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A Gathering

A week-long celebration of inspiration, creativity, thoughtful inquiry, and photographic art.

Elizabeth and Keron have chosen mid-October, and possibly late October, to offer 6 nights and seven days of photography, guest lectures, field activities, gallery talks, stillness and relaxation, in an environment supportive to all. Asilomar, in Pacific Grove, California, will offer us a tranquil, comfortable base for exploration, internal and external.

A spectacular program of instruction, review, world class gallery visits, and wonderful shooting locations is tremendously enhanced by our guest lecturers. Gentle yoga each morning will be offered (fully optional) to begin our day energized! This program is without parallel. We'll be joined by amazing artists, writers, gallery directors including Ryuijie, Ann Jastrab, Alan Fitzgerald, Brian Taylor, Brigitte Carnochan, and many others. The Monterey Peninsula is a treasure trove of photography luminaries!



We are limited to ten guests in each session. We fully expect to fill each, but we will begin with the first session from October 9-15. The first session is an all-female gathering. The second session is open to males and females, October 25-31.

Cost includes lodging, all breakfasts, one lunch, four dinners, all speakers and model fees. Not included, transportation to and from the workshops. **During** the workshop week all transportation will be provided. Per person double occupancy: \$3690. Per person single occupancy: \$4470 **Email Keron to reserve your spot!** And email Elizabeth and Keron with any questions: keron@keronpsillas.com, eopalenik@me.com

Daily Schedule follows, *though subject to change for weather and light conditions, and to accommodate guest speaker schedules.*



Day 1, gather this evening for communal dinner in a private home just by the conference center. *FYI, Seattle TO Monterey on Alaska departs Seattle at 3 pm, arrives 5:30 pm.* You will be picked up and taken to Asilomar and then dinner (just 20 minutes away).

Day 2, start the day with gentle yoga, optional, at 8:30-9:00. Our first day will have us all get acquainted with each other's work, then Elizabeth and Keron will share presentations. We'll have lunch and then do some field work! A bit later in the afternoon we will have a presentation from Robert Kato: all you ever wanted to know about your iPhone camera! Our first day will keep us around the conference center to familiarize ourselves with the surroundings and opportunities close at hand. Dinner together again! Shooting time at dusk, dark (before and after dinner).

Day 3, start the day with yoga and then a group discussion about the previous day's shooting. We'll review images, and see brief presentations from Keron and Elizabeth. Lunch will be followed by some time to photograph and 'gather' locally, perhaps do some still life, and then gather late in the day for a round table discussion with three guest presenters. We'll all meet for dinner (along with our guests) and continue the discussion.

Day 4, No yoga today, we are off for a big field trip early! We'll head down the coast to Point Lobos to glory in the scenery, peace, and photographic feast. We'll have a picnic lunch to maximize shooting time. Back to Asilomar and after a rest we'll get busy with models and dancers on the beach! We'll be creative with mylar if the light is promising. Dinner on our own.

Day 5, early beach session with mylar for landscape and each other as models, then yoga and *lots of image review* for the morning. After lunch we'll visit the Center for Fine Art Photography, partake in a discussion with several more guest presenters, view some fabulous print work, and then return home. Dinner on our own.

Day 6, yoga and more image review, lots of discussion about the prior days activities, then in to Carmel for gallery visits and lunch. Free afternoon for shooting (still lives, landscape, mylar fun, self-portraits...) and creation of a 'zine' for our week! Elizabeth and Keron will assemble. We'll gather for one more group dinner with a few special guests.

Day 7, no yoga, but a trip to Monterey for the aquarium to have some shooting fun with all the beauty of the marine world. After lunch, head to airport for return to home. *Upon checkout in the morning, we'll keep luggage at private home, secured, then pick it up by three to head to the airport. FYI, Seattle from Monterey on Alaska departs at 6:05 pm.*

