

2nd Annual Flaring Forth Celebration!

With Brian Thomas Swimme, Drew Dellinger,
Mary Reynolds-Thompson & Thomas Spiritbringer

November 9, 2018 CE (Thomas Berry's 104th)
9am-5:15pm

Brennan Hall Rm 63-New! (West of Library)
Holy Names University
3500 Mountain Blvd Oakland, CA 94619



In 1978 CE (Common Era) Thomas Berry released his epic essay *The New Story* to The Human Community. This essay would grace the pages of his comprehensive collection of essays in his 1988 CE book *The Dream of The Earth* with the Foreword by Brian Thomas Swimme. These works led to our 25th Anniversary celebration of the 1992 CE book *The Universe Story* by Thomas Berry and Brian Thomas Swimme last year. What an opportunity to be introduced to these Great Works for the first time or be renewed by their message again within your Ecozoic Era community!

Join us at our Historic Holy Names University (HNU) Campus where the Sophia Center and the Institute of Culture and Creation Spirituality began through the Great Work of Thomas Berry, Brian Thomas Swimme, Jim Conlon, Matthew Fox, Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, Miriam McGillis, Belvie Rooks, Peter Mayer, Mary Schmitt, Carl Anthony, Drew Dellinger and many others. Come together with host Thomas Spiritbringer and our Earth-wide community to celebrate through story, music, poetry, book & CD releases, dance and educational opportunities at this 2nd Annual Flaring Forth Celebration

The day will be focused on celebrating the 3 Communities of The Universe Story
*The Universe Community *The Earth Community *The Human Community



9-9:30am Gathering- The Universe Story (TUS) Gift Exchange Table, Walk TUS Experience

9:30-10am Welcome!-Thomas Spiritbringer Opening TUS Ritual-Cindy Acker

10-11:30am The Human Community in The Ecozoic Era-Drew Dellinger

11:45-1pm Lunch-Epicurean Cafeteria on HNU Campus/Networking

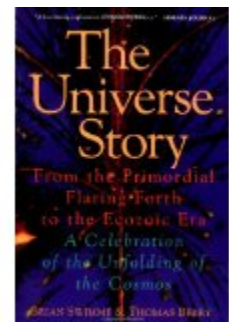
1:15-1:45pm Integral Taiji and the Great Flowing Forth Elizabeth McAnally

2-3:15pm The Dream of The Earth Community: Inner Awareness
Mary Reynolds-Thompson (bio's are below)

3:25-3:50pm Ecozoic Era Ritual-Betty-Ann Kissilove & Thomas Spiritbringer

4-5:15pm The New Story introduces The Universe Community Brian Thomas Swimme

5:15pm Optional Supper with Brian Thomas Swimme-Epicurean Cafeteria on HNU Campus



Happy 40th Anniversary The New Story, 30th The Dream of The Earth and 1st The Universe Story Calendar!!

Note: 3rd Annual Flaring Forth Celebration Sat/SolarSystemday, Nov/NationScience 9, 2019 CE!

MAIN PRESENTORS' BIOGRAPHIES

All Participants- Each person participating in this UniverseEarthHuman event is also presenting today by their presence! Through celebrating together, sharing their The Universe Story (TUS) tools at the Gift Exchange table and during this day we each bring forth our uniqueness, interiority and kinship!

Brian Thomas Swimme, PHD- Brian is the co-author of *The Universe Story* with his colleague and friend Thomas Berry, whose birth on Nov. 9, 1914 CE and Earthly life until 2009 CE we honor at this Flaring Forth Celebration. Over a 10 year span from 1982-1992 CE, they met to compile and celebrate this epic Journey of all physical and psychic energy from the Flaring Forth 13.8 billion years ago to today's Ecozoic Era in 2018 CE the Year of The Universe Story Calendar. Many scholars in TUS movement from an array of disciplines critiqued and fashioned this Great Work with Thomas and Brian as well during that creative decade. Brian is the author of books and DVD's involving The Universe Story including the acclaimed "Journey of The Universe" film. Presently, Brian is a faculty member at the California Institute for Integral Studies in San Francisco, CA.

Mary Reynolds-Thompson-Mary Reynolds Thompson is an award-winning writer, facilitator of poetry therapy, and a pioneer in the emerging field of spiritual ecology. She speaks and holds workshops around the world and has developed an archetypal model of transformation based on five Earth landscapes. She is an instructor for [TreeSisters](#), a non-profit with the dual mission of empowering women and reforesting the tropics, and is core faculty for the Therapeutic Writing Institute, the leading training institute for expressive writing therapy. Author of [Reclaiming the Wild Soul: How Earth's Landscapes Restore Us to Wholeness](#) (a 2015 Nautilus Award Winner), she is at work on her new book, *A Wild Soul Woman*.

Drew Dellinger, Ph.D., is an internationally known speaker, writer, poet, and teacher who has lectured and taught extensively across the US, UK, Canada, and Australia. He is author of the award-winning poetry collection, *Love Letter to the Milky Way*, and the upcoming book, *Martin Luther King – Ecological Thinker: Toward a Cosmology of Connection*. Dellinger has lectured at numerous colleges and universities and has taught at Prescott College, Schumacher College, Naropa University–Oakland, the Sophia Center, CIIS, and John F. Kennedy University, where he was Associate Professor and Director of the Program in Social Ecology. Dellinger has been called "a national treasure," by Joanna Macy, "a deep and courageous poet," by Alice Walker, and "one of the most creative, courageous, and prophetic voices of his generation," by Cornel West. www.drewdellinger.org Twitter: @drewdellinger

Betty-Ann Kissilove-Betty lives in San Francisco and teaches English as a Second Language at City College. She has long been captivated by *The Story of The Universe* and believes it holds great significance for our time. She wrote the epic poem *Great Ball of Fire!* [available in book form at www.greatballoffirethebook.com] in hopes of making The Universe Story accessible to all.

Elizabeth McAnally, PhD is the newsletter editor and website manager for the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale. She also manages the websites for Journey of the Universe, Thomas Berry, American Teilhard Association, and Emerging Earth Community. Elizabeth has taught classes on philosophy, religion, and environmental ethics at Pacifica Graduate Institute, the University of North Texas, Diablo Valley College, and the University of San Francisco. She practices yoga and Chinese internal arts (taiji, qigong, bagua, xingyi, and yiquan) and offers Integral Taiji and Qigong lessons. Elizabeth also loves singing and playing the flute. Her first book, *Loving Water across Religions: Contributions to an Integral Water Ethic*, will be published by Orbis Press in 2019.

Thomas R Spiritbringer MA²-Tom is honored to be the Master of Ceremonies again this year. His Great Work of today is our new, world calendar; *The Universe Story Calendar (TUSC)*. His book (Foreword is by Brian Thomas Swimme) and 2018 CE Calendar of the same name were officially promulgated last year at the 25th Anniversary Celebration. The TUSC of 2019 CE is now ready! He is a 2008 CE graduate of The Sophia Center. Earth Abides Catholic Worker Farm is his bioregion. He celebrates with deep gratitude you and U! (Universe) of 13.8 BY, 2018 CE and The Ecozoic Era! For Workshops: ourearthguy@gmail.com