



**GSV 2015 Fall Conference**  
**Trusting the Wild Mind:**  
*Confronting Discomfort in Our Search for Safety*

**September 17 - 20, 2015**  
**at The Mountain, Highlands, NC**

Three Nights: \$398.90  
Four Nights: \$489.64

**BUDDY WAKEFIELD, KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



*BUDDY WAKEFIELD aims to cause a disarming de-haunting of accidents. He is pursuing a career in judgment suspension but sometimes wants to blend in so badly he forgets his purpose and worries that everyone else is doing it right, or wrong. He once sat on top of the whole world and told it jokes about the ocean until everybody crumbled into tattoos of bakeries. It smelled good. Felt right. We laughed. So much. Sometimes, he studies propellers because they can make themselves invisible. Buddy has collected enough humongous titles to be crushed under their weight. There are no stunt doubles performing the accidents in his work, or the bursts of beast in his behavior. There is a recurring theme in his nightmares where he wakes up only to realize that whatever supposedly awful thing was stalking him was really just trying to help. His interests include cephalopods, chopping wood and untrembling, unless trembling is imperative to a successful dance move.*

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Because some of you have written and asked, here's some information you will find helpful!

We will dedicate time for our traditional activities:

- Communal meal times
- Multiple gatherings with your small group (assigned when you arrive)
- Sacred touch events (optional, respectfully boundaried and voluntary... like all events scheduled)

Here are a few highlights of the plans for *Trusting the Wild Mind*. Use this information to plan your travel to and from The Mountain! A complete schedule will be posted on the website in September.

### Thursday, September 17

All Afternoon **Conference Check-in Opens**

5:00 p.m. **Wig and Hat Social Hour**

Express yourself with your favorite wig or ball cap, fedora, cattle-rustlin' or Sunday-go-to-Church Hat! (OR borrow something fabulous from our Shauna Pleas Boutique)

7:30 p.m. **Opening ceremony: Sacred Fire Lighting & Calling of the Directions**

### Friday, September 18

MORNING **Performance – Buddy Wakefield**

Having recently completed his 16-month *Riled Up and Wasted On Light World Tour*, 3-time world champion spoken word artist Buddy Wakefield is making one last trip to the East Coast (for GSV!) before moving to L.A. If you've never experienced Buddy's spoken word (think stand-up, poetry, storytelling and improv all rolled into one), you're in for an undeniably disarming, humorous, insightful surprise.

AFTERNOON **Trusting the Wild Mind: Conversations about Discomfort and Safety**

Select from four moderated conversations that have been inspired by community conversations and GSV Facebook postings. Watch for more details on these conversations.

EVENING **Ecstatic Rhythms: Movement as a Spiritual Practice**

AND LATER **Shake Your Groove Thing: Friday Night Dance Party (Costumes Welcome!)**

### Saturday, September 19

MORNING **Trusting the Wild Mind: Conversations about Discomfort and Safety**

Moderated conversations repeat.

AFTERNOON **Buddy Wakefield Workshop – The Vipassana Experience**

*“Healing is a wounded word. It's identified with the mind so we keep coming back for more, rising from falls we keep taking in vain just for a reason to stand.”*

Join this Q&A with Buddy Wakefield to discuss a tested & proven, experiential, free, universal technique that works to eradicate suffering at the root level. Based on 10 years of experience with the practice of Vipassana (a Pali word meaning *insight* or *to see clearly*), Buddy speaks to the benefits of the practice, the success that comes with the continuity of practice and the fundamentals of maintaining a successful practice in order to break habit patterns and come out of blind reactions.

**Community Led Workshops**

A limited number of one-hour interactive workshops led by members of the tribe. Workshop spaces are limited and reserved on a first-requested basis. If you are interested in hosting a one-hour workshop that relates to the conference theme or the mission of GSV, please send an email to with a 30-word workshop description to me as soon as possible at fall@gayspiritvisions.org. Again, there is limited space available that is scheduled on a first requested basis for these community-led workshops!

EVENING

**Parade of Beauties**

Bring your favorite drag – be it cowboy, leather, diva, or create-your-own gender bending fashion statement and model it in our Parade of Beauties! Don't worry, if there's not room in your luggage, you can create an outfit in the Shauna Please Boutique!

**Variety Show**

Immediately following the Parade, we'll head straight into our Annual Variety Show! This year, our emcee Thunder invites you to step outside your comfort zone; do something daring. We are committed to creating a safe space for our brothers who are willing to take the stage and express their artistic abilities. If you need live accompaniment for your performance, contact Brother David Berger (operadavid@yahoo.com) in advance to send him music and to schedule rehearsal time once you arrive. As always, we encourage brothers who have performed in the past to allow first-time performers to sign up first.

AND LATER

**Sacred Drumming**

Sunday, September 20

12:45 p.m.

**Closing Heart Circle**

2:00 p.m.

**Departures begin**

Here's the link again so you can register today:

<http://gayspiritvisions.org/annual-gatherings/fall-conference/fall-register/>