

# Program Goals:

- ♣ For participants to get in touch with the spiritual dimensions of the natural world;
- ♣ For participants to get in touch with their own spiritual natures;
- ♣ For participants to harmonize their spiritual natures and connect more intimately to the natural world;
- ♣ To help participants see the natural world as something to be revered and not simply resources to meet human needs.

“Perhaps the most important thing we can do as adults is to share and discuss our spirituality... unfortunately, this is often taboo in our society.”

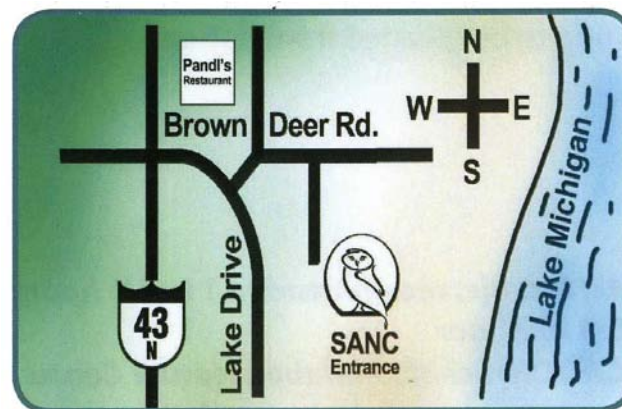
- Don Quintenz



We all have a spiritual nature whether or not we choose to recognize it. Spirituality shouldn't be confused with religion. It's about our relating to the reality all around us – matter and spirit, inert and living, secular and sacred. It's about relating to a reality that includes the natural world that we grew out of and that continues to sustain and nurture our existence.

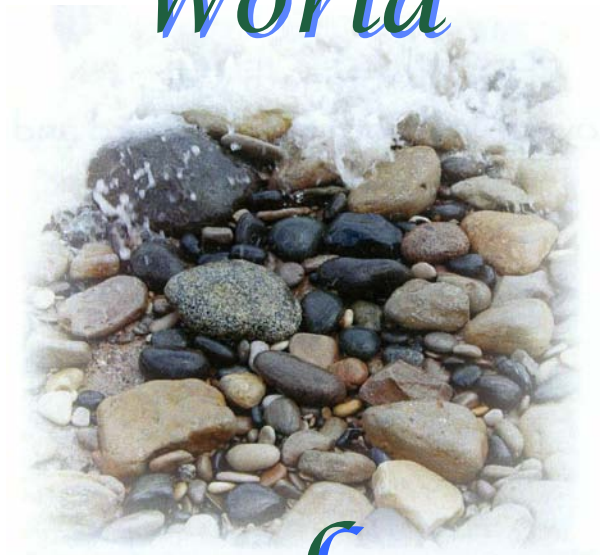
Our human nature is integrally linked to the natural world and our overall health, wellbeing, and fulfillment is dependent upon our reclaiming this intimate relationship to the natural world.

*This brochure reflects the monthly night time series; for more information, contact John Hoff at 262-309-9933. There also is a monthly daytime series; contact Don Quintenz at 414-352-2880, ext 156, for more information or a brochure.*



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# Evening Spiritual World



# of Nature

July-December 2010

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The Schlitz Audubon  
Nature Center

# Program Topics

## Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 PM

Audubon Teacher **John Hoff** will present **The Story of the Universe**. Thomas Aquinas once said, "If we make a mistake about creation, we make a mistake about its Creator." Come explore the implications of learning this story revealed by science, one that traces our common origin back to a dying star and beyond. We have relations that perhaps we never knew we had and this could change everything.

## Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 PM

Psychotherapist **Tom Galten** will facilitate a discussion on **Buddhism and Nature**. Buddhism, among the living faith traditions of the world, is more oriented to the natural world than are many, especially the religions of the west. Buddhist metaphors for the self, its understanding of the human condition and its conception of the liberation of consciousness all tend to evoke the processes and dynamics of nature. Today's discussion will consider the Buddhist tradition and its deliberate and subtle basis in the natural world.

## Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 PM

**New Album Release Party: "Summer Rain" with Dennis Hawk.**

In this musical presentation Dennis will combine Native American story-telling with music selections from his newly released vocal album, "Summer Rain." Revel in a performance full of

*"We are dancing flames committed to conquering darkness and challenging those who threaten the planet, and the magic and mystery of life."*

-Anonymous participant

- Reservations recommended –
- call 414-352-2880, ext. 0
- Light snacks and refreshments will be provided
- Fee: \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members

wisdom, humor, and music. Note that Dennis will also be presenting **Celebrating Fall: A Native American Perspective** from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Call the Center or visit SANC's website for more information.

## Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 PM

**Philip Chard Book Signing: Nature's Way**  
In his new book, *Nature's Way*, psychotherapist Philip Chard, a leader in the emerging field of eco-psychology, examines how nature interaction helps us overcome debilitating feelings, heal emotional wounds, gain self-understanding, nurture creativity, clarify life purpose, and grow spiritually. Come hear Philip share compelling stories that illustrate the vital role of the natural world in nurturing personal well-being and spiritual vitality and buy his new book!



## Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 PM

Jungian Analyst and Ecopsychologist **Dennis Merritt** will present **Using Dreams to Develop a Sacred Connection with Nature**

Dreams can be worked with to develop a sense of the sacred in nature and establish a sense of place. Dreams of particular landscapes, plants, animals, or forces in nature may be ways of depicting our soul as it appears in nature. A Jungian ecopsychological framework offers a conceptualization of dreams and ways of working with them that can lead to an indigenous sense of the sacred and symbolic in nature. Have you been wondering about your dreams?

## Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 PM

**Dennis Hawk**

Dennis' presentation will feature Native America inspired music and story-telling with selections from his in-progress album titled, "Diamonds." Note that Dennis will also be presenting **Celebrating Winter: A Native American Perspective** from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Call the Center or visit SANC's website for more information.