2014 Nature-Based Therapeutics Conference

Speak! The Quality of Interactions Between Humans and Animals

Friday, September 26, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

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REGISTER

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Friday, September 26, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m.

$150* Arboretum Members and Conference Affiliates

$175* General registration.

Speak! is presented by the University of Minnesota's Nature-Based Therapeutic Services, a shared initiative with the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Center for Spirituality and Healing to further the understanding of how nature heals.

**Fee includes lunch, dinner, coffee breaks, and Arboretum admission. Please note that this conference is for humans only - please keep your animal partners at home.*

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Conference Highlights

Agenda
Full Presentation Descriptions

MORNING

♦ **Keynote Address - A Shared Journey: The Power and Responsibility of Animal Assisted Interactions** - Suzanne Clothier

♦ **"Animal Assisted Interactions" in Practice Here in Minnesota** - Panel discussion with Ann Cahill, moderator

♦ **Integrating Behavioral Healthcare with Primary Medicine and the Therapeutic Farm** - Dr. Carlene H. Taylor

AFTERNOON

♦ **Tribute to Dr. R.K. Anderson and CENSHARE - Dr. Pamela Schreiner**

♦ **Wolves and Dogs in Relationship and Research** - Peggy Callahan, Executive Director of the Wildlife Science Center

♦ **Art as Translation:** - Ann Cahill will interview a panel of artists on how their work is bridging advocacy and communicating the human/animal relationship. Artists:
Emilie Buchwald, Publisher
Kari Maxwell, Artist

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♦ **Ethical Considerations in Animal Assisted Interactions: Potential Potholes and the Road Ahead** - Dr. Kirby Wycoff

♦ **Keynote Address Part 2: Square Holes, Round Paws: Goodness of Fit Assessment Tools** - Suzanne Clothier

EVENING

♦ **Dinner and presentation** - **Kevin Kling**, Minnesota playwright and storyteller

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Student Scholarships *are available for Speak! For further information, please contact Dr. Jean Larson at larso095@umn.edu.*

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