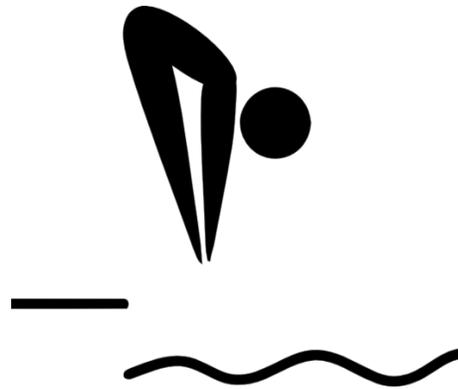


New Orleans Men's Circle Spring 2022 Retreat

April 1, 2, 3, 2022

Poetry as a Diving Board



And a thanks to Robert Bly (1936-2021)



Come join us as we think about a Bly poem

or think about a portion of a poem

to see what's in it

and, more importantly,

to find you in it

in the down deep

and maybe, maybe

write your own.



Poetry is everywhere; it just needs editing. -James Tate

It's all right if you grow your wings on the way down.
-Robert Bly

Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance. - Carl Sandburg

"It is difficult to get the news from poems, yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there."
-William Carlos Williams

A lazy part of us is like a tumbleweed.
It doesn't move on its own. Sometimes it takes
A lot of Depression to get tumbleweeds moving.
Then they blow across three or four States.

From *Bad People* by Robert Bly



**THE NOMC SPRING RETREAT WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 1-3, 2022 AT KING'S ARROW RANCH, HILLSDALE, MS**

IN PERSON !!!

COVID COVID COVID.

What to do about COVID-19 at our in-person retreat?

First, if you have COVID as of a week or so before the retreat, we ask that you not attend. If you have COVID-like symptoms, please get tested. It would be very cool if you got tested anyway. Be aware that some men in attendance may be especially vulnerable to the virus.

We will not mandate vaccinations and masks. We will, though, have masks on hand. And we do hope you arrive vaccinated. We will make whatever arrangements as possible and practical to help reduce risk of infection.

Therefore, we encourage each man to take responsibility for themselves regarding attendance and protection.

We look forward to seeing you IN PERSON !!

WHAT TO EXPECT

We seek to provide a safe place for men to connect with themselves, other men, and the environment. Large and small group experiences as well as some time alone are planned. In our mythopoetic tradition, storytelling, poetry, drumming and experiential learning can be expected.

PLEASE INVITE ANOTHER MAN TO COME WITH YOU.

WHEN

Arrive Friday, April 1st. On-site registration and bunk assignment will begin at 5 p.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 6 P.M. Dinner will be available at 6 P.M., and our opening ceremony will begin at

7 PM. You may arrive as early as you wish on Friday to check out the grounds, hike, meditate, etc. The retreat will end after lunch on Sunday.

WHERE

King's Arrow Ranch, Hillsdale, MS, just east of I-59 North at exit 35, 75 miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles south of Hattiesburg, MS. In case of emergency, you can be reached through the King's Arrow Range phone # 601-796-3423. You will be asked not to use or access your cell phone during the Retreat.

PRE-REGISTER VIA E-MAIL

We ask that you pre-register by March 28 so we can estimate lodging and meals required. To register, just reply to this email and let us know you will be there (info@theNOMC.org). If you do not have email, call one of the facilitators to register. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon registration, followed by another one later with further details. For confidentiality and privacy, information provided for registration will only be available to retreat participants.

COST

The cost of the Retreat is \$130.00, and that fee covers all meals and lodging. You can pay by check or cash upon arrival, Friday, April 1st.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial assistance, please contact a facilitator ahead of the retreat.

NOMC PLANNING MEETING

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday, a planning meeting to discuss the next retreat, as well as planning for the future of NOMC will be held. All interested are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information about the retreat, contact a facilitator.

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VISIT THE NOMC WEBSITE

<http://www.thenomc.org/retreats.html>

