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Art Event Productions announces "SHINING LIGHT ON THE DARK: The Gifts of the Dark Night of the Soul," part of an upcoming fall series.

(Medford, OR), June 8, 2009 – During the months of September, October and November 2009, Betsy Lewis Art Event Productions© is assembling Rogue Valley visual artists, poets and experts in the field to take part in a fall series of art events exploring the "Dark Night of the Soul" and its role in healing and transforming human lives.

Night of the Soul" was coined by the 16th-century Christian mystic, St. John of the Cross, who used it to describe spiritual crises. Now it has come to describe psychological ones as well which - once lived through - can result in better health, well-being and authenticity.

A fine art show "The Gifts of the Dark Night" will kick off the art series at the Talent Art Gallery at 108 S. Market St., Talent, Oregon, October 1 through October 31, 2009; the opening reception will be held October 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contributing artists include Ron Hadath, Jim Thompson, Betsy Lewis and Janet London. Marla Estes, MA Transpersonal Studies, will present "Embracing the Dark Night of the Soul" at the Talent Art Gallery, October 3 from 6 to 7 p.m, as part of the opening of the fine art show and on October 9, a poetry reading will be held at the Talent Art Gallery from 7 to 9pm.

The "Dark Night Postcard Art Show" will be held at the MAda Shell Gallery, "on the Plaza" (27 ½ E. Main St.), Ashland, Oregon from September 24th to October 25th, 2009. There will be an opening during "Last Friday" events in Ashland, September 29th and on "First Friday", October 2, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Using art, writing and supportive sharing to explore and heal, Janet London, M.Ed. will offer a day-long workshop entitled: "Healing in a Starry Starry Night," November 1, 2009, 9:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Marla Estes, is an Ashland writer, teacher, mentor and workshop facilitator. Her focus is psychological, especially through a Jungian lens, looking at topics such as women's themes, gender relations, shadow, emotions, relationships of all kinds, individuation, and inner work. Her approach is enthusiastic and inspired, with an attitude of exploration, inviting participants to come up with their own answers. Ms. Estes often uses film as a teaching tool in looking at human experience. Visit her website at www.marlaestes.com

Janet London has an M.Ed. in Counseling from Antioch University. She taught human development and psychology classes in community colleges and has counseled for more than 20 years. Thirteen years ago Janet experienced a deep depression and found that art and creativity were essential parts of her healing. Since then she has been offering Artist Way and Mandala Art classes to help others develop their creativity and self-awareness. Janet can be contacted at: www.tamlondonhummingbirdarts.com

Betsy Lewis is an artist, poet and businesswoman. Wishing to combine the spirit of altruism, activism and enthusiasm for art and its healing properties, she launched her business, Art Event Productions, LLC, and is providing her Rogue Valley clients with individualized art marketing services, representation, and art events designed to foster their artistic growth and their sales by increasing their visibility. www.arteventproductions.com www.arteventproductions.com

