

# **SEEKING: The Journey to the Undivided Life**



## **A Circle of Trust® Retreat October 23-25, 2013**

**Facilitated by Sally Z. Hare and Sandie Merriam  
on the Atlantic Ocean on Pawleys Island, SC  
with special guest  
Jonathan Green**

A Circle of Trust® Retreat offered by *still learning inc.* ([www.stilllearning.org](http://www.stilllearning.org))

***“For whatever we lose  
like a you or a me  
it’s always ourselves we find in the sea***

***- e.e. cummings***



We come into the world as whole human beings, with all our seeds of true self, all our birthright gifts. Over the next decades, too often we begin to get separated from who we are, from our sense of place, from our unique gifts. We also come into this world hardwired to connect with others, but such interdependence is often diminished, dampened, distorted, or ignored. From this deformation comes inner and outer dividedness, which may appear in the forms of racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, bullying, and violence against each other and the Earth.

By creating a safe, supportive space, national facilitators Sally Z. Hare and Sandie S. Merriam invite you into a space to do your own seeking, to make your own hidden wholeness more visible. Join us in a three-day retreat **Seeking**, grounded in the vision of artist Jonathan Green and in the writing of Parker J. Palmer.

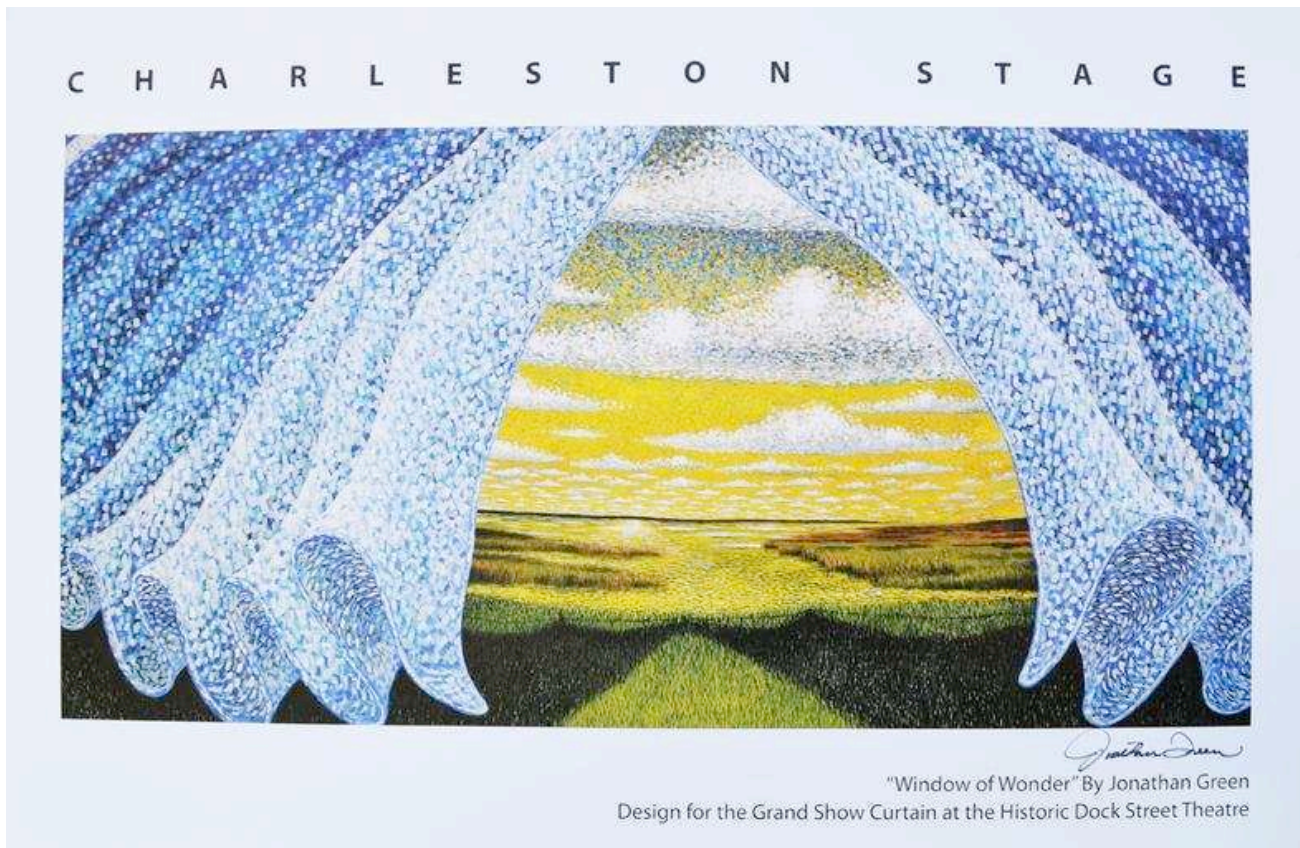
**We must understand that we are all in this together ...  
Despite our illusions of individualism and national superiority,  
we humans are a profoundly interconnected species — entwined with one another  
and with all forms of life — as the global economic and ecological crises  
reveal in vivid and frightening detail.**

**We must embrace the simple fact that we are dependent on  
and accountable to one another ...**

**--Parker J. Palmer, *Healing the Heart of Democracy*.**



It is deeply ironic that our culture's great institutions, rather than fostering the deep knowing within each of us, tend instead to stifle it for the sake of uniformity of thought, of instruction, and belief. We are encouraged to ignore the wealth of information that comes from our inner teachers, particularly our oneness and ability to embrace diversity in each other and in the plants and animals of the Earth. Jonathan Green offers us his vision for using the arts to heal our racial woundedness, and the chance to listen to his ideas about **RICE** (Race, Ingenuity and injustice, Culture, and Economics) in this area where rice plantations once were abundant.



In this retreat, Sally and Sandie offer a quiet, focused, and disciplined space — a Circle of Trust — in which the noise within us and around us can subside and we can begin to hear our own inner voices. In large group, small group, and solitary settings, and grounded in the earth and waters of Pawleys Island, we will explore the roots of our own interconnectedness and interdependence, making use, as we always do, of personal narrative, insights from poets, storytellers, as well as the arts and various wisdom traditions. In addition, in this very unique retreat, artist Jonathan Green will share his own journey to wholeness through “seeking,” through art – and will talk about **RICE**.

#### **WHERE and WHEN**

The setting for the retreat will be the **Sea View Inn**, located on Pawleys Island, South Carolina, one of the oldest summer resorts on the East Coast. The retreat will begin at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 23rd, and conclude at the end of lunch on Friday, October 25, 2013.



## **RETREAT LEADERSHIP**

**Both Sally and Sandie are national Circle of Trust® facilitators, prepared by the Center for Courage & Renewal.**

**Sally Z. Hare, Ph.D.**, is a teacher and a learner. She is the Singleton Distinguished Professor Emerita at Coastal Carolina University, where she served for many years as Dean of the Graduate School and Continuing Education and was the founding director of the Center for Education and Community. During her Kellogg fellowship in the early '90's, Sally had the chance to meet Parker Palmer as she was exploring the concept of community. Parker invited her to work with him as he created *The Courage to Teach*. Since that time, she has worked with the national Center for Courage & Renewal and facilitated COURAGE TO TEACH® and COURAGE TO LEAD® and CIRCLE of TRUST programs in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Oregon, and Kansas, and leads circle of trust retreats nationally with educators, physicians, community leaders and other professionals.

**Sandie Merriam, M.Ed.**, is a thirty-eight year veteran science and special education teacher from North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Her years of teaching have been spent in South Carolina schools challenged by poverty. In addition to teaching, she has been an energetic advocate for youth empowerment in the areas of racial equity, justice education, service learning and parent-school partnerships. Over the last five years she has begun to focus on building adult communities in schools as a way to ensure that she leaves a legacy of empowerment for her colleagues as they continue to find and sustain the courage to teach.

## **SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST**

**Jonathan Green**, internationally known artist, has a passion for creating and collecting cross-cultural fine art representing the themes of work, love, belonging and spirituality. He is also committed to promoting cross cultural arts to be included in mainstream museums throughout the United States and Europe. Learn more at [www.jonathangreenstudios.com](http://www.jonathangreenstudios.com)

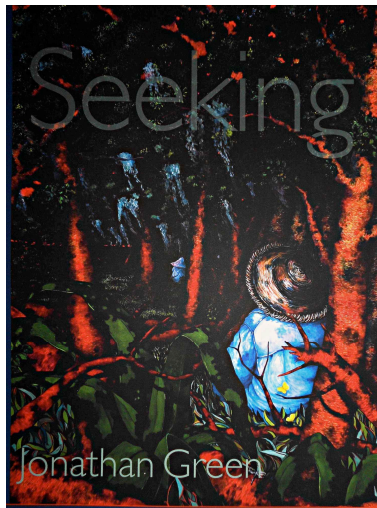
## **COST and REGISTRATION**

The program is limited to 20 participants, and the cost is \$975. The registration fee includes all retreat fees, materials, single room with private half-bath, wonderful Southern meals (hot breakfasts, dinner mid-day, and supper in the evenings!), generous coffee and tea breaks.

To register, please mail your check to still learning, inc, with the attached registration form and brief personal statement (see registration form for more information) to Dr. Sally Z. Hare, still learning, inc, P. O. Box 14028, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

**A special early registration discount of \$850 is offered until August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**We need a spirituality that emerges out of a reality deeper than ourselves, even deeper than life, a spirituality that is as deep as the earth process itself, spirituality born out of the solar system and even out of the heavens beyond the solar system. There in the stars is where the primordial elements take shape in both their physical and psychic aspects.**



**There is a certain triviality in any spiritual discipline that does not experience itself as supported by the spiritual as well as the physical dynamics of the entire cosmic-earth process.**

**A spirituality is a mode of being in which not only the divine and the human commune with each other,  
but we discover ourselves in the universe and the universe discovers itself in us.**

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**-Thomas Berry, *The Spirituality of the Earth*, 1990**



## CIRCLE OF TRUST RETREAT APPLICATION

### **SEEKING: The Journey to the Undivided Life** **A Three-Day Circle of Trust® Retreat at the Ocean**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal statement:** To help us understand how participating will serve you and thus to allow us to better plan the program, please include a brief personal statement with your registration:

- What draws you to this retreat and how you learned about it;
- What you hope to receive – and what you bring to the retreat; how you hope to benefit personally and/or professionally.

**Program costs:**

\_\_\_\_ Check to still learning, inc., for \$975 (or \$850.00 if registering before Aug 15, 2013)

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any other special needs, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can do our best to accommodate you.**

**To register send this registration form, your personal statement, and a check payable to still learning, inc., to:**

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