

*“The significant problems of the day cannot be solved with the same consciousness that created them.”*

—Albert Einstein

A very special weekend for Gay Men in the unspoiled wilderness of Wildwood

## GAY MEN & MIDLIFE AWAKENING:

Rites of Passage Into the Second Half of Life

Sometime around midlife (not necessarily chronological), most gay men find themselves **questioning the purpose and direction** of their life.

The second half of life revolves around the **needs of the soul, purposeful living, new directions, risk-taking**, and the creation of a fully present and engaged life—what James Hillman calls “growing down.”

In this pioneering weekend workshop—presented for the past five years—you will learn to:

- **Identify the birth pangs** of the middle passage
- **Examine various routes** across this disorienting territory
- **Explore ways of deep listening** to the soul
- **Create a more conscious, passionate** and meaningful engagement with the rest of your life.

The weekend of  
**May 21-23, 2010**

### Wildwood Retreat Center

Guerneville, CA (Northwest of San Francisco)

#### Workshop Leaders



**Don Kilhefner, Ph.D.:**

Pioneer gay liberationist & gay community organizer and Jungian psychologist.



**Roberto Blain:** USC Director of Talent Management, co-founder of the Center for Conscious Creativity and co-chair of Transform L.A.

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### Additional Details:

- **Workshop is low cost to make it affordable**—most of the expense covers your stay and three meals per day at Wildwood. The bulk of the workshop fee goes to Wildwood and helps preserve this historic retreat center (see info below). A minimum deposit will reserve your space.
- **Once you have registered and your deposit has been received, Ken Gorczyca will contact you** to help with workshop logistics after your deposit is received. These logistics include directions to Wildwood, setting up the pre-requisite 30-minute interview either in person or via conference call, sending your homework assignment, CDs and readings which help get the Midlife Awakening juices flowing, and answering questions you may have.
- **Note that the pre-requisite interview is not meant** to determine whether you will get into the workshop, but rather is designed to provide time for you and a Midlife Awakening representative to ask questions and get to know one another. We have found that the pre-interviews raise the quality of the workshops significantly, because they help create a powerful context for participation.

### Wildwood Mountain Retreat: The Land, the Legacy, the Story

**Wildwood is a place that simply feels right—a true home.** All are magnetized by Wildwood's uncommon beauty—including the 1.2 million acres of coastal redwood forest. The property's inhabitants also include the world's largest coastal live oak tree.

**A little history:** Wildwood was homesteaded around 1900. The original fence and an orchard still stand. 1960s Guerneville was a fringe hangout for the hippie culture, but by the 1970s, the town blossomed into the west coast's premier gay vacation spot. In summer, crowds packed the resorts and bars along the Russian River.

The adventurous navigated a six-mile dirt road to a mountain retreat called Wildwood, featuring a pool and Jacuzzi added in 1977 and a recently and fully remodeled grand conference room. In January, 2007, an ambitious 20 year plan was approved—to secure Wildwood as a West Coast healing center that magnetizes cutting-edge personal growth and spiritual transformation leaders.

For additional information about Wildwood:

[www.wildwoodretreat.com](http://www.wildwoodretreat.com)

[www.midlifeawakening.org](http://www.midlifeawakening.org)