



The School of Nature in Norway July 1 - 9, 2006

The Creative Observer ∞ *To be inside and outside of oneself*



„We have torn ourselves away from nature, but in so doing we must have carried something of her over into our own being. Finding this being of nature within ourselves is the key to renewing our relationship with nature. We will only find our way to outer nature if we can first experience her within ourselves.“

These words of Rudolf Steiner's provide a point of departure for the seminar with *Philip Thatcher* (author and general secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada) and *Hannes Weigert* (painter in Norway). As we explore the "being of nature within ourselves", we will also study the myth of Persephone which portrays the secret of our relationship with nature in picture form.

As we paint, with the artists *Patrick Müllerschön* (Switzerland) and *Hannes Weigert*, we will pay attention to the expressive qualities of the colors. They can lead us into a realm in which the distinction between outer and inner ceases to exist - for the seeing of a painter is simultaneously penetrating and productive.

As observers, we place ourselves over and against nature. Led by the phenomenologist *Hans-Christian Zehnter* (from the Goetheanum in Switzerland), we will penetrate into the inner nature of the external world. We will find it when - as we perceive with our senses - we direct our attention to our inner world of experience. The soul can thus discover world-creative forces within itself.

When this inner experience is turned outward, it can begin to shape the external world. Every afternoon we will work in the woods and garden with *Michael Seddon* (gardener in Norway), *Kirsten Larsen* (theologist, Denmark) and *Hans-Christian Zehnter*. In creating a cultivated landscape, our inner relationship to nature thus gains outer expression.

Illustrations: Müllerschön/Weigert, painting (detail) in KORES HOUSE, Norway

Practical information

The School of Nature will take place at an agricultural school on an ecological farm located on a lake surrounded by forests and mountains in Fyresdal, a long valley in western Telemark, Norway. - The course will be mainly conducted in English. - Bring good walking shoes and rain gear.

Location Balderskolen, Foldsæ, Hauggrend, N-3870 Fyresdal

Arrival July 1 in the afternoon

Departure July 9 in the morning

Tuition euro 290 / tuition reduction possible

Room and board Meals: euro 195 / Single room: euro 215 /
doppel room: euro 165

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Application deadline June 1, 2006

Application fee Euro 100 (non-refundable) to Cultura Bank, Norway
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Fyresdal / Norway 1.- 9.7.06

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