

Rainbow Fianna: Wisdom School for Earthkeepers presents

## Engaging with the Sacred

An Introduction to the New Shamanism  
Featuring All Nine of the Munay-Ki Rites

with **Billie Dean**

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### Participant's Information

Thank you for your interest in this course, and we look forward to seeing you here. The following information should help you prepare for the course and answer most of the questions you might have about logistics

#### Dates and Times

Dates: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 through Monday, December 10, 2012

Wednesday: Gather at noon or so to take care of any business, and then start at 1:00 pm, finishing 10:00 pm-ish.

Friday through Monday: 9:00 am into the evening (10:00 pm-ish).

Note that with the exception of the start time on Wednesday, times are approximate, as Billie tailors the schedule to the particular class and its participants. However, you should expect that the course is pretty much all day and evening (with appropriate breaks, of course) as there is a lot to cover. And to be clear, the course will go into the evening on the last day, so you will want to leave the next morning, not that night.

#### Contact Details

If you have any queries with regard to the accommodation or logistics, please contact Andrew by email ([andrew@wildpureheart.com](mailto:andrew@wildpureheart.com)), or phone (02) 4842 2819 or 0409 609 428.

#### Course Registration Form

Please send Andrew your course registration form as soon as you know your arrangements. It includes your name, contact details, mobile phone number in case we need to get in touch with you while you are here or are on the way, as well as how and when you are planning to travel, as well as your accommodation arrangements. You can download the form from Billie's web site here (see <http://billiedean.com/wisdom-school/courses/engaging-with-the-sacred>), or contact Andrew and he can email it to you.

#### Venue

The Braidwood Mill (which we call The Old Mill), McKellar St, Braidwood, NSW, just off of Wallace Street, and across the street Torpy's Guesthouse. Here is the web site for the Mill: <http://ww.braidwoodmill.com.au/>

#### Location of Braidwood

Braidwood is a pretty, historic, heritage-listed town in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. By car, it is approximately 3.5 hours from Sydney, and about 1.25 hours by car from the Canberra Airport, which is the closest one. Here is a Google Maps link that shows where it is: <http://einspru.ch/RZQ16z>

For more information about Braidwood, please see the Braidwood Tourism site at [www.VisitBraidwood.com.au](http://www.VisitBraidwood.com.au), as well as the information at <http://www.braidwoodnsw.com>.

## Getting to Braidwood

To get to Braidwood, you can:

- drive
- fly or take the train to Canberra and catch a not-very-convenient bus from there (it leaves Canberra once-per-day at 7:30 am).
- get to Canberra and rent a car
- get to Canberra and take a cab to Braidwood (pricey).
- get to Canberra (or somewhere closer, like one of the train stops at Bungendore or Tarago), then organise with Braidwood Hire Car Service to be picked up.

If you would like driving instructions from Sydney or Canberra, please contact Andrew who can send them to you.

The bus schedule from Canberra to Braidwood is the Murray's Canberra to South Coast line. Please see: [http://www.murrays.com.au/OtherServices.aspx#Canberra\\_SouthCoast](http://www.murrays.com.au/OtherServices.aspx#Canberra_SouthCoast) for details. You'll see that there is one early bus to Braidwood and one afternoon bus back. Not overly convenient, but doable (and people do use this option). Sometimes people organise to arrive in Canberra the night before, then catch the bus the next morning. Also, if you need to catch the afternoon bus back to Canberra on the last day of the course, please let us know, as Billie will need to adjust the last part of the course for you.

You can find the train schedule at [www.countrylink.info](http://www.countrylink.info). Note that you can possibly take a train to Bungendore, which is a bit closer than Canberra, and then connect with a bus from there, but the pieces may be hard to match up.

To organise to be picked up by Braidwood Hire Car Service, talk to Stephen Hockey on 02 4842 2286 or 0429 422 286. The web site is: <http://www.hockeysbraidwood.com.au/services.html>. This can be expensive for one person, but is not so bad if you split the cost across a couple of people.

If you want to try to share a ride from Canberra (or from where you live like Melbourne or Sydney), let us know, and we'll see if we can help match you up with someone coming from your area or who might be able to meet you. Sometimes people share the cost of a hire car from Canberra, or are able to drive together and share the costs.

There are lots of possibilities, depending on who is attending the course and where they are coming from. We are happy to try to facilitate, but we can't promise anything.

## Accommodation

Andrew is organising accommodation at the following places in town: The Old Mill (where the course is being held), the Snow Lion B&B, and Braidwood Country Style B&B.

The Old Mill has three rooms available with a queen or king-sized bed in each. The Snow Lion has four rooms that accommodate up to eight people or so, and the B&B has five rooms that accommodate around the same number of people. It depends on whether people want a room on their own or want to share. They have shared bathroom facilities. The Old Mill has a kitchen, and there is limited cooking facilities at the Snow Lion.

The cost of a shared room in any of these places is \$50 per night per person (you share with one other person at most). If you prefer to have a room to yourself, it is \$75 per night. These rooms must be booked and paid for through Andrew, and are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Staying at these places is a fun way to be at the course, as the people staying there normally develop into friends.

Braidwood has a number of other places to stay with a variety of prices, ranging from basic motel accommodation, to bed and breakfast, to nicer hotel accommodation. Andrew can tell you what he knows about them, if you need. There's a list of them on the Braidwood Tourism site. <http://www.visitbraidwood.com.au/html/places/motel.htm> as well as at the other Braidwood site, <http://www.braidwoodnsw.com>.

Note that we suggest you do **not** stay at the pub (The Royal Hotel) as the energies tend to be a bit jarring.

## **Food**

Your course fee includes dinner each night (so, six dinners). These will be shared vegan meals lovingly prepared for you by Billie's senior students.

You are responsible for your own breakfasts and lunches, while here. There are places to eat in town, and a decent grocery store and a health food store (Herb Superb) where you can buy food. Sometimes the group dynamic works out that people share breakfasts and lunches as well, and the kitchen at the Old Mill is available to all participants. Normally, people work together on this, but it is not a requirement. It is, however, convivial.

Please note that we are dealing with subtle energies and needing to be karma free - so please abstain from all animal food products during the course.

## **Conduct**

We ask that you refrain from all alcohol and recreational drugs during the course, as it can affect the experience of other people, as well as your own, because we are dealing with subtle (and some not so subtle) energies that are affected by those substances. We, of course, don't mind what you do on your own time, but while you are here for the course, we ask that you respect this request.

## **Weather**

Braidwood in December is in its late spring glory. It can get hot, but still be cool at night, if not downright cold (our last frost is in November, usually). So please dress in layers.

## **What to Bring**

- Notebook and pen.
- Rattle, drum, clapsticks or similar for drumming during fire ceremony.
- Three small gifts. It is customary that when you receive the Munay-Ki rites that you give the person giving them to you a token gift. There are nine rites, however, you will only need three gifts. These gifts should be heartfelt, but need not be substantial or a burden for you to give. People have given small crystals or stones, chocolate (vegan only), incense, candles – that sort of thing. The idea is to have a small item that is given as part of the energy exchange that is the transmission of the rites.

## **Payment**

We ask that you pay a \$200 deposit to secure your place. The balance of the payment is due at the beginning of the course. The full course fee is \$1,500. If you are reviewing (that is, you have already received all nine rites from Billie), the cost is \$650.

To pay by EFT, our banking details are:

Account Name: Wild Pure Heart  
BSB: 633000  
Account No: 133984526  
Institution: Bendigo Bank

You can also pay by cheque or cash (contact Andrew for a mailing address if you need it). If you need to pay by credit card, that can also be arranged, but please be advised there is a 3% surcharge for this to cover bank fees, and it is helpful to Andrew if you can do this before the first day of the course as it is easier for him to do the transaction at the computer rather than on his phone.

If you need a payment plan for the course, please discuss this with us beforehand. We are happy to work something out with you based on what you are able to commit to. Please contact Andrew to discuss options.