

While we are calling this a Fall Festival, its intention is to celebrate our being. As such, the following themes will be our general focus while we enjoy the kinship of one another.

Themes toward valuing the what of who we are:

1. Letting Go: Reflection upon who we are and what we are not will be demonstrated by casting a semi-precious jewel or international pebble, made precious by your reflections upon its symbolic value in this function, into the waters of Macanudo. The intention: if there is to be more in our lives we may benefit by letting go of things, relationships, ideas, habits, etc. which belonged to yesterday and may be in our way today.
2. Transformation: a large bonfire will burn throughout the night symbolizing how submitting our "old wood" to cleansing inspection can afford a good deal of light by which to see our way forward. Transforming the rigid and feared allows us to return to where we do belong.
3. Cleansing: a three-acre 30 feet deep body of spring water will accommodate anyone's wishes to enter into its fluid presence. One cannot bath in these waters and not accrue some value for having done so. This is a great place to bring today's uncertainties and yesterday's wounds. These waters have certain healing properties. To the degree one is open to their living qualities the fluid life of this lake will be added to yours; to bless, to heal, to verify.
4. Facing the right direction: Emphasizes the place of right thought and right action in sustaining the what of who we are. The vigilance necessary in our lives will be demonstrated throughout the night time hours as volunteers arise and take a half-hour to hour shift of drumming, chanting, humming song, etc. The intention here is that sustaining the way of our lives must be ours during times of illumination as well as times of uncertainty. When our truth is acknowledged and lived our spiritual path will be identified as a kind and persistent conscious choice.
5. Connection: the simple but complete value of eating, walking, swimming and laughing with kindred souls. The intention to allow what binds us together to be acknowledged over that which might separate us.

Please find some time in quiet sanctuary to reflect or meditate upon these themes. How do they resonate with you? How have they challenged and or affirmed leanings of your life?

- ❖ This is a general outline of events and envisioned parameters of the festival and can be changed or added to. If you have a particular contribution (song, activity, poem, chant) that you would like to offer during the festival, please present it for consideration.

NOTES:

- ❖ Tenting sites are available for those who wish to over-night.
- ❖ Bring blankets, lawn chairs, flotation devices and anything else that will make your visit more enjoyable.
- ❖ If bringing a covered dish, please make note of it on your RSVP.
- ❖ Books and disc will be available for purchase during this celebration.
- ❖ If this is an event that you would enjoy, please RSVP as soon as possible, space is limited.

Please come back to our website www.stephenredding.com for updates on the Fall Festival.