

SANTA CRUZ SUFI EVENTS ~ MAY 2017

Including Santa Cruz Sufi Camp save the date, Sufi Message Online Course & CD Release Party



**5/4/17 ~ 1st Thursday ~ 7:30 pm ~ First Thursday Dances of Universal Peace
with Junayad Moore**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall on 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos 95053
(1.3 miles east of Highway 1 on Freedom Blvd., right side of road)

*We begin again, renewing our journey on this endless path of heart.
Join the universal rhythm and harmony of the cosmic dance we share.*



**05/07/17 ~ 1st Sunday ~ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ Zikr & Rumi Readings
with Tom Church**

The Garden Sanctuary, 3070 Prather Lane, Santa Cruz CA 95065
Directions are at the bottom of this list.

We will be focusing primarily on the 99 names of Allah with sitting & standing zikr, Rumi readings, etc. The zikr is sponsored by the Qadiri Rifai Tariqua, USA.

There will be shared refreshments at the end.

Donations welcome.



**05/20/17 ~ 3rd Saturday ~ 9 am - 12 pm ~ Sufi Sesshin
with Jilani**

Gitanjili's Sun Room, 330 Ocean View Ave. at Windsor St., Santa Cruz CA 95062

Note: enter through the gate to the front yard, walk to the right side of the house through the gate with the heart & wings, up the stairs & into the Sun Room on the right.

You can come or go as you like to any portion of the program. If you arrive during a sitting portion please do so in your best, stealthy-quiet manner. The first sit will start as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible, i.e. 9:00 a.m. actual time, not Santa Cruz time!

The format will be very similar to what is offered at Camp, which approximately 20 minutes silent is sitting meditations alternating with 20 minutes of dancing.

We strive for a somewhat silent space throughout the program, although some talking may arise during the transition periods. Let's just try to be mindful of limiting our group talking and if you have a need to communicate personally with another, please do so briefly and quietly.

There are chairs available, but please bring cushions or back jacks, if needed. We want you to be as comfortable and upright as possible.

Sliding scale: \$10 - \$20. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Please email kevinhoeke@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



**05/21/17 ~ 3rd Sunday ~ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ Carmel Dances of Universal Peace
with Karima & Friends**

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula
490 Aguajito Road, Carmel CA 93923

Donations welcome.

*Gigi will be coordinating the dance leaders for future dances in Carmel.
Please contact her at gigigypsy@gmail.com*



**5/27/17 ~ 4th Saturday ~ 7 pm – 9 pm
Caravan El Noor (Caravan of Light) CD Release Party**

Divine Tree Yoga Center, 1043 B Water Street, Santa Cruz 95062

Come join us to sing and dance to various global chants, including some new musical chants inspired by the Universal Sufi message.



**5/28/17 ~ 4th Sunday ~ 5 pm – 6:45ish pm ~ Dances of Universal Peace
with Vanessa Hafiza, Adora Deva, Gigi Amer, & Petra Leible**

We will begin our evening with a candle lighting ceremony, honoring universal wisdom and qualities of the Divine.

The Garden Sanctuary, 3070 Prather Lane, Santa Cruz CA 95065
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Big news: May 28 will be our last 4th Sunday at the Garden. For various reasons, the 4th Sunday Sufi Gals have decided to move to a new location beginning in June: Tri Yoga downtown! Our first time there will be June 25th.

Reminder: There will be NO 4th Sunday dance in April (this Sunday).

\$7-\$11 donation is suggested, but offer whatever you can afford.
This is a scent-free, drug-and-alcohol-free, shoe-free event. Thanks.

The Dances of Universal Peace are a community dance experience that enhances mind-body-spirit awareness, and is a means for relaxation, peace, joy, growth, connection, healing and love. They are a moving meditation of divine light and bliss, inspired by the world's many wisdom traditions. We do simple movements in a circle while singing positive chants and songs from many traditions and languages, accompanied by live music. We do simple movements in a circle while singing. As we move around the circle, sometimes from partner to partner, we allow our thoughts to fall away as we experience the Divine in each other and ourselves. Some dances are meditative; some are lively. No experience is necessary; there are instructions before each dance and newcomers are always very welcome.

Contact Hafiza: towardtheone@ymail.com



**5/4, 5/11, 5/18 & 5/25 ~ Thursdays ~ Sufi Message Online Course
With Pir Zia Inayat-Khan**

Please join us for a group viewing of the Sufi Message Online Course with Pir Zia Inayat-Khan at a private home in Aptos. The dates for the viewing are Thursday May 4, 11, 18, and 25. The online portion is an hour and a half long (from 4 - 5:30 PST). Please plan to arrive by 3:30 pm for a short attunement. Tea and coffee available.

Please RSVP Raihana for May 4th at wriditor@yahoo.com
Please RSVP Gigi for May 11th, 18th & 25th at gigigygy@gmail.com

We look forward to spending community time with you!



**08/18/17 – 08/20/17 ~ Santa Cruz Sufi Camp
Jilani Esterly, spiritual director with Asha Greer, special guest teacher**

Happy Valley Conference, 2159 Branciforte Dr., Santa Cruz

You can now register online for camp at <http://www.goldengatesufi.org/southbay/>

Stop! Behold the Eternal Now.... an exploration of being with Asha Greer

All are welcome and no experience is necessary!
3 Full Days of Dances of Universal Peace, Zikr, Meditation, Sufi practices, teachings, & sesshin.

***** Note two important changes this year. No walk ins are allowed for evening dinners. You must prepay if you want to join us for the dinner before the evening programs. You may still walk in for the evening program only. Also no late registrations will be allowed onsite after Saturday morning at 9:30 am.***

CAMP TEACHERS:

Murshida Asha Greer - special guest teacher
Julie Jilani Esterly - spiritual director
Brad Anwar Silling – zikr
Alima Chris Inaya - laughter yoga
Vanessa Hafiza Ragan - musical director
Kim Molloy - crystal bowl sound journey
Fehrunnisa and Junayad Moore - holy bowling
Lori Gitanjali Rivera - "Singing and Moving The Elements"
and other local leaders

Registration questions? Contact Freesia Raine, Registrar, peacedances@freesiaraine.com, (831) 469-0679

Other questions? Contact Mary David, Camp Manager, bluewindharper@gmail.com or (408) 499-4665

Schedule - not yet available. Camp starts at 10 am on Friday and ends at 5 pm on Sunday.



The Garden Sanctuary directions:

From Hwy 17 going south: Take Hwy 1 South towards Watsonville. Take the 2nd exit - Soquel Ave. Stay right and go a complete loop over the freeway on Soquel. Pass through four lights passing Dominican Hospital on your left. The next street is Prather Lane - turn left. Prather is directly across from Sutter Surgical Centers' parking lot and there is a white picket fence on the left. Drive to the end of the street. It's the last house on the right before the park. Enter through the brick arch with the bell.

From Hwy 1 going north toward Santa Cruz: take the Soquel exit. At the light, turn right onto Soquel Drive. Pass through three lights passing Dominican Hospital on your left. The next street is Prather Lane - turn left. Prather is directly across from Sutter Surgical Center's parking lot and there is a white picket fence on the left. Drive to the end of the street. It's the last house on the right before the park. Enter through the brick arch with the bell.



If you would like to join groups posting Santa Cruz Events, here are the links:

Yahoo group – Santa Cruz Sufis

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/santacruzsufis/info>

Facebook - Santa Cruz Sufi Caravan

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131071536910550/>

Sufipaths – Serving California's Bay Area & Sonoma County

<http://sufipaths.net/>

Internet: Dances of Universal Peace

www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org