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Toni Gilbert's

Northwest Astrology & Tarot Salon

One of my tarot counseling students mentioned that she would love to be able to see our group at Breitenbush in the future. I immediately understood that over the three years that we have studied tarot counseling together, we have grown close and would like to see each other again.

In my spare time, I began mulling over ways that a re-gathering might work. I finally settled upon putting on a salon. This is a place of conversation with people of like mind. I had never been to one, and so looked up the definition and then got to work forming the Northwest Astrology & Tarot Salon a place of conversation with people of like mind. Breitenbush Hot Springs is a unique intentional community in the Oregon Cascades.

As a highly sensitive person, I'm inclined to enjoy introverted activities like being alone with my studies, gardening, raising grandchildren, and communing with the Universe and Nature on a regular basis. These days, I find didactic conferences jarring to my sensitivities and I would really rather be somewhere else. I enjoyed them for their teaching for around 30 years but now, in my 60s, I feel done.

Lately, I have had yearning for a different kind of event. An event where there is no pressure to perform, and is lightly structured to enhance the overall experience. One or two discussion circles a day will stimulate the intellect and the rest of the time the participants can take care of the body by taking a hike, soaking in hot tubs, enjoying the sauna, getting a massage. And because of this salon, the participants at Breitenbush can now also get a tarot or astrology session with some of this generation's finest spiritual teachers....a balm for the soul.

Everyone benefits from this type of gathering. This interactive event isn't just for the masters of esoteric studies. You'll learn from many teachers in an atmosphere of fun. Some teach with higher learning and experience under their belts, some teach by experimentation, and some teach by being the beginner. Bring your mother, your daughter or your boss. Anyone can join in and glean what they might need and may be searching for. Come with an inquisitive mind and by the end of the salon, you will have learned something you can take home and use. An overall healing magic comes with this experience in the deep forests of Breitenbush, and you will remember this feeling for a lifetime.

Bio: Toni Gilbert, the originator of the salon, is a Transpersonal Counselor, and author of two books on archetypal psychology "Messages from the Archetypes" by White Cloud Press and

“Gaining Archetypal Vision” a Schiffer Books publication. She also teaches a Archetypal Tarot Counseling™ course. You may reach her through her web site at www.tonigilbert.com

Endorsements

“The Northwest Astrology & Tarot Salon brings together leaders in the areas of astrology and Tarot to facilitate conversation on their subject. This unique gathering is open to those on all levels of understanding, from beginner to master. Everyone will walk away with a brand new toolbox of personal empowerment tools! I look forward to seeing you all there!”

Bonnie Cehovet is a published writer, radio host, and professional Tarot reader.

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“This Salon combines the healing virtues of a pristine natural setting with the subtly transformative imagery and ideas represented in Tarot and Astrology. Those who join us in this 'time out of time' will have a chance to relax their minds, contact their feelings and senses, and possibly even have a direct encounter with the intuition. The variety of presenters and participants allows everybody to have a range of exposures according to their own self-directed course. Bring your birth chart, your favorite Tarots, and your journal, and let the magical energies of Breitenbush Hot Springs do the rest.”

Christine Payne Towler, author of “The Underground Stream” and the creator of the deck “Tarot of the Holy Light” www.tarotuniversity.com