

A Sacred Fire Gathering & Medicine Ways Teaching

An Evening with Salvatore Gencarelle;
Ceremonial Guide, Author, and Mentor

Tara Firma Farms, Petaluma
June 19th, Thursday Evening, 7-9pm
{Potluck 5:30 - 6:30pm; BYO plates/utensils}

Come hear stories around a fire of how ancient knowledge and 'medicine' has been preserved and passed down for generations and why it's so important for us to learn this now. Sal will be speaking on the 4 sacred gifts, re-connection and healing through ceremony, and his plan for teaching future ceremonial facilitators through the Leadership Initiation Program starting up this Fall in the North Bay.

Have you ever wondered:

- What purpose could Ceremony play in our lives today?
- How could we as Westerners use Ceremony to strengthen our communities?
- What role does Ceremony play in raising healthy, mature adults?



Sal is a cultural bridge between healing ceremonies and the modern world. He spent 17 years being mentored by the Chipps Medicine family. Supported by his elders, Sal seeks to offer clear understanding of Native American "tools" and ceremonies.

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Ceremonial Leadership Initiation Program



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This is an 8 month long intensive called The Leadership Initiation Program (L.I.P.). My goal with the Leadership Initiation Program is to provide select people genuine mentoring from an indigenous trained person. This mentoring is about how ceremonial processes help to regenerate healthy culture. The Program will expose the participants to various ceremonies, philosophies, ceremonial tools (gifts), and methods. This exposure and understanding will be in-depth and is not for beginners.

As part of the North Bay L.I.P. we will meet one weekend a month on land in the North Bay to provide the "hands on" training. This would include performing actual ceremonies such as sweat lodges, sacred fires, vision quests, thanksgiving ceremonies.....

There will also be regular group and one on one mentoring phone calls.

Some of the Goals & Outcomes:

- What the purpose of ceremony is and how it affects individuals, communities, and the natural world.
- Proper conduct in and around ceremony.
- An understanding of the 4 original earth elements and how they are used in ceremony
- A basic understanding of the 4 universal sacred gift to human beings, the Canupa.(aka peace pipe), the drum (and songs), the Inipi (sweat lodge), and Vision Quest.
- How to construct a drum. How to respectfully use a drum. How to sing sacred Lakota songs. How to find their own sacred songs.
- How to tend Inipi fires, build a sweat lodge and care for this structure.

*Contact Sal for further details ~ Please ask for an application if this path calls to you.
~ In Health & Happiness ~*