



Re-imagining our Past and Shaping the Future through Storytelling

A contextual program of Emerging Ecology

July 21-23, 2017

An outing to the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest In Western North Carolina

With some trees as old as 450 years, the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest contains one of the few remaining stands of virgin forest in the Eastern United States. A 2-mile walking trail through wildflowers, ferns and moss-covered logs allows visitors to commune with the trees, some of which are 20' in circumference and 100' tall (photo right). Saturday evening and Sunday morning will be dedicated to creating our own versions of stories that recount the past and point to the human role in creating the future.



The forest, part of the Nantahala National Forest, in the heart of the verdant Appalachian Mountains will provide the milieu for a discontinuous weekend with people interested in re-imagining the human experience and helping give voice to the trees and mountains.

This outing is being organized by Emerging Ecology as a part of its contextual programs series. By walking through the ancient forests, participants will encounter the world as it was before humans trod over the hills. The Appalachian Mountains are some of the world's oldest, and they, too, have their own majestic tales. During the evenings, the group will work together to give voice to the rocks and the trees. These epic narratives will enliven the present planetary issues and help point the way into a future where humans can work in mutually enhancing ways with the non-human realms. The weekend includes storytelling workshops and visits to the forests as shown below.

See the Past, Envision the Future				
Friday, July 21	Saturday, July 22			Sunday, July 23
7:30 – 9:00 pm	9:00 am – 12:30	2:00 – 5:00 pm	7:00 – 9:00 pm	9:00 am – noon
Workshop: Introduction to storytelling	Visit the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest	Visit the Nantahala National Forest	Workshop: Creating and learning stories	Workshop: Presenting compelling stories
<i>At the Microtel in Robbinsville, NC</i>			<i>At the Microtel in Robbinsville, NC</i>	<i>At the Microtel in Robbinsville, NC</i>

The registration fee for this trip is \$30. The fee includes entrance fees and workshop materials. Each person will be responsible for their own food, lodging and travel. Carpooling will be coordinated as needed. For additional information visit the Emerging Ecology website (www.EmergingEcology.org) or contact Nelson Stover (NStover@EmergingEcology.org).



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Important Practical Details

Workshop facilities: The story telling workshops will be held in the meeting rooms of Microtel Inn & Suites in Robbinsville, NC. Robbinsville is located about 4 hours west of Greensboro, past Asheville.

Weekend cost: The registration fee for the weekend is \$30. This covers workshop materials and fees. Individuals are responsible for their meals, lodging and travel expenses.

Registration process: People wishing to attend this week-end program should contact Nelson Stover (NStover@EmergingEcology.org). Payment can be made in check or cash to Emerging Ecology, 5911 Western Trail, Greensboro, NC 27410. Electronic payments can be made on the Emerging Ecology website at: <http://www.emergingecology.org/reimagining.html>.

Food arrangements: Meals will be organized to meet the needs of the group once they arrive in Robbinsville. Several restaurants are located near the workshop facilities. People staying at the Microtel Inn and Suites will have breakfast at their hotel; people staying other places will organize breakfast accordingly. Each person will be responsible for their own food expenses.

Overnight accommodations: A block of rooms have been reserved at the Microtel Inn & Suites in Robbinsville, NC. If you would like one of these rooms, or would like to share a room, contact Nelson Stover (NStover@EmergingEcology.org). Each room contains 2 beds and costs \$85/room/night [plus applicable taxes]. The facility provides wi-fi and is pet-friendly. The room rate includes breakfast. People wishing to make other arrangements are welcome to do so on their own initiative.

Additional information: For additional information, phone Nelson Stover at 336-605-0143 or visit the Emerging Ecology website (www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining.html) or its Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/EmergingEcology).