

Sisters of Earth Conference

Sharing the Wisdom, Shaping the Dream

July 7-10, 2016

Presentation Center*

19480 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA



* **An extraordinary venue** will host the 2016 Sisters of Earth Conference. The Presentation Retreat and Conference Center (a mission of the Presentation Sisters) is nestled in California's Santa Cruz Mountains on 67 acres. It is a LEED** Gold Certified Center and a rare jewel of sustainable architecture at the leading edge of the green movement. It offers gracious hospitality, delicious cuisine, and ample space to gather. Come experience this straw-bale / solar power conference center tucked among the great Redwoods.

** Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - more information: www.presentationcenter.org

2016 Conference Theme:

Zest for Life

Partnering with Our Sacred Earth Community

with special guest presenters:



Beata Tsosie-Peña
Santa Clara Pueblo
Española, NM



Melina Laboucan-Massimo
Lubicon Cree
Little Buffalo, Alberta



Birgit Weiler
rep for Awajún + Wampis
Amazon region of PERU



Jihan Gearon
Navajo + Black American
Flagstaff, AZ

Our presenters will lead us in morning presentations and dialogue toward strengthening our Earth community. Each has been specially chosen because of the environmental impact of industry - oil, gas, uranium, nuclear, gold, forestry - in their communities and their own notable prophetic witness on behalf of environmental health and justice.

Afternoon sessions will explore responses to the morning material and ways of partnering with Earth's creativity, her human initiatives, and her zest for life.

Sisters of Earth is an informal network of women who share a deep concern for the ecological and spiritual crises of our times and who wish to support one another in work toward healing the human spirit and restoring Earth's life support systems. We are teachers, gardeners, artists, writers, administrators, workshop and retreat givers, mothers, contemplatives and activists ... in the US, Canada and beyond. This network of sharing and support is open to all women whose life and work would identify them as Sisters of Earth. Since 1994 we hold a conference every two years in different parts of the US. We encourage local/regional groups to meet during the off years.

More information: www.sistersofearth.wikispaces.com

The **2016 Sisters of Earth Conference** features ... from sunrise to sunset ...

- Great opportunities to network with kindred spirits - to share, inspire and be inspired, cross-pollinate ideas, support and encourage;
- Earth prayer and ritual;
- Panelist engagement during two mornings – witness women's stories, courage and wisdom;
- SOE guided afternoon offerings related in some way to the morning;
- SOE Art/Action Exhibits and Market Place;
- Experience of the L.E.E.D. certified Presentation Center;
- Time to walk among and breathe with coastal redwoods;
- Evening socials.

Conference cost: (includes room, meals and tuition, and \$15 membership fee)

	<u>by April 1st</u>	<u>/ after April 1^s</u>
• private room	\$375	/ \$395
• shared room (double occupancy)	\$340	/ \$360
• commuter:	\$180	/ \$195

Travel Options:

Greyhound Bus: into **San José** 70 S Almaden Ave: A 30-min drive to/from the Presentation Center.

Amtrak: into **San José** Diridon Station, 65 Cahill St: A 30-min drive to/from the Presentation Center.

A pick-up will be arranged for you from/to the bus or train station for \$20 each way or \$40 roundtrip.

Air Travel: closest airport is **Mineta San José (SJC) International Airport**

This airport is a 30-min drive to/from the Presentation Center. Factor in a roundtrip shuttle cost. This cost ranges from \$30/person roundtrip if shared with six others each way; as high as \$170 roundtrip if alone in the shuttle each way. ***The most cost-saving group shuttle rides will be coordinated once travel information is received from everyone.*** On July 7th if possible please arrive into San José airport no earlier than 11am and no later than 3pm. On July 10th plan to depart no earlier than 2pm. July 7th/10th shuttles will be reserved every hour from 12/noon to 4pm. When registering, please note which shuttle times best suit your travel plans. If you are unable to do this at time of your registration, simply indicate that you will require a shuttle service.

Although it is possible to arrive at Oakland (OAK) or San Francisco (SAO), we will not be coordinating shuttles from these airports. Either is about a one hour drive to Los Gatos. Contact the Registrar/Transport Coordinator, Allysyn Kiplinger, to inquire about shuttle services and costs. Email: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

Deadline for entry into the SOE Directory is May 31, 2016.



Sisters of Earth 2016 Membership Form

The membership directory is printed every two years just before each Sisters of Earth Conference. Membership entitles you to a printed and/or Excel copy. [Note: Now there will only be one phone number and email address, so please complete this section even if renewing.] If your statement of Earth interest remains the same, just write “the same” in the space OR provide new language!

[Please print clearly](#)

Name: _____

Affiliation (example: CSJ): _____

Organization / Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Phone: (_____) _____

Preferred Email: _____

Short Statement of Earth Interest:

I would like a printed directory _____ and/or Excel file _____

Note: If you are registering for the 2016 Conference, please email this form separately to Loretta at loretta502@embarqmail.com or mail it to her address below. **The \$15 (USD) membership fee is included in the registration fee.**

If you are not attending the 2016 conference, or at any other time, please return this form with the \$15 fee (USD) to the address below, making the check payable to ‘**Sisters of Loretta.**’

Loretta Peters, FS
219 Shalley Drive
Plymouth, IN 46563

Questions about Membership:
Email or call Loretta (574) 936-1246

Sisters of Earth 2016 Conference Registration Form

July 7 – 10, 2016

Presentation Center – 19480 Bear Creek Road – Los Gatos, California

Registration Opens December 15th, 2015

Please mail this form along with your check made payable to **'Sisters of Loretto'** to:
Sisters of Earth 2016 Conference, c/o Allysyn Kiplinger, Conference Registrar
3772 Leighton Street, Oakland, CA 94611

Questions or concerns about registration?

Contact the registrar, Allysyn Kiplinger, at (510) 420-0696 or email: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code _____

Email _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

CONFERENCE FEES *Please register early to take advantage of our Early Bird discount!*

Full conference fee includes the conference, room and all meals and \$15 membership fee. It does not include transportation cost from/to the airport or from/to bus or train station.

Single Room \$375 by April 1 / \$395 after April 1 \$ _____

Double Room \$340 by April 1 / \$360 after April 1 \$ _____

Preferred Roommate(s) _____, _____

Commuter Rate \$180 by April 1 / \$195 after April 1 \$ _____

Commuter rate includes the conference, lunches & dinners and the \$15 membership fee.

EXTRA NIGHTS at Presentation Center

If, because of travel necessities, you need to arrive one night early (July 6th) and/or stay an extra night (July 10th) there is an added charge of **\$70/night**. This does not include meals.

\$70 per night at # _____ of nights \$ _____

Date(s) of your extra nights: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED - Check payable to **'Sisters of Loretto'** \$ _____

REFUND POLICY

We offer a full refund, minus a \$50 non-refundable deposit, if cancellation is received by **June 1, 2016**. After June 1, 2016 there is no refund unless your case deems a compassionate consideration by the SOE Planning Committee or you/we find a replacement.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We strive to keep conference costs as low as possible. We are aware that some of you may have difficulty paying the full cost. Some scholarships are available. If you need assistance please contact the Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Joan Brown joankansas@swcp.com and Dorothy Calvani dorothycalvani@gmail.com with your specific request.

MEALS and SPECIAL NEEDS

Presentation Center can accommodate these special needs: *(please indicate)*

Vegetarian Gluten-free

Other dietary needs: refrigerators are available in all the sleeping areas for your own food.

I require ADA/wheelchair accessible accommodations.

Please let Allysyn know if you have other special needs. Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

EXHIBIT & MARKETPLACE

I would like half a table (3' long)

I would like a full table (6' long)

EARLY MORNING OR AFTERNOON EMBODIMENT EXPERIENCES

If you would like to lead a short session in yoga, dance, singing, music, please provide us with information and the committee will get back to you as the planning continues.

Comment: _____

By **May 1st**, please send this transportation information to Allysyn so that necessary arrangements can be made for coordinating shuttles and so forth.

Allysyn Kiplinger, SOE Conference Registrar, 3772 Leighton Street, Oakland, CA 94611
email: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

TRANSPORTATION (please see Travel Options section above)

If you are driving to the conference, might you be willing to pick up Sisters of Earth from San Jose airport, or from Oakland or San Francisco airports?

If you have specific transportation offers, please also contact Allysyn: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

Yes, I am driving and can pick-up (#) _____ from _____ airport.

Arrival time on July 7th: [Note: Please try to arrive at San José airport between 11am and 3pm.]

I am arriving by **AIR** _____
(Time) (Airline and Flight #) (Airport)

I need a shuttle ride from San José airport to PC: 12:00 1pm 2pm 3pm 4pm
[I'm aware that the cost depends on how many share the same shuttle ride.]

I am arriving into San José by **AMTRAK** - Time: _____ **BUS** - Time: _____
[Arrive into San José train/bus stations only. Try to arrive between 11am and 3pm.]

I will need a ride from the train / bus station to the Presentation Center.

Departure time on July 10th to San José airport: _____

I need a shuttle ride to San José airport, leaving PC at: 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00
[I'm aware that the cost depends on how many share the same shuttle ride.]

I will need a ride to the train/bus station from the Presentation Center. Time: _____

I will leave by car and I can take others to a station or airport.

Comment: _____
