

Bay Dervish ~ A Center of the Sufi Way & Open Path



Creative & Contemporary Mysticism

2017
May ~
June ~ July ~
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Friday Night Shindig: May 5 ~ June 9 ~ July 7 ~ August 4 :: 7:30 pm

Qawwali Saturdays: May 20* ~ June 10 ~ July 15* ~ August 12 :: 10:30 am*

Zikr Gathering: May 26 ~ June 23 ~ July 28 ~ August 25 :: 7:30 pm

Informal Universal Worship: May 28 ~ July 30 :: 3:30 pm

Friday Night “Non-conversation” ... A little night music and dance

This trimester we have two gatherings, and they may not be conversations at all! Read on ...

June 9: Well, there will be some conversation of course, but what we’re really planning to do is DANCE! It’ll be pretty simple ... We meet around 7:30 pm and say Hello and share some snacks (bring some). At 8:30 we stop talking, turn on music, and dance. Not “Sufi” dance, regular dance: different kinds of music, dance your heart out, take a break, get a drink, dance some more. If the weather is nice, step outside, maybe go for a stroll.

We can accommodate 15–18 people, so call ahead and let us know if you’re coming and when we’re full, we’re full. We might close the evening with a little singing.

August 4: If the dance thing goes well, we’ll do it again. Or we’ll do something else.

Friday Night Shindig runs about two hours-and-a-half ... suggested donation \$15.00 ... bring snacks

Qawwali Saturdays ... * Voice Practice 9:30 am — Qawwali 10:30 am — Potluck 1:30 pm

Qawwali is Sufi music from India and Pakistan, a 700-year-old tradition of mystical and devotional song. Our sessions are an opportunity to experience and sing qawwali but even if you just want to listen – come!

Qawwali sessions are preceded by Voice Practice for stabilizing the voice and opening lower and upper registers.

Suggested donation \$25.00, bring something to share for potluck. Email in advance if you’re coming for Voice Practice.

Zikr: Watering the Seed of Remembrance ... Please arrive at 7:30 pm, zikr starts at 8:00 pm

Zikr (*zikar*, *dhikr*) takes many forms around the world. It may be spoken or sung, with music and movement or quiet, contemplative. All zikr is remembrance of the One, of an original unity that we sense inside.

On **May 26** we will do zikr at **LUMBINI BUDDHIST ART GALLERY** in downtown Berkeley (2177 Bancroft Way). Allow time to find parking. We will start with a short meditation, reading or prayer, then move into zikr. We generally close with a silence. The zikrs in June, July and August may be in Alameda or at Lumbini – stay tuned.

Zikr evenings run about two hours ... Suggested donation \$20-30.00. Come early if it’s your first time.

Informal Universal Worship Service ... occasional Sundays at 3:30 pm

Universal worship services are inclusive and exist for people of different faiths to come together and worship. Framed by the Sufi prayers of Inayat Khan, we read from books or commentaries of different faith streams.

Universal Worship runs about an hour ... join us for tea afterward

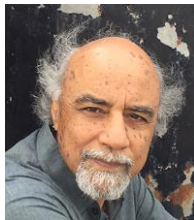
Most gatherings are held at 2922 Bayview Drive, Alameda, CA 94501

We open the door 10–15 minutes before the program. If you arrive early, ring the bell (there is one)

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Please call or email ahead of time if this is the first time you are coming

Kiran Rana has been engaged with Sufism for 40 years and is a guide in the Sufi Way. **Jeanne Rana** is a poet and sings in the choir of the Unitarian Church of Oakland. At the **Bay Dervish** center in Alameda they share approaches to the inner life, love, creativity and awakening



The Sufi Way is a mystical community that is guided by the ideals and teachings of the great mystic Sufi Inayat Khan, while drawing on the rich wisdom of many traditions. It is a contemporary spiritual path, open to all, emphasizing inclusivity, naturalness and real-life experience