



**DIA's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering**  
*July 25 - 28, 2012*

**St. Albert Priory**  
5890 Birch Court  
Oakland CA, 94618





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 St. Albert Priory, Oakland, California  
**WELCOME & OVERVIEW**

**HALLO, Dag,Goeie Naand..., Maacissini, Nagay Asseni !!!..  
 Welcome!**

Greetings from Africa to California USA ...and so here we are..!

California - here we come  
 Right back where we - started from  
 Armando, Stephana, even Adele... where  
 each morning at dawning - friars sing when bells go ring  
 Where sun-kissed grapes make - cabernet  
 There's nice cool breezes -from the bay (No mosquitoes!)  
 So open up that - golden gate  
 California - here we come!  
 And California, we're DIA! Yay!

It is good to have you here at the site of the birth of DIA sixteen years ago! That's a long time, yet here we are going strong, passionate about our vision that we treasure most:  
**THE TIME TO COME TOGETHER, TO CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER, TO SHARE OUR LIVES AND OUR ART, AND TO CELEBRATE OUR MISSION OF PREACHING THROUGH THE ARTS.**

Your Planning Commission has taken great care to plan a GATHERING IN THE MAKING with simplified schedule and a new and different slant in the events that we are going to embark! In this way we have more time to be inspired by each others and by our SAFARI GUIDES who will take us onto a wild expedition. YES, WE ARE GOING ON A SAFARI!  
 We believe that each of us have within us, individually and collectively, all that is needed to undertake this expedition into the land of wild imagination and transformation.  
 Familiar words like, WORKSHOPS, STUDIOS, COFFEE HOUSE, GALA, ETC.. will be transformed into SHAMAN, RAFIKI, SAFARI CAMP OUT, WISDOM FROM THE WILD, HAKUNA MATATA, WISDOM KEEPER, etc.

Janice McLaughlin aka RAFIKI, our WISDOM KEEPER, will expand our horizon through her experience of living in Africa where she *"...was uprooted from the familiar and comfortable."* She will unfold for us the wealth of ARTS AND CULTURE that have been her TEACHER AND WISDOM. We invite you to this trekking adventure with the tools of imagination and willingness to enrich our insights by and through the wisdom of the animals. Wild they may seem, yet we hope to risk the unknown, to gain new spiritual insights that can broaden our vision and challenge our outlook for our preaching mission.

Each time we come together to hear, listen and join Rafiki IS an EXPEDITION. We will have an opportunity to gather as groups to a "RANDOM REFLECTIONS" (GOING WILD IN THE WILD) – a chance to reflect, respond, and share the nuggets of wisdom we had been offered. This will be our avenue of expression through all Art forms – one of your own, or something different that calls you to newness, to transformation, and continued creativity. At the end of this journey, we will wrap-up and gather all the wisdom, rest together in the clearings of creativity where new vision, new meaning, and new outlook are expressed-freely and boldly. It will be a CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY inspired by the Wisdom from the Wild.



## MEET OUR SAFARI GUIDES

### Shaman:

Daniel Rolland, OP

### Visuals:

Could it be YOU?  
Come join and be  
a Safari Guide!

### Creative

### Drama:

Jill &  
Michael  
Poehlman,  
OPA

### Drums:

S. Andre Marie  
Fujier, OP

### Literary:

Could it be YOU?  
Come join and be  
a Safari Guide!

### Dance:

S. Karen Elizabeth  
Zavitz, OP  
& Frances Sedayao

S. Donna Maria  
Moses, OP

S. Liz Sully, OP

## Introducing...

Sr. Janice McLaughlin M.M.  
Aka "RAFIKI"

Sister Janice Mc Laughlin of Pittsburgh, PA, entered the Maryknoll Sisters in 1961. She earned her BA in Theology, Anthropology and Sociology from Marquette University in Wisconsin, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1969. Sister Janice was assigned to Kenya that same year where she served as Communications Coordinator for the Catholic Church in Kenya. She was responsible for training journalists and broadcasters, setting up diocesan newspapers, producing radio and television programs and drafting public statements for the bishops of Kenya.

In 1977, she was sent to what was then Rhodesia to serve as Press Secretary of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace. After only three months, she was arrested, detained and deported for documenting the war crimes of the government of Ian Smith. Her work was compiled and collected into a publication called "Rhodesia, the Propaganda War" that was published by the Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR) in London and the American Committee on Africa (ACOA) in New York.

After her deportation in Sept 1977, she worked with the Washington Office on Africa, (WOA), a church based lobby group that helped to educate the American public and Congress about African affairs. In 1979 she became the Projects Officer for the Zimbabwe Project, a new initiative set up by a consortium of Catholic donors to assist refugees from the war in Rhodesia. She was based in Mozambique for two years, visiting refugee camps, raising funds and purchasing supplies.





*After Independence in 1980, Sister Janice was invited by the independent government of Zimbabwe to work as education consultant in the President's Office. In this capacity, she helped to build nine schools for former refugees and war veterans and to develop a new system of education which linked academic subjects with technical training. "Education with Production in Zimbabwe, The Story of ZIMFEP" is the title of a book she wrote with others to describe this experiment. In 1985, she helped to establish the Zimbabwe Mozambique Friendship Association (ZIMOFJA), which assisted displaced people in Mozambique who were caught in the civic war between the FRELIMO government and RENAMO rebels. In 1991 she returned to Maryknoll to work as communications coordinator for the Maryknoll Sisters. Returning to Zimbabwe in 1997, she became the training coordinator for Silveira House, a leadership training and development education center run by the Jesuits for the poor and marginalized. She also set up a scholarship fund, which assists girls to go to school.*

*Sister Janice obtained a doctorate in religious studies from the University of Zimbabwe in 1992. Her thesis, "On the Frontline, Rural Catholic Missions and Zimbabwe's Liberation War", was published by Baobab Books in Harare in 1995. She is co-author of an "Advocacy Training Manual", used throughout Zimbabwe to train local communities to lobby for changes in policies that affect their lives. Her latest book, "Ostriches, Dung Beetles, and other Spiritual Masters. A Book of Wisdom of the Wild", reflections on nature, was published by Orbis Books in 2009.*

*In Zimbabwe until 2009 she chaired the African Forum for Catholic Social Teaching, AFCAST, an association of justice and peace practitioners throughout East, Central and Southern Africa that endeavors to make the social teachings known and practiced throughout the continent. She also chaired the Counseling Services Unit (CSU), a group of doctors and counselors who assist the victims of violence in Zimbabwe. She is the author of many articles that have appeared in a variety of books and publications over the years. Sr. Janice became President of the Maryknoll Sisters in 2009 and currently resides at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Ossining, NY.*





# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25th

2:00pm - 4:45pm  
5:45pm  
7:00pm

Registration & Social  
Dinner  
Welcome followed by Social



## THURSDAY, JULY 26th

8:00am - 9:00 am  
9:00am  
9:15am  
  
10:00am  
  
10:30am  
10:45am  
  
12:00noon  
1:30pm  
  
2:45pm  
  
4:00pm  
  
5:45pm  
7:30pm

**EXPEDITION 1**  
Breakfast  
Prayer (Where the Wild Things Are)  
Keynote Janice McLaughlin MM  
"Arts & Culture: Teacher & Wisdom"  
Random Reflection - Going Wild  
In The Wild - Part One  
Break  
Large Group Sharing  
Wisdom Gathering  
Lunch  
Janice McLaughlin MM  
"Wisdom From the Animals"  
Going Wild in the Wild - Part Two  
Random Group Creates  
Optional Movie/Rest Time/Continue  
Random Group Creates  
Dinner  
"Safari Campout" & Virtual Gallery



## FRIDAY, JULY 27th

8:00am - 9:00am  
9:00am  
9:15am  
  
10:30am  
  
12:00noon  
1:00pm  
3:00pm  
  
4:00pm  
  
5:45pm  
7:00pm

**EXPEDITION 2**  
Breakfast  
Prayer  
Janice McLaughlin MM "Collecting  
& Sharing the Wisdom: Pulling It Together"  
Going Wild In the Wild - Part Three  
Random Work Creates  
Lunch  
Board/Election  
Free Time/Prep For Liturgy/Any Other  
Wild Things  
Spirit Recognitions & Fra Angelico Award  
  
Dinner  
Celebration of Creativity - followed  
by Simple Reception



## SATURDAY, JULY 28th

8:00am - 9:00am  
9:00am  
10:15am  
  
10:45am - 12:00noon

Breakfast  
Liturgy  
Wisdom From the Wild -- What  
Happened From Our Safari  
Board





**DIA GATHERING IN THE MAKING 2012**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation or Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name on Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (Food & Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee (if not already paid) \$ 50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Members Gathering Fee \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Postmarked before May 15th  
 Includes \$60.00 non refundable deposit

Postmarked after May 15th \$400.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commuter Fee (includes lunch & dinner) \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Both Registration & Payment need to go to:

CAROL O'CONNOR  
 DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE  
 2320 AIRPORT DRIVE  
 COLUMBUS, OH 43219

We invite you to accept our optional and individual payment plan for your DIA annual membership dues and/or gathering registration fees. If you are interested in paying your dues and fees over time, please contact Jill Poehlman - [jpoehlman@wowway.com](mailto:jpoehlman@wowway.com) 630-315-4022



### SCHOLARSHIP

Though DIA funds are limited, we can provide some monetary assistance to those DIA members unable to pay the full cost. Please contact Mary Fran Gorman as soon as possible if you wish to request a Scholarship Assistance form. The completed form must be received by Mary Fran before April 15th.

Mary Fran Gorman, OP  
1225 W. Monroe St.  
Springfield, IL 62704

mfgop@yahoo.com  
217-299-6471

### VIRTUAL GALLERY

Visual Artists are invited to submit photos of five art pieces plus a photo of the artist for the VIRTUAL GALLERY.

Email: Photos in JPG format can be sent to::

coconnor@oppeace.org

or, if necessary, SNAIL MAIL: Mail photographs :

Carol O'Connor

Dominican Sisters of Peace

2320 Airport Drive

Columbus, OH 43219

The deadline for submitting artwork is June 1st, 2012

### MARKET PLACE

There will be 2-3 tables provided for those to share for small items, a VCR for videos and a DVD player. There is a TV and a CD player, but people will need to share.

Contact for Market Place is:

Carol O'Connor

coconnor@oppeace.org

614-416-1362

If you are unable to bring things with you, you may ship them to the address below. Be sure to mark in big print

DIA MARKET PLACE - PLEASE HOLD

You are responsible for getting them back home.

Br. Richard Maher, OP

Guest Master

St. Albert Priory

5890 Birch Ct.

Oakland, CA 94618





## TRANSPORTATION

### AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

There is a BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) that stops 5 minutes away from St. Albert's Priory. When travelling to the San Francisco Airport or Oakland Airport, it was recommended to take the BART and then be picked up at the ROCKRIDGE STATION in OAKLAND by someone from the DIA. It was also noted that travelling from San Francisco Airport is a direct route on BART while travelling from the Oakland Airport involves a transfer.

#### From SFO AIRPORT:

Take the "SAN FRANCISCO/PITTSBURG-BAY POINT" YELLOW LINE directly from the airport. Exit at the ROCKRIDGE STATION in OAKLAND

Cost: BART Ticket (ticket machines accept cash and debit/credit card): \$8.60

#### From OAKLAND AIRPORT:

Take AIR BART Transport Bus to the "COLOSSEUM/OAKLAND AIRPORT" STATION. Take the "RICHMOND" RED LINE to the 18th/19th STREET STATION. Cross the platform and transfer to the "PITTSBURG-BAY POINT" YELLOW LINE. Exit at the ROCKRIDGE STATION in OAKLAND.

Cost: AIR BART: \$3.00 (exact change required). BART Ticket (ticket machines accept cash and debit/credit card): \$2.05

Once you arrive by BART at ROCKRIDGE STATION in OAKLAND, contact KATHY RHODY at 602-663-1054 to be picked up.

If you decide to take a Shuttle -- Bay Porter Express - 1-415-467-1800.

From SFO it will be \$39 with \$15 per additional person.

From Oakland it will be \$25 with \$15 per additional person.

If you decide to take a Taxi -- Welcome Transport Group - 1 510-522-8911

From SFO it will be \$60-\$65 & from Oakland it will be \$30 - \$35

To give us an idea of when people are arriving and departing, please provide the following information by June 1st, 2012 to:

Kathy Rhody  
1013 E. Cheryl Drive  
Phoenix, Az 85020  
Rhodykathy@aol.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone - Day \_\_\_\_\_

Night \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Airplane: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival, Day/Time (at airport before boarding BART):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Departure Day/Time: \_\_\_\_\_



**DRIVING:**

For those driving, there is a parking lot -- park on the BASKETBALL COURT off CHARABOT RD. The Building entrance is BIRCH CT.

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