

A GladdeningLight Retreat Hosted by
Marcus & Marianne Borg *with Special Guest Billy Collins*



Seeing *with the* Eyes *of the* Heart

August 15–19, 2012

at the **Borg Mountain Home** and nearby **Brasada Ranch Resort**, Powell Butte, Oregon



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Seeing is foremost about being present. It is a conscious activity yet cannot be forced. Contrary to some who might insist otherwise, it is not about becoming childlike in our perceptions. Rather, for the mature artful observer it is an acquired volition. It comes at a stage in life when presence interplays with wisdom.

There are no greater wordsmiths currently at work in the art of seeing than Marcus Borg and Billy Collins, who delight and intrigue us with their observations. Dr. Borg's twenty books beckon us to contextually examine the life of Jesus and the scriptures, building upon a century of post-enlightenment biblical scholarship. Billy Collins is in many ways our favorite chronicler of seeing anew. His colloquial voice asks the reader to pause and contemplate the serendipity of modern life, inviting us to ponder time, chance and recollection.

Participating in this confluence of hearts and minds in retreat over four days will expand our conscious life. The occasion will aim to *reframe perceptions of the spiritual* within the commonplace and bring us into communion with our retreat companions. New friendships will emerge from hospitality in the Borg home and high-desert relaxation *par excellence* at Brasada Ranch.

Limited to a collegial number of guests, the GladdeningLight Retreat at Brasada Ranch will feature morning sessions with Marcus and Billy facilitated by Marianne Borg, fun & leisure in the afternoons at the resort, evening receptions and dinner together, time in the Borg mountain home to savor a backyard panorama of the Cascades, and special events in the spiritual arts.

This will be a *once-in-a-lifetime experience* to rub shoulders with literary giants, together in creative learning and at play. Come and experience a new way of seeing with the eyes of the heart.



Brasada Ranch House Lodge



Marcus and Marianne Borg's mountain home

*Seeing is never from memory.
It has no memory. It is looking now.
The total organism is involved in seeing.
Not thinking about what is said from memory,
but listening and looking openly now.*

Toni Parker

Special readings selected from both articles and books, disseminated timely in advance, will help prepare you for your retreat. A personal profile will be sent to each registrant to list dietary restrictions for meals and outline snack preferences for in-room placement upon arrival. Every effort will be made to fulfill the individual requirements of retreat participants.

Your Hosts:



Dr. Marcus J. Borg, Oregon State University's Hundere Chair Emeritus of Religion and Culture and bestselling author of twenty books on the historical Jesus, religion and Christian spirituality
MarcusJBorg.com



The Rev. Canon Marianne Wells Borg, Director of the Center for Spiritual Development, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon
center-for-spiritual-development.org



Billy Collins, America's most beloved living poet and our nation's Poet Laureate from 2001-2003, the author of eight volumes of poetry including *Ballistics* (2008) and *Horoscopes for the Dead* (2011)
poetryfoundation.org/bio/billy-collins

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\$2,675 per person/double occupancy
(\$600 single supplement)

Reservations honored with deposit on a first-come, first-served basis
Space is limited and anticipated to fill to capacity
\$500 deposit, conditionally refundable

Deadline: March 1, 2012 or until reservations are filled. The retreat is reserved for a limited number, so paid deposits will be essential to confirm attendance. Special accommodation requests (e.g., outdoor spa cabins, suite upgrades) will be honored in order of reservations received.

Accommodations: Within each 2- and 3-bedroom Sage Canyon Cabin, your own king bedroom with suite-style private bath, secure access to the living area, kitchen and wraparound deck (some with outdoor hot tub, upon request). Upgrades to a limited number of Ranch House Suites upon request at an additional \$650 per room, subject to availability. Pre- and/or Post-Retreat stays available at preferred rates, upon reservation in advance, subject to availability.

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person by personal check, Visa, M/C, Amex or Discover will confirm your reservation. The initial deposit is refundable upon notice of cancellation by the reservation deadline of March 1, 2012. A second installment deposit of \$1,000 per person is due by March 15, 2012 and the balance of your prepaid reservation amount is due by June 1, 2012. Non-payment of subsequent deposits or balance due will result in forfeiture of your reservation and a 50% penalty of payments to-date.

Waiting Lists: A waiting list will be maintained and notification will occur as space becomes available.



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Registration

The GladdeningLight retreat in the Oregon Cascades includes four nights superior accommodation at Brasada Ranch, a Preferred Hotel & Resort Property, full breakfast and lunch at leisure, group receptions each evening, dinners coupled with select wines, group functions, nightly turndown service, personalized airport transfers and luggage assistance. The staff of GladdeningLight and Brasada Ranch remains at your service to ensure complete comfort and satisfaction.

What Your Retreat Fee Includes

Airport transfers to & from Brasada Ranch, private accommodations in a 2- or 3-bedroom luxury cabin, each bedroom with suite-style private bath, lodging tax, full breakfast at leisure each morning at the Ranch House, lunch at the The Range or Ranch House at leisure, wine & hors d'oeuvres receptions each evening, group dinners, conference materials, evening activities in the spiritual arts, turndown service and light breakfast & snack refreshment stocked in each cabin kitchen.

What Is Not Included

Leisure activities and personal amenities (e.g., spa treatments, golf, horseback riding, fly fishing, guided hikes, shopping excursions via shuttle, etc.), airfare, trip insurance. Upon registration, participants are encouraged to contact Brasada Ranch directly to book leisure activities.



The Brasada Ranch Recreation Center



Leisure activities can be booked through Brasada Ranch

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www.Brasada.com

Brasada Ranch is a visionary resort property, designed to grace the surrounding ecosystem with a light footprint as the only LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified resort in the state. Brasada is a place where vivid high-desert landscape meets pet-friendly, cozy comfort, and where the highest standards of service are assured to please even the most discerning traveler.

Your private accommodation within the two- and three-bedroom cabins will be attended to with daily maid service and nightly turndown service. Fresh breakfast baskets are placed in the cabins for you to enjoy in the quiet of the mornings. And for those who wish to upgrade to multi-room suites, the Ranch House Lodge features a limited number of special 500 to 900 sq. ft. accommodations (at additional cost).

GladdeningLight will furnish a questionnaire in advance to uniquely tailor each guest experience—from dietary preferences to individualized beverage & snack requests. Representatives of Brasada Ranch will personally greet each arriving guest at nearby Redmond, OR airport for the twenty-minute transfer to the resort. Pre- or post-event stays may be arranged at preferred rates.

Brasada Ranch deluxe rooms, each with separate baths, overlook the high desert toward the snow-capped Cascades in 2- & 3-bedroom luxurious Sage Canyon Cabins with assured individual privacy. Some feature outdoor heated spas, upon request, as summer desert evenings can be cool. Full American Plan, all meals included: four full breakfasts, three lunches at leisure, four group receptions & dinner functions featuring a full complement of wines. Transfers to & from the Redmond, OR airport served daily direct from Seattle, Portland, Denver, San Francisco & Salt Lake City.



Brasada's deluxe cabin accommodations

Proposed Schedule

(subject to change)

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

Afternoon Arrivals at Redmond Airport, transfers to Brasada Ranch
6:00pm Welcome Reception & Dinner at The Range

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Breakfast, at leisure

8:30am Morning meditation, Rev. Marianne Borg at The Barn
8:45am Session I, Marcus Borg
10:00am Break
10:30am Session I, Poetry Readings by Billy Collins

Lunch at leisure, afternoon free

6:00pm Reception & Dinner on the Barn Lawn
8:00pm *The Glorious Impossible*, a multimedia program of renaissance art & music from GladdeningLight, narrative by Madeleine L'Engle, read by Marianne Borg, The Barn

Friday, August 17, 2012

Breakfast, at leisure

8:30am Group transportation to the Borg home
9:00am Welcome & meditation, Marianne Borg
9:15am Session II, Billy Collins
10:30am Break
10:45am Session II, Marcus Borg
Noon Group transportation return to Brasada Ranch
Lunch at leisure, afternoon free
6:00pm Reception & barbecue on the Barn Lawn

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Breakfast, at leisure

8:30am Morning meditation, Marianne Borg
8:45am Session III, Marcus Borg
10:00am Break
10:30am Session III, A Conversation with Billy Collins led by Marianne Borg
Lunch at leisure, afternoon free
5:30pm Group transportation to the Borg home
6:00pm Reception & dinner at the Borg home

Sunday, August 19, 2012

Breakfast, at leisure

Activities at leisure, departures

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