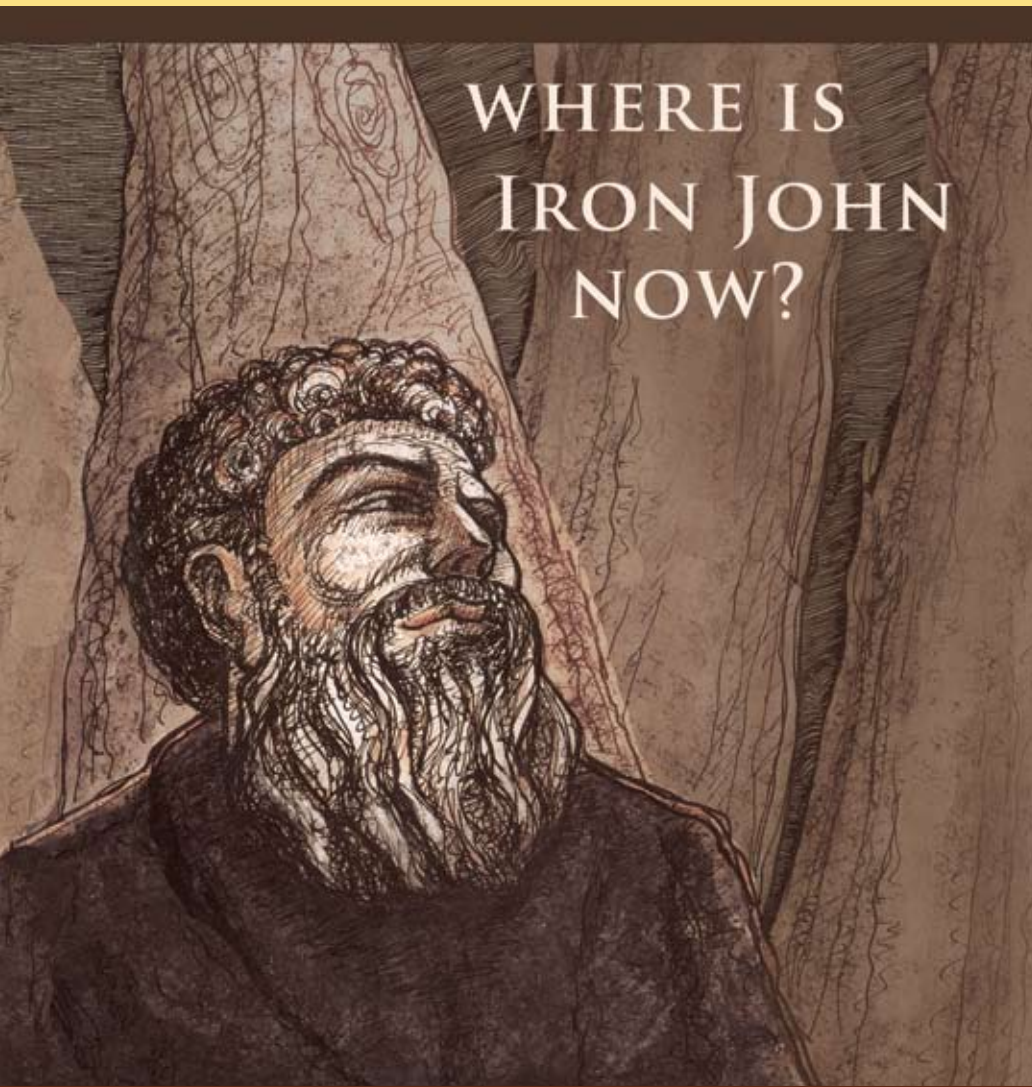


# 25th Anniversary Celebration

## Robert Bly's Annual Minnesota Men's Conference

### September 8-13 2009



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Robert Bly	Tom Gambell
John Lee	Doug von Koss
Miguel Rivera	Timothy Young
Orland Bishop	Thomas R. Smith
Daniel Deardorff	Jay Leeming
Martin Shaw	

Camp Miller, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota

Twenty five years have passed since the first Minnesota Men's Conference. How has this work affected men in our culture? Men's work began by asking what sort of fathering and mentoring was possible for young men inside their own families and within the culture as a whole.

There is a deep hunger for intelligent leadership from adult men. It seems clear that many men have become involved in the complicated work of fathering and mentoring young men and women, yet it is also clear there's a lot more to be done.

In the early 80's Robert Bly used the story of "Iron John" to lay out a map of the soul's journey in maturing the deep masculine. This year as we retell the story "Iron John", we will ask those new to this story, and those who have lived it: 'Where are we now in this story? What is valuable about this story of Iron John?' What other stories do we need?

Eleven gifted teachers will collaborate and celebrate this 25th Anniversary of the Conference. Mythtellers Daniel Deardorff and Martin Shaw will join with Robert Bly in a wild three-way retelling of the "Iron John" story. John Lee will offer his profound insight into how we can navigate the trouble of regression and men's anger. Miguel Rivera, with his deep feeling for the indigenous world of nature and ritual, will help us stay connected to these primary sources of the masculine heart. Orland Bishop returns with his eloquence and extensive experience with at-risk youth to show us a path toward the mentoring of youth. Tom Gambell, with his compassionate, open-hearted Aikido, and Doug Von Koss, with his love song arrows, will engage us in two ancient expressions: the power of movement and the power of song. Timothy Young, Thomas Smith, and Jay Leeming will lead us through the forest of words to find our own poems of depth and praise.

#### More Information on the Conference and its History:

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#### Conference Site

This year's conference will be held once again at Camp Miller, a beautiful YMCA camp on 100+ acres of woods, fields and waterfront, on Sturgeon Lake 100 miles north of the Twin Cities. The cabins, dining room and main meeting lodge are a combination of rustic and modern. The camp staff are superb, the food is excellent and the sauna is always hot!

#### Scholarship Fund

The Minnesota Men's Conference is supported entirely by participant fees and individual donations to the scholarship fund. Help reach out to a young man by sponsoring him to this year's conference.

Please consider a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or a full scholarship.

25th Annual Minnesota Men's Conference  
Registration Form — September 8-13th

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Cost** (includes lodging and meals):

☐ **Adult men** \$750    Registration deposit: \$150

☐ **Young men** (Ages 13-20) \$400    Registration deposit: \$75

(Refund Policy: All Deposits Refundable until August 1st, 2009, less \$30 handling fee. After Aug 1st, 2009 all deposits are non-refundable. Balance of fee refundable until August 15th less \$30 handling fee, after August 15th all fees are non-refundable)

☐ Please consider a donation to the **Scholarship Fund** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Hidden Wine**. If you are sending the \$150 (\$75) deposit, the remaining balance of \$600 (\$325) is due by August 1st.

☐ Total amount sent \_\_\_\_\_

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\*The **CVV2 code** is the last 3 digits in the signature box on the back of your card

Attendance will be limited to 90 adult men and 30 young men.

Mail this completed form to the address below:

**Hidden Wine**  
406 A Lowell Davis Road  
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

After your registration is received, a confirmation letter with conference details will be sent. For out-of-town guests, a charter bus will be available to transport you between the camp and the Twin Cities airport.

For more information about the bus cost, arrival and departure times, or for more details, please check our web site <http://www.hiddenwine.com>, e-mail [hiddenwine@earthlink.net](mailto:hiddenwine@earthlink.net) or call Craig at 860-923-6987, 860-942-1658 mobile

The Teachers



**Robert Bly**, internationally recognized and award-winning author and poet, helped found the modern men's movement. He has taught men how to create a home for what is best in them. He inspires both men and women to lead a life of intensity and beauty that brings them together into community.



**John Lee** returns this year bringing our attention to passivity in men as one of the most overlooked, un-discussed, undiagnosed, & least-understood issues, and he will discuss its effects on our relationships. He is the author of the men's work classic, *The Flying Boy: Healing the Wounded Man*.



**Miguel Rivera**, a musician and drummer, is a man who is in love with the language of sound. A regular teacher at this conference since 1993, it is always an honor to have Miguel teach drumming, reading poetry, and grounding the conference with ritual space and ceremony.



**Orland Bishop's** work in healing and human development is framed by an extensive study of medicine, naturopathy, psychology, and African indigenous culture. He is the founder and director of Shade Tree Multicultural Foundation in Los Angeles.



**Tom Gambell**, a 6th Degree Black Belt, has taught Aikido for over 30 years, and is the Chief Instructor of East Bay Aikido in Oakland, CA. Once the principles of Aikido are embodied, they become a source of strength and guidance. He has helped many men find their balance and grounding in the masculine body.



**Daniel Deardorff** is a multi-talented singer, musician, and storyteller. He returns to the conference bringing in the luminous mythological. Deardorff carries mysteries into a new place. The place is nourishing, startling and full of intelligence.



**Martin Shaw** is a storyteller, musician & Rites-of-Passage teacher. He presides over an astonishing flow of language, which pulls with it much time in the wilderness. Owls and stags live here. He is talking about experiencing ancient myths in a new way.



**Doug von Koss** joyously returns again this year to lead early morning chanting. Many participants return to this conference just to begin each day in "one voice" under his guidance. He teaches the vowel sounds as well as chants from the Near East and the West.



**Timothy Young**, poet and teacher, lives and works in Minnesota. He is the author of *Men Don't Dance in America* and *Building in Deeper Water*. His next book will be *Herds of Bears Surround Us*. Timothy started *The Two Boots Poetry Tour*, which ventures into libraries, schools, correctional facilities and other venues.



**Thomas R. Smith**, poet & editor, lives in western Wisconsin. His most recent books are *Kinnickinnic* and *Waking Before Dawn*. He has published and read his poems internationally. Thomas edited the book *Walking Swiftly: Writings & Images on the Occasion of Robert Bly's 65th Birthday*.



**Jay Leeming** is the author of *Dynamite on a China Plate*, a book of poems published by The Backwaters Press. His poems have appeared in a variety of magazines including *Ploughshares*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *Poetry East* and *Black Warrior Review*. He lives and teaches in Ithaca, New York.

Conference History

To learn more about the 25 year history of the Minnesota Men's Conference please see additional information on the website: <http://hiddenwine.com/MMC/>

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