

# Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions

A CONVOCAATION OF GAY MEN  
TO EXPLORE AND CREATE  
THEIR SPIRITUAL DESTINY  
ON AN AWAKENING PLANET



## Why We Are Gathering

In our sanctuaries we see and affirm the beauty in one another. When we gather we always marvel at who we are; always more than we thought possible. Let us come together to once again share a spirit of communion and celebrate our diversity.

The earth cries out for the active love and participation of all of its inhabitants. As gay men our time of exile is over. It is time for us to come out and offer our wisdom. As heirs of a shamanic tradition, we possess the sensitivity and energy for an essential role in the transformation of the planet.

Individually we are coming to acknowledge the gifts, talents, and power which enable our particular contribution. Let us convene to further discover and nurture this potential. Let us gather to construct a light-bearing, collective consciousness from our individual experience and insight.

We deserve to share more fully who we are to ourselves, and to our parent society. Let us claim personal dominion and express ourselves freely. Let us love one another unencumbered and believe in the union of our sexuality and spirituality. Let us experience the vortex of our collective dreaming.



Conference  
16 Stuyvesant Rd.  
Biltmore Forest, NC 28803



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## Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING - Cabins hold six or eight men. Requests for cabinmates will be honored as much as possible. You need not specify the entire list to room with a few friends:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS - This conference fee includes all meals from Friday supper to Sunday lunch. Will you arrive before 12:30 Friday for lunch? Yes No  
Which do you prefer? Vegetarian Non-vegetarian  
Other dietary considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORTATION - Please check where applicable.

\_\_\_ My car will have room for \_\_\_ additional passengers. Have others contact me by \_\_\_ mail \_\_\_ phone. (Phone number desired for this is: \_\_\_\_\_.)

\_\_\_ I am flying to Atlanta and would like information on the shuttle at \$50 round trip. (Friday, 11/2/90, flight arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_  
For best results, flights should arrive before 1:00 p.m.)

\_\_\_ I am flying to Asheville Airport and would like assistance with transportation.  
(Date and time of flight's arrival: \_\_\_\_\_.)

\_\_\_ I would appreciate assistance in arranging transportation from: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT - The registration fee is \$142.50 per person.

\_\_\_ Full payment enclosed in form of \_\_\_ check \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Visa.  
Credit Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
This constitutes complete registration. Mail this to:

The Mountain  
Highlands Camp and Conference Center  
841 Highway 106  
Highlands, NC 28741

\_\_\_ I am enclosing a partial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
and request a scholarship for the remainder. This registration will be processed when the scholarship fund allows. Mail this to:

The Conference Committee  
c/o Michael Head  
99 Beech Glen Rd.  
Mars Hill, NC 28754

## What



A two-day conference with keynote speakers, workshops, and sharing circles has been organized. Visionaries, mentors, and elders have been invited to present ideas, lead discussions, and inspire thought. We seek the synergy of active participants who will unfold new understanding and soul-sharing. Let us work with intention and emotion to create a new paradigm.

## Who



This conference has been created by and for adult gay men.

Does your heart soar when you read these dreams and ambitions? Do you yearn for the next step in our collective self-discovery? Are you excited by networking with brothers of spirit? Do you enjoy the spontaneous celebrations when faeries gather? If a voice within urges you to participate, please come.



## Presenters



A light inside our beings draws us together. Now is the time to harvest our mentors, sages, and adepts to be; a time to honor the elder wisdom and cast visions and collaborations of what can be.

### Harry Hay: "Where We Have Been and Where We Are Now"

Harry comes as an acknowledged modern-day "Father of Gay Liberation". He founded the Mattachine Society in the early '50's; the first politically successful organization of Gays. Harry remains committed to the exploration of Gay consciousness and spirituality.

### Franklin Abbott: "History, Integrity and Transformation"

Franklin is a psychotherapist with a private practice in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the editor of *New Men, New Minds: Breaking Male Traditions*, and *Men and Intimacy: Personal Accounts Exploring the Dilemmas of Modern Male Sexuality*, both published by *The Crossing Press*.

### Andrew Hamer: "Roots of Our Culture in the Gay Tribes of the Ice Ages"

Andrew is a writer, artist and musician. Part of his work is to walk with us back into a memory of prehistory so that we can honor our power and visions; not only for ourselves, but for everyone on the planet.



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## Workshops

### Franklin Abbott: "Sunday Healing Circle"

### Chuck Akerland: "Tantric Erotic Massage"

Chuck will explain techniques for moving erotic energy through the body by use of massage and conscious breathing.

### John Burnside and Harry Hay: "Sex Magic"

### Steven Greer: "Androgyny and the Evolution of Consciousness"

"In this workshop we will explore the unique advantage which Gay people, as the natural expression of androgyny, have in the evolution of higher states of consciousness."

### Crazy Owl: "Civilization Is the Disease, or Who Is and Who Is Not a Shaman"

### Andrew Ramer: "Healing Our Ancestors and Blessing Our Heirs Ritual"

### John R. Stowe: "Flowers, Devas and You. Establishing a Personal Connection with Nature"

\*Additional workshops to be announced at the conference

## When



The Conference will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 1990. Harry Hay will give the first address at 8:00 p.m. You are welcome to arrive any time during the day or evening Friday. The Conference will close at the noon meal Sunday, November 4, 1990.

## How



Registration forms are attached to this brochure. The registration form should be returned with full payment to:

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## Where



The conference will take place at The Mountain, a retreat and conference center in Western North Carolina near the town of Highlands. This beautiful mountain-top camp provides heated cabins for six to eight men. Meals with a vegetarian option will also be provided.

The total cost is \$142.50 per person which pays for two nights, six meals, and the program. Visa and Master Card are accepted. If you can afford to donate an extra amount, it will be used to pay for others who require assistance. If there are funds in excess of scholarship requirements and conference expenses, the money will be kept in an account for future conferences.

Scholarships to attend will be available as donations allow. The registration fees are necessary to cover the conference costs. If you require scholarship assistance to attend, please send your registration form with as much partial payment as possible to:

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Mars Hill, NC 28754

## What to Bring



Warm clothing, rain gear, and a flashlight will be helpful. Sheets, blankets, and towels will be provided by the conference center. No pets are allowed.

## How to Get There



Detailed directions will be provided upon registration for those able to drive to the conference center. A shuttle service between the Atlanta Airport and the Conference Center may be available for \$50 round trip if there are enough people requesting it at a common time. Please arrange flights with arrival times before 1:00 p.m. to facilitate this arrangement. Rides from the Asheville Airport may also be possible.

The registration forms also request information on ride-sharing opportunities which will be passed along to those who request it. We hope this assistance will help, but please understand that each registrant is individually responsible for his own transportation to and from the conference.

## Contact



For questions regarding fully paid registrations and the conference center, call:

**The Mountain (704) 526-5838**

For questions regarding scholarship registrations, call:

**Michael or Peter (704) 689-5515**

For questions involving the conference program, call:

**Ron (704) 252-0643**

**Raven (404) 658-9251**

For questions involving vending opportunities at the conference, call:

**Randy (404) 627-2707**

For questions involving ride-sharing opportunities, please call:

**Greg or Steve (704) 274-5671**

Please copy this brochure and registration form as needed.

