

Sessions will be led by the School of Nature Circle in British Columbia, in collaboration with the West Coast Institute for Studies in Anthroposophy and the Anthroposophical Societies in Canada and Norway.

Owen Lange has worked as a meteorologist for the oil industry in Scotland, Malta and Bahrain, and as a forecaster with the Canadian government at five different places across Canada. Since 1984 he has been resident in North Vancouver. Owen has been interested in the spiritual side of weather for over 40 years and has been able to give hints of his discoveries in two books he has written for the Canadian government, *The Wind Came All Ways* and *The Veil of Chaos: Living with Weather along the British Columbia Coast*.

Anthony Perzel was born in Venice, Italy. He is a filmmaker of broadcast documentaries and hi-end corporate programs. Anthony apprenticed under Milton Fruchtmann, Executive Producer to Lowell Thomas and taught film production from 1981-90, at the Banff Centre for the Arts. His connection with the Canadian wilderness began as a young gold, silver and copper miner in the Yukon and from 1994-2005 as the producer of programs on diamonds and on Lutselk'e, a remote Dene Chipewyan community in the NWT.

Evan Phillips graduated from the Vancouver Waldorf School in 1988. He has instructed raft guide schools since 1993 and designed, developed and instructs the rafting programs for the Capilano College Wilderness Leadership Program. Evan is the director of operations for a multi-faceted adventure company and a swiftwater rescue instructor with Rescue Canada. He has led multi-day wilderness rafting expeditions throughout BC, Alaska and the Yukon, and has traveled to central and south America, India, Nepal and Europe.

Gunther Schneider was born and raised in the industrial area of Germany during and after the Second World War. His childhood experiences gave him interest, respect and insight into human social life. In 1973, Gunther left behind an architectural profession and immigrated to Canada, where he pursued pottery and sculpture. Love for his son and children lead him to the Vancouver Waldorf School where he taught crafts and projective geometry for almost 20 years. He continues to work with clay, form, metamorphosis and study Anthroposophy and Goethean Science.

Seis^A^Iom was born in Vancouver, B.C., and was raised by his grandparents in Mt. Currie, B.C., which is located in Stl'atimx Territory. He is a residential school survivor, recovering from addictions, has done extensive healing work on himself and continues to work with the urban Aboriginal community as a Spiritual Advocate to Elders. He helped introduce native spiritual practices to Canadian federal correctional institutions in 1983, and also helped in the development and implementation of urban First Nations' organizations that provide front line healing and community development, for First Nations' people in the urban community.

Philip Thatcher taught English, history and drama at the Vancouver Waldorf High School for seventeen years and has many years of experience as an adult educator. He is the author of *Raven's Eye* and *Mirror of the Moon*, the first two volumes of *The Raven Trilogy*, and is currently serving as General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada.

Les Tulloch was born in Canada and is president of a commercial diving/underwater fishing company. Les has worked as a commercial salmon fisherman, underwater harvester, oyster farmer, Vancouver Public Aquarium fish collector/dive master/biologist, octopus researcher, and volunteer director of many non-profit organizations. Les is trained in marine ecology, community development, peer counselling and Spacial Dynamics. Decades of living alongside wilderness and thousands of hours spent on and under the Pacific Ocean have given Les a very different perspective and experience of Nature.

Hannes Weigert was born in Germany. From 1985-95 he studied with Gerard Wagner at the Goetheanum Painting School in Switzerland. Since 1996 he has been living as a painter and art teacher in Norway. He has collaborated with Patrick Mullerschon on 'painting spaces' related to natural environments (KOREAS HAUS, 1997-2003). Member of the Council of the Anthroposophical Society in Norway and the initiator of the School of Nature.

The School of Nature

The School of Nature Circle in British Columbia is part of an international group of colleagues working out of Rudolf Steiner's understanding of the human being in our time. School of Nature events currently take place at the Goetheanum in Switzerland, in Norway and British Columbia.

For further information visit www.schoolofnature.org

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**The School of Nature Circle
and
The West Coast Institute for Studies in Anthroposophy
North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

Removing the Blindfold: A Path toward Reconnecting with the World of Nature

**A nature exploration weekend
with rafting on the Squamish River**

September 22nd to September 24th - 2006

**IT IS TRUE THAT WE HAVE ESTRANGED OURSELVES FROM NATURE; BUT
IT IS JUST AS TRUE THAT WE FEEL WE ARE IN HER AND BELONG TO HER.
IT CAN ONLY BE HER ACTIVITY THAT LIVES IN US.**

Rudolf Steiner
Intuitive Thinking as a Spiritual Path



Our current relationship to the natural world is one of paradox. We depend on nature as a source of food, a supplier of resources for economic activity, a source of artistic inspiration and a venue for what we call “recreation”. All too often, however, we stand apart from nature within ourselves.

For many of us, an older connection with the natural world has come to an end. Yet we now have an opportunity to meet that world with fresh eyes, out of a spiritual scientific understanding of nature and ourselves, and a rediscovering of the wisdom of First Nations elders.

This weekend will explore a path toward reconnecting with the world of nature through ceremony, Goethean observation, artistic activity and conversation.

The weekend highlight will be a float rafting trip on the Squamish River, a traditional waterway used by the Squamish First Nation people.



Friday, Sept. 22nd

7:30 pm - 9:45 pm

The Rudolf Steiner Centre
3743 Delbrook Plaza, North Vancouver
Opening Ceremony and Introduction
Orientation to the School of Nature
Exercises in Goethean observation
Preparation for Saturday outing

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

8:30 am

Meet at the Rudolf Steiner Centre
Depart for Cedar Valley School in Squamish

10:00 - 11:00 am

Orientation session at Cedar Valley School

11:00 - 12:00 noon

Transition to launching point on Squamish River
(Please bring a bag lunch)

12:00 noon - 4 00pm

Smudge ceremony with Seis[^]lom
Float rafting on the Squamish River to a beach for
nature observation, artistic activity and salmon BBQ

By 4:30pm

Return to launching point and transition to Cedar
Valley School

5:00 pm

Review of the day

7:00 pm (no later)

Depart for Vancouver

Sunday, Sept. 24th

9:00 - 10:30 am

The Rudolf Steiner Centre, North Vancouver
Creative Writing with Philip Thatcher

Break

11:00 - 12:00 noon

Reflections out of the weekend

Cost for the weekend:

\$ 175.00

Early registration (until Aug 15th):

\$ 150.00

**To register please contact Leslie Fish at: (604) 986-8036
or email: fish01@shaw.ca**

Registration is limited to 30 participants
Participants must be at least 16 years of age

- Participants must provide their own transportation from North Vancouver to Cedar Valley School in Squamish (Directions will be given on Friday)
- Salmon barbeque will be provided on the Squamish River
- Bring warm clothing and be prepared in the event of rain