

# JULIAN OF NORWICH

*MODERN MYSTIC*



MAY 29 – 31, 2009

FRIDAY, 6:00 P.M. – SUNDAY, 2:00 P.M.

PRESENTED BY  
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And then our good Lord opened my spiritual eye,  
and showed me my soul in the midst of my heart.  
The place which Jesus takes in our soul  
he will nevermore vacate,  
for in us is his home of homes  
and his everlasting dwelling.

*Showings*, Chapter 68

“There can be no doubt that Julian is the greatest of the English mystics.”

Thomas Merton

## Meet Julian of Norwich

Born: 1342  
Occupation: anchoress, St. Julian's Church, Norwich, England  
Name: Unknown  
Education: Unknown  
Date of Death: Unknown (c. 1416)  
Achievements: First Woman to Write in the English Language; Mystic

In May 1373, when she was 30 years old and near death from a grave malady, the woman known as Julian experienced sixteen visions or “showings” of Christ’s passion and the nature of divine love. During this weekend together, we will explore and reflect on Julian’s themes of God’s compassion and love:

- our source of everlasting empowerment and nurturing through the Trinity
- our interconnectedness with all creation and our inseparable union with the divine
- God’s love and delight in us and his wish for our delight and love in him
- the assurance that all will be well, even in the face of difficulties and despair



**Lynne Larson, M.A.**, discovered Julian of Norwich while on retreat over twenty years ago and ever since has looked to the *Showings* for spiritual nourishment. Dream interpretation has been her special interest for over thirty years, during which she has studied thousands of dreams. She teaches and conducts dream workshops and works with individuals privately. She also sponsors contemplative prayer retreats and is active in a Virginia Beach centering prayer group. Her website is [thejoyofdreaming.com](http://thejoyofdreaming.com).



**Phil Stone** is an MBA and engineer who found his true calling promoting retreats and opportunities for spiritual growth. A graduate of The Shalem Institute’s Leading Contemplative Retreats Program, Phil is a contemplative prayer group and retreat leader. Phil is the creator of [Findthedivine.com](http://Findthedivine.com), an online directory of retreat centers.

### About Shalom House

Shalom House is located in rural western Hanover County, Virginia. The serene, pastoral setting includes one hundred acres of woods and farmland with a three-acre pond and walking/meditation trail, as well as the Stations of the Cross and a prayer labyrinth. Owned by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Shalom can accommodate up to 32 guests in two lodges.

### Cost and Room Arrangements

The cost for the retreat is \$180.00 per person for a double occupancy room. Four single rooms are available on a first come-first served basis for \$230.00 each. Meals and accommodations are included in the fee. Every effort will be made to accommodate your roommate choice.