

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 Fruchtman, 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 gold, silver and copper miner in the Yukon and eventually as a producer of programs on diamonds and precious metals. He is currently working on a documentary on Lutsek'e, a remote Dene Chipewyan community in the NWT.

**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^lalom** was born in Vancouver, B.C., and was raised by his grandparents in Mt. Currie, B.C., which is located in Stl'at'lmx 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.

**Marjorie Thatcher** grew up in New Zealand. Trained both as a Registered Nurse and as an Early Childhood Educator, she taught kindergarten and pre-school children at the Vancouver Waldorf School for 28 years. She was a founding board member of WECAN and is co-director of the Early Childhood Teacher Training offered by the West Coast Institute for Studies in Anthroposophy

**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.

**Monique Walsh** was born in London, England and raised in Toronto, Ontario. In 1970 she recognized Vancouver with its powerful and enquiring nature forces as her home. Monique is a social therapist with the Cascadia Society, a local Camphill Community, and is currently serving as Chair of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada.

**Hannes Weigert** was born in Germany and is the initiator of the School of Nature. 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) and is a member of the Council of the Anthroposophical Society in Norway.

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and  
The West Coast Institute for Studies in Anthroposophy

## UNVEILING THE FOREST: A Path toward Reconnecting with the World of Nature

A nature exploration weekend  
at Stanley Park and the Vancouver Art Gallery -  
bringing together our observation of trees  
with the work of Emily Carr

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
to Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - 2007

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*



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This weekend's activity will bring our experience of the trees in Vancouver's Stanley Park into conversation with our experience of the Art of Emily Carr and her unveiling of the trees of British Columbia.

Through observation, artistic work and conversation, we can awaken to ourselves as observers: Are we simply objective by-standers, looking at a world unaffected by our seeing? Or are we participating knowers whose seeing affects what the world of nature will disclose to us?

### 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 in British Columbia.

For further information visit [www.schoolofnature.org](http://www.schoolofnature.org)

**Friday, Sept. 14** The Rudolf Steiner Centre  
3743 Delbrook Plaza, North Vancouver

**7:30 pm - 9:00 pm** *Trees and Emily Carr:*  
*Art and the Observing Human Being*  
Philip Thatcher - *Trees and Emily Carr*  
Marjorie Thatcher - *Exercise in observation*

**Saturday, Sept. 15** Meet at Stanley Park (Location TBA)  
**9:00 am - 12:00noon** Robert Laird and Anthony Perzel will lead us in an intensive exploration of particular areas of the park, focusing on the character of the area and the character of the forest in an urban environment.

(Robert Laird is a retired Agrologist/Consultant/BCIT Instructor. He has been conducting courses and workshops throughout BC in Forest Ecology, Hydrology and Soils for over 25 years. Robert has also been an avid biodynamic gardener for 30 years.)

**2:00 noon - 4 00pm** Vancouver Art Gallery  
750 Hornby Street (604-662-4719)  
Monique Walsh will us lead us into an exploration of the tree paintings of Emily Carr in the current exhibition '*Emily Carr and The Group of Seven*'.

**Sunday, Sept. 16** The Rudolf Steiner Centre  
3743 Delbrook Plaza, North Vancouver  
Artistic activities: **Writing and Sketching**  
Bring your own sketch books

**9:00 am - 11:00 am** Creative writing exercise with Philip Thatcher  
Sketching exercise with Gunther Schneider & Anthony Perzel

**11:00 am - 11:30 am** Break

**11:30 am - 12:30 am** Closing conversation led by Les Tulloch and Philip Thatcher

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**Cost for the weekend: \$ 60.00**

**To register please contact Philip Thatcher : (604) 985-3569  
or email: [philipthatcher@shaw.ca](mailto:philipthatcher@shaw.ca)**