

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

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| 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)**
- 1. Discussion: Extinction Myths** – Joanna L.
 - 2. Speakers/Readers Corner**
 - 3. Yoga/Dance movement** (facilitator needed)
 - 4. Others?** (*all participants are welcome to offer a talk or workshop—whether physical activities, skills-learning, readings, talks, music, performances, or other ideas*)
- 1:00 – 2:00** **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 5:30** **Workshops (continued)**
- 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 own
 - 2. Story Healing** – Patricia R.
What is a healing story? Using myth/fairytale 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***