

**Bridging the Gap
Between Western Medicine
and Curanderismo**

Elena Avila, R.N., M.S.N.
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.



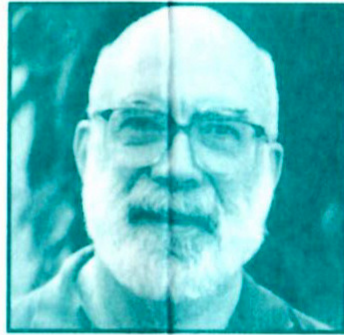
Learn how practitioners of western medicine and Curanderismo can work together to help patients release their own healing energy. The healing properties of limpias (spiritual cleansing) and the treatment of susto (soul retrieval) will be explored.

Elena Avila is a psychiatric nurse practitioner and psychotherapist. She has presented workshops on Curanderismo internationally. She holds her M.S.N. from the University of Texas at El Paso.

SATURDAY ♦ AUGUST 24

**The Shamanic Journey for
Transformation and
Healing**

Michael Harner, Ph.D.
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Considered by many to be the world's authority on shamanism, Michael Harner introduces participants to core shamanism - the universal and near-universal basic methods of the shaman to enter non-ordinary reality for problem solving, well-being and healing.

During this experiential workshop, particular emphasis is on the classic shamanic journey, one of the most remarkable visionary methods used by humankind to explore the hidden universe. Participants are initiated into shamanic journeying, aided by drumming and movement techniques to experience the shamanic state of consciousness and awaken dormant spiritual abilities.

Michael Harner is an anthropologist who has practiced shamanism and shamanic healing since 1961 and has pioneered their return to contemporary life. President of the Foundation of Shamanic Studies, he has been a professor at Columbia, Yale and and chair of the Anthropology Department of the Graduate Faculty at the New School of Social Research. His books include *The Way of the Shaman*, *Hallucinogens and Shamanism*, and *The Jivaro*.

**Three Wishes: Is the Genie
in the Bottle?**

Beth Hin
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.



We seem reluctant to embrace the importance of integrating the mundane as the sacred vessel for transcendence. Our localized experience does not pose the answers but the questions for understanding both attributes and our unity with the divine in all things. This understanding generally comes in the form of revelation rather than conquest. It is a paradox for our emotional, mental and egoic nature to allow, accept and confront our wish to dominate rather than to participate. Humble participation in the present retrieves our history and completes our existence. This workshop will include discourse, questions and answers and meditation.

Beth Hin, seer, mystic and spiritual teacher, has an exceptional gift of seeing the broad scope of human events while relating clearly and sensitively to one's individual quest.

**The Magic Kingdom:
Whose Revelation are We
Living?**

Robert Waterman, Ed.D.
2:30 to 5:00 p.m.



Are our gifts and works exceptional or is the Divine revealing itself through the stuff of our lives? Are we networking our issues and our growth or rather, does the soul, if allowed, have a genius for discovering what it needs? The seeker of life encounters activities in order to build its inner kingdom. In Hinduism we have the diamond body, in Buddhism the rainbow body. In Christianity we have the "kingdom not of this world," in Alchemy the philosophers stone or pearl of great price. The human experience strives solely to fulfill what it is. In this lies the peace that surpasses all understanding. Come explore the elements through which we create our inner kingdom and fulfill the spiritual promise that is the way of the soul. A blessing will be offered to conclude the conference.

Dr. Waterman is the founding president of Southwestern College. He is an authority on the human energy field and its application to counseling and health.