

Shadhiliyya Community Bulletin

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Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

As-Salaam 'Alaykum beloveds,

Warm Greetings from the Communication Circle! This is the second edition of our news bulletin, published between the quarterly newsletters. We've been working hard and are happy to bring you updated news from around the country.

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- **Updates to Sidi's Schedule**
- **News from the Shadhiliyya Circles**
- **Updated Nationwide Listing of Free Shadhiliyyah Events**

Come and join us! Do you like to have fun, be creative and serve Allah and your community all at the same time? You're in luck! The Communication Circle is currently open to new members! To join, contact noorupshaw@gmail.com with subject "subscribe to comcircle."

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And now... ***This Month's Bulletin***

Updates to Sidi's Schedule

♥ Sufi School West events have been extended to include a three day special retreat to Pray for Peace open to *anyone*, from the afternoon of Tue Aug 12 to dawn on Friday Aug 15, with a FREE integration day offered on the 15th! Everyone is welcome to come for any amount of time during that retreat.



♥ A cupping training and treatment clinic, led by Wadude Laird and Rahima Schmall, has been added to Sufi School East events (Sep 5-8).

A PDF of the schedule is on the website.

News from Shadhiliyya Circles

Governance Circle

Wahida Kass, moderator, jyoungkass@verizon.net

The Governance Circle is currently comprised of seven dedicated beloveds and meets regularly on Monday evenings in an effort to finalize the governance proposal. We have presented a draft version of our proposal to the SSC Board, the University Board and the Tariqa at large. We are working diligently to address questions and concerns that have been brought to our attention.

If you have not received a copy of the proposal, or have questions or feedback, please email us at share@suficenter.org.

A summary version of the proposal has been created for presentation to Sidi for his review and blessing. We have also crafted a few questions regarding some fundamental, broader- based issues we wanted clarification on.

Due to changes in Sidi's schedule we were

unable to present the proposal to him in July, as hoped. As a result **we requested, and received approval from the Interim Board, to extend the Interim Governance Period and our deadline for proposal approval through September.** Insha'llah we will be able to present it to Sidi soon.

We are also looking at an implementation and training program to support the tariqa if the proposal is adopted, as we hope, inshallah.

Communication Circle

<http://comcircle.nexo.com/shadhiliyyacommunityforum>

The **Communications Circle** has been very active sending out newsletters and bulletins. Our plan is to publish a quarterly newsletter in September, December, March, and June. They will include updates on national circles' activities and more. In between newsletters, we will send out monthly bulletins and/or special announcements, as needed.

Coming soon, insha'allah: **Watch for our new improved and expanded SSC website.**

Database/Directory Circle

The **Sufi Database/Directory Circle** was recently formed to address two requests. **First** is to bring our Shadhiliyya Sufi central database (housed at the SSC office in Pope Valley) up to date. The database is very important, especially for keeping members informed by email and regular mail.

Second - many people have expressed an interest in having some kind of Tariqa-wide directory of Sufi beloveds. The circle has started to explore how to create this directory while appropriately protecting people's privacy. As yet, we need more participants who can put in the necessary time for a number of months to create this directory. **So, until we find a moderator and more contributing members, the Directory project is on hold.** In the meantime, we are working to bring the existing database up to date. (See lilac box for more.)



Thanks to beloveds, our Mother Center Continues to Bless Her Guests

Our thanks to Laila Brady Walzer for speaking so beautifully for many other recent visitors to the Mother Center. She writes to Shadhuli Planet, 7/30/08:

"I'd like to express deep appreciation for whatever it's taking to keep the Shadhiliyya Sufi Retreat Center open for events. The Mansfields, Maryam, Rahima and Ra'ouf in the kitchen, many volunteers and many more whom I don't know, made it possible to have the Sufi Secrets workshop last week-end. I am sure they are all working under imperfect conditions, but the rooms were ready, the food was fabulous, and I felt very welcomed and contained. I'm honestly not sure how they did it. There is always such a very special holy energy and light there, and I am deeply grateful. I had resigned myself to not having the gift of the Mother Center available when the financial crunch hit.

I encourage people to respond to requests for help for the upcoming events - it's needed, and it feels like it brings many baraka to support the Center in any way possible, including a hoedown with a toilet brush if need be.(!) Allah hu akbar! Ma salaam, Laila B. W."



Shafi Springs Mineral Water



Now available at SufiGifts.com.

Looking for...

From the SSC office: Every Sufi Community is **invited to trade database information** regarding your particular communities' membership lists *with Bill Mansfield*, ssccounting@suficenter.org, 707.965.0700 x21. This will help both SSC and the communities make sure their lists are complete and current.

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The **Communications Circle** needs your **DIGITAL PHOTOS**, especially candid shots of beloveds, Sidi, and other teachers, at Sufi events. Please help us enhance our newsletters and website with photos of our own people. (Send to Rifqa Jeanne Quereau, jeanneq19@gmail.com.)

The **Communications Circle** is also looking for people to **help complete the new SSC website**. You don't have to know html, but computer savvy is helpful. **We especially need people who can help write** up various descriptions of our community and its activities, or report on events like Sufi Schools. (Contact Wahida Jennie Kass, jyoungkass@verizon.net to help).

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The **Sufi Database/Directory Circle** needs a moderator and a few dedicated members to work together with the SSC office and community members around the country to do the "leg work" necessary to explore how best to set up a directory of beloveds, and to follow through on the details of the directory project. Sa'id Rick Kelleher, who has 25 years professional experience in creating databases and directories, has already volunteered to do many of the technical computer aspects of these projects. Others are needed to deal with everything else. (Contact Rifqa Jeanne Quereau, temporary moderator, jeanneq19@gmail.com)

Free Shadhiliyya Teleconference Calls

Here is the most updated (as of July 28, 2008) of FREE Teleconference Calls that are being offered by beloveds in our community as well as some offerings by the University USHS.

West Coast:

Readings From Sidi's Books, A Quality, And Add Your Loved Ones To The Prayer Circle

7AM, PDT (Every Day) Hosted by Sabur and Rahma Fee, danielfee@sbcglobal.net ***(623) 218-1094 access code 5591#, when prompted enter the conference code 559#

Reading/Writing Sidi's Books

5PM, PDT (Wednesdays) Hosted by Na'ama McCreedy, kmccreedy@mindspring.com, (707) 963-0881 ***(623) 218-1094 access code 5591#, when prompted enter the conference code 559# It is OK to be on the call if you do not have the book or are unable to write.

Reading the Quran

6:30PM, PDT (Fridays) Hosted by Mahabba Arthur and Ibrahim Ali, mahabba@cox.net *** (623) 218-1094 access code 5591#, when prompted enter the conference code 559# This Holy Book is read beautifully in Arabic by Ibrahim, and read beautifully in English by Mahabba

Midwest:

Sufi Women's Healing Circle

Group prayer healings for women every other Tuesday. from 7:30 – 8:30pm CDT. Moderator: Laila Saratore, Healer: Jumanah Wakitsch. Contact Jumanah for more information at DebraWakitsch@comcast.net. **Next call is August 5.** *** (218)486-1600 access code: 876280.

Tele-Remembrance with the Qualities

Wednesdays from 8:30-9:15 or 9:30 CST. Led by Ayyub Lally and Shamsa Bowman. *** (616) 597-8000 access code: 576945#.

East Coast:

Morning Spiritual Practices

(Fajr, Wazifa, Al-Wird, the Jewel Supplication) Early Morning – (Every Day, *Insha'allah*) This call time varies based on the east coast fajr time. Please call or e-mail Rauda Lazarus for the most recent starting times. (516) 887-3675, joanlaz@msn.com *** (218) 339-3600 access code 332106#

Thursday Night Phone Dhikr

9 or 9:30PM, PST (Thursdays, *insha'allah*) This call time varies. Please call or e-mail Rauda Lazarus for the most recent starting times. (516) 887-3675, joanlaz@msn.com *** (218) 339-3600 access code 332106#

Sunday Night Purity Practice Prayers

A practice to Purify the Body, Heart, Soul, Spirit and Intellect. 3 Sundays **August 10, 17, 24** 9:00PM EDT. (Approx. 3 hours to complete.)

*** (218) 339-3600 access code 332106#
(Please hit the mute/unmute button, * 6 as soon as you come on the call.)

We will do 500 rounds and 1000 Ya-Allah after Maghrib prayers. You are welcome to just listen or to help chant rounds of prayers. Please do your 2 salats & set your intentions before you come on the call.

Participants should have taken both the Purity Practice and Tawba Promises. If not, no worries. You can still make a donation/sacrifice for them through SSC. The order is to do the Nighttime Tawba Cleansing Process first then the Purity practice. However, you can still join us if you set the intent to also complete the Tawba Cleansing. Donations (sacrifices) for these two practices can be sent to SSC at P.O. Box 100 Pope Valley, CA 94567.

For questions or if you need a non-email copy of Purity or Tawba Practices, please contact Rauda Lazarus, joanlaz@msn.com, (516) 887-3675 or Zahra Lee, cmeilee@comcast.net, (617) 721-5215.

*University Of Spiritual Healing and Sufism**

See www.sufiuniversity.org for regular free and low-cost phone classes for newcomers.

FREE Teleclasses from the Sufi University:

<http://www.sufiuniversity.org/ContentPage.asp?ContentID=120>

Recordings of FREE classes with senior faculty of the Sufi University:

<http://www.sufiuniversity.org/ContentPage.asp?ContentID=140>

FREE 14-day spiritual renewal e-course offered by the Sufi University:

<http://www.sufiuniversity.org/ContentPage.asp?ContentID=118>

*These web urls were corrected on 8/1/08.



If we have missed any calls or free resources, please email us at share@suficenter.org or post a comment on our nexo site.

Your Support is Needed

Please consider donating a monthly gift to the Shadhiliyya Sufi Center to support communications like this. Any amount -- \$10 - \$25 - or more -- a month will make a difference in enabling us to serve you and share the Religion of Unity. Thank you.

You can download a pledge form from the web.

Ma'a Salaam

