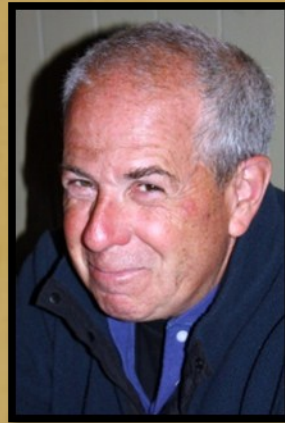


John
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David Seth
Michaels



invite you to

SACRED MAN 2012

Spencertown, NY

October 26th (7pm) - 28th (4pm)

David and John are immensely pleased to invite you to **SACRED MAN 2012**, following the inaugural **SACRED MAN** event in October 2010 and the second in 2011. Once again, we call men of adventure and heart to gather as our Ancestral forefathers gathered to sit among brothers to heal, expand and celebrate the manhood of all.

Investment (Gathering & Meals): \$425

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: email David at dsethmichaels@gmail.com

Post Payment: David Seth Michaels, PO Box 96, Spencertown, NY 12165
(Lodging Information: See end of poster or contact David)

“Only in a circle created by men for men, can a vital door be opened into the manhood of each man. There he finds initiation.”

SACRED MAN 2012 IS DEDICATED TO:

“Awakening and empowering men through awareness of the masks we are asked to wear or choose to wear. Often these masks dilute our experience and expression of our purest male power. There will be opportunity to restore ourselves from the pattern of such mask wearing and there will be opportunity to establish new strategies for being in the world, expressing ourselves from the core well of sacred masculine truth and power within every man, mask free.”

Cleansing & Bonding Rituals

Individual, Pair and Group Work

Time In Nature

Masks For Boys, Men & Elders: Ones We Wear

The Soul Stress Of Being More & Expressing Less

Rituals & Ceremonies For Recovery & Consolidation

Working With Earth, Fire, Air & Water

Journeying With The Drum – Sharing Our Stories

New Codes: Archetypal Energies For Men Today & In Time To Come

Celebration – Affirmation – Relaxation – Humour, Wisdom & Play

Take your place in a sovereign men's gathering this fall. **SACRED MAN 2012** is an accepting, supportive male community that embraces the cherished opportunity to bear witness to our manhood. We meet in a place beyond our names, our ethnicity, our incomes, our professions, our properties, our marital/family status, our sexuality, our politics. We meet at the level of our hearts. We meet knowing that we share the experience of being in the world as a male and that is qualification enough. While our experiences vary, it is in sharing those experiences and crucially, continuing our journeys consciously, that we find *male wisdom*. The ethos of **SACRED MAN 2012** is to cultivate superior male health, mind, body and Spirit, through developing a more authentic personal myth and practice of being a man. That myth is born from that primal, intangible space of a man's experience of life that is often beyond language. **SACRED MAN 2012** will offer an open door to that space we all experience, with safety, wisdom, creativity and courage.

The gathering is a critical “time out” from our regular lives to provide a critical “time to be”, often relaxed with humour. It is also deeply focused to bear non-judgmental witness, calling forth expression and progress of each man present. It is a celebration providing a platform for a greater return to our “ordinary” worlds with a superior groundedness in ourselves as men of integrity, awareness and pride in our gender.

* Attendance at previous **SACRED MAN** gatherings is not a prerequisite to attend *

Meals: 2 meals Saturday, 1 meal Sunday, (soup/bread/salad, Friday).
Please advise of dietary considerations.

Biographies:

David Seth Michaels

David is now 66. He is an elder, a writer, a lawyer, a beach bum and pursuer of Earth wisdom who has explored meditation, Buddhism, Shamanism, and ritual. For the past 24 years, he and Ona Sachs have been the stewards of land in Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, where they have conducted workshops, ceremonies, fires, and retreats. David is thrilled to invite men to enjoy this land.

John Cantwell

A 48 year old Dubliner and co-director of Slí An Chroí Shamanism in Ireland, alongside his wife Karen Ward, (Slí An Chroí is Irish-Gaelic for “Pathway Of The Heart”). John leads a monthly men’s shamanic group in Dublin called Fir Le Chéile, (Irish-Gaelic for “Men Together”) and he has facilitated weekend men’s work in the Netherlands and US. At his clinic, he has many years experience offering a healing space to men of all ages and backgrounds make breakthroughs in a wide range of issues. You can read more about John, his work in Ireland and abroad at www.slianchroi.ie or www.pathwayoftheheart.ie

Men sharing after **SACRED MAN 2010 & 2011:**

“I’m filled this morning with the gift we gave the world and ourselves this weekend. Thank you!” -Jim

“A very special thank you, muchas gracias for making the Sacred Man Gathering such a wonderful experience. Thank you for bringing your intentions, your energy, your humor, your shadow, your brotherhood, all of yourself to the Gathering. I fully enjoyed our working/playing in the mythic, and I was especially delighted by our fires.” -David

“I wanted to thank you both for pulling this together. For the hosting and the guidance that you both gave, but especially for the gratitude I feel for the group you assembled. Thanks to the rest of you for your presence and awareness and I feel honored to be part of this first incarnation of the “Sacred Man Group”. I look forward to watching this group grow and morph to include not just this core but other men who look to be initiated into this tribe of sacred men!” -Craig

“Thank you for putting forth the energy, the space, and the time to cultivate such a container with us in the fall. It is immensely important for me as a manand for men as a whole to have such support and stewardship. Blessings to you in this dark and fertile time. I look forward to sharing a circle with you again soon.” -Rob

"Thank you for such a beautiful weekend. Many aspects of myself shifted including being more aware of what I am passionate about, where I am choosing to engage, focus, and many fears are now gone that held me in a limiting container. "Wild and Free" present and accounted for!" - Scott

"I loved this Sacred Man gathering. Wonderful. Still sending sparks. Still alive in me. To all of the men and to you, my gratitude" -David

Lodging Information:

Here is a list of local lodging nearby David Seth Michael's house and land,
venue for **SACRED MAN 2012**

A friend of David's has 2 bedrooms in her home and she is offering for \$45 per night.
Shared bathroom. 5 minutes from his house in Chatham Village.

Deborah Doyle, (518) 821-3712.

MOTELS:

Chatham Travel Lodge

(Only 12 rooms about 5-7 mins)

598 Route 295

Old Chatham, NY 12136

(518) 392-4066

<http://www.chathamtravellodge.com>

Spencertown Cottages

2 Rentals just minutes away

(518) 392-7449

<http://www.spencertowncottages.com/>

Berkshire Travel lodge

13 minutes away

12703 Rte 22,

Canaan, NY 12029

(518) 781-4432

B & B's:

(these are all 15 mins away)

Thyme in the Country

(Mary Koch, proprietor is a friend of David)

671 Fish and Game Road

Hudson, NY 12534

www.thymeinthecountrybandb.com

Inn at Silver Maple Farm

1871 Rte 295 (East Chatham)

Canaan, NY 12029, USA

(518) 781-3600

<http://www.silvermaplefarm.com/>

The Inn at Green River

9 Nobletown Road

Hillsdale, NY 12529

(518) 325-7248

<http://www.iagr.com>