

DRAFT PROGRAM

***SHARING THE FIRE:
CANADA'S FIRST UNCIVILISATION GATHERING***

August 28-30, 2015

**Thistledown Farm
2689 Cedar Road, Nanaimo, BC, Canada
(View images of the farm here: <http://www.thistledownfarm.ca>)**

This Gathering is inspired by the Uncivilisation Gatherings of the Dark Mountain Project (UK): <http://dark-mountain.net/>

Cost: \$60 (includes basic meals)

To register: sharon.english@utoronto.ca

Friday August 28

3 pm on	Arrival Pitch your tent, meet informally.
6:00	Dinner
7:30–8:00	Welcome Brief welcome and overview of The Dark Mountain Project and “Sharing the Fire.”
8:00–9:00	Gathering Tell a story about yourself and why you came. Share what you hope or envision for our weekend together.
9:30–onward	Storytelling Music Fire Time What are some of the dominant myths you no longer believe in? Was there an event/moment that crystallized this insight for you?
Afterwards	NIGHT WALK AND RITUAL

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Saturday August 29

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00-10:00	Dream Circle Share a dream you had (last night or recently) that seems significant for the intention of this gathering.
10:30 – 12:00	Retrieval Remaking Restoration What have you been trying in your own practice to move away from the stories that no longer nourish us? What stories and ways of storytelling might be helpful/needed? What myths (old and new) might be fertile as we try envisioning a restoration of the world?
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Workshops (to be confirmed for final program) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion: Extinction Myths – Joanna L.2. Speakers/Readers Corner3. Yoga/Dance movement (facilitator needed)4. Others? (<i>all participants are welcome to offer a talk or workshop—whether physical activities, skills-learning, readings, talks, music, performances, or other ideas</i>)
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 5:30	Workshops (continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bookmaking – Heidi G. Participants make a physical art object that they can take away and use as a template for future book-art making on their own2. Story Healing – Patricia R. What is a healing story? Using myth/fairytales to recast our own unintegrated stories, with writing exercise/readings.3. Others?

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Sunday August 30

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00	Dream Circle
10:00 – 11:45	Discussion/Reflection: Where do we go from here?
12:00	Closing Ritual
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:30	Pack up/farewells

NOTES:

Accommodation for the weekend is primarily camping (bring your own tent/sleeping bag). There are a few indoor sleeping options such as bunk beds in a barn or a couch in an outbuilding. We will have indoor restrooms and kitchens at our disposal.

Of your \$60 fee, \$40 goes to the owners of the farm who are letting us use their land and buildings for the weekend, and \$20 will be used to stock the pantry with food for the weekend. Meal prep and kitchen clean-up will be a collective endeavour.

Car-sharing: If you need a ride to the farm, or have a car, please let us know. We'll try to link people up by email in order to provide rides for everyone.

Your organizers,

***Sharon English
Patricia Robertson
Kim Goldberg
Joanna Lilley
Heidi Greco***