

Gandhian Principles for Social Change

Speaker: Dr. Veena Howard

January 11-17, 2009

Retreat

A Hands-on Gandhian Retreat:

A Brief Ashram Experience in Santa Barbara

Coordinator: Renée Tillotson, Sandhya Tillotson

January 24, 2009

Forum

Exploring Plato's Dialogue, the *Phaedrus*

Discussion Leader: Robert Moore

February 7, 2009

Forum

Recovering the Spiritual Heritage of Indonesia

Speaker: Richard North

February 21, 2009

Forum and Film

Exploring *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Coordinator: Dr. Judy Saltzman

February 28, 2009

Excursion and Live Performance

***A Midsummer Night's Dream* at PCPA**

Coordinator: Dr. Judy Saltzman

March 7, 2009

Forum

The Science of Leonardo da Vinci

Discussion Leader: Joseph Miller

March 21, 2009

Seminar

Behind the Looking Glass

Speaker: Dr. Sherry L. Ackerman

March 28, 2009

Excursion

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Gardens

Coordinator: Dr. Carolyn Dorrance

April 4, 2009

Forum

Exploring the Culture of Bhutan

Speakers: Kathy Stiles and Dr. Robert Reynolds

April 25, 2009

Forum

Conversation on the Messages of the Dalai Lama

Speaker: Professor Nandini Iyer

May 23, 2009

Seminar

The Way of the Seeker

Speaker: Pravrajika Vrajaprana

June 6, 2009

Forum

Emerson on *Circles*

Discussion Leader: Joseph Miller

June 13, 2009

Seminar

The Ancient Way of Self-Discovery

Speakers: Cliff Tillotson and Robert Moore

July 4, 2009

Founding Day Talk

Faith and Reason in the American Founding Vision

Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Dorrance

July 11, 18, 25, 2009

Film Series and Discussion

- *The Fountain*
- *Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring*
- *Rumi: Poet of the Heart*

Host: Robert Moore

August 1, 2009

Forum

Impressionism as a Philosophy of Life

Speaker: Arden Rose

August 15, 22, 2009

Films and Discussion

- *Teacher of Wisdom, Jesus of Nazareth*
- *The Razor's Edge*

Host: Robert Moore

September 5, 2009

Forum

Thoreau's Discovery of the Sacred in Man and Nature

Discussion Leader: Gerry Kiffe

September 19, 2009
Original Film
The Dynamic Dimensions of Yellowstone
Speakers: Russ and Gerry Lewin

October 3, 2009
Seminar
The Cult of Knowledge in Islam
Speaker: Racha El Omari

October 10, 2009
Annual Membership Meeting
Brainstorming the 2010 Program

November 7, 2009
Forum
**Neuroplasticity and the Possibilities
of Brain/Mind Transformation**
Speaker: Jonathan Colbert

November 21, 2009
Seminar
**Scientific Perspectives on the
Fullness of the Seeming Void**
Speaker: Kim Miller

December 5, 2009
Seminar
Spiritual Expressions in Art
Speaker: Joyce Johnson

December 19, 2009
Reception
Seasonal Celebrations