

Silent Vipassana Retreat

Led by Eric Kolvig and Lila Kate Wheeler

Saturday, October 20 through Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Madonna Retreat Center
4040 St. Joseph Place NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Registration and check-in: 8:30-9:45 AM October 20th
Retreat begins 10:00 AM October 20th
Ends with lunch October 24th

AS WE BEFRIEND and embrace all parts of ourselves through forgiveness, understanding and love, we let our Buddha nature shine through and awaken that quality in others. This retreat will include both mindfulness and guided loving kindness practice. It will incorporate silent sitting and walking meditation, interviews with teachers, question and answer periods, and evening dharma talks.

Eric Kolvig, Ph.D., has been teaching Vipassana since 1985 and leads meditation retreats all over the U.S. He studied and practiced for years with prominent teachers at the Insight Meditation Society in Barre, MA, and also trained in the zen tradition. Eric is particularly interested in supporting "grassroots dharma," self-organized local communities like the Albuquerque Vipassana Sangha where he serves as resident teacher.

Lila Kate Wheeler has been teaching meditation since the mid 1980s. A prizewinning writer of fiction and journalism, Lila most recently published *Nixon Under the Bodhi Tree and Other Works of Buddhist Fiction*, a 2004 Wisdom Publications anthology of Buddhist writers' stories.

For information, contact the registrar:

Tiska Blankenship (505) 256-3785 Tiska@unm.edu

Information and forms are also available at www.abqsangha.org

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Fee Schedule and Room Types

Rooms will be assigned in the order deposits are received. If your room choice is unavailable, you will be notified and offered another option.

Retreat fee covers room and vegetarian meals:

- **Single with shared bath: \$340**
- **Single with private bath: \$395**
- **Double with shared bath: \$310**
- **Double with private bath: \$345**
- **Commuter (meals only): \$225**

Commuter registrations can be guaranteed only after a minimum number of residential registrations are confirmed. Commuting may detract from the retreat experience, so please choose to make this a residential retreat unless you would not otherwise be able to participate.

The teachers request that participants commit to arriving at the beginning of the retreat and staying until the end. A few partial retreatants may be admitted, subject to approval by the teachers. If you would like to attend but are unable to sit the full retreat, please inquire and explain the circumstances.

Important Dana Note: In keeping with our tradition that dharma teachings are priceless and freely given, *compensation for the teachers is **not** included in the retreat fees.* The teachers offer their wisdom and guidance without charge. At the end of the retreat, participants have the opportunity to return this generosity by making a *dana* donation to support our teachers in their ongoing work of serving the dharma. When planning for the retreat and considering your gift, please reflect on the value of the teachings in your life and remember that our teachers rely in large part on *dana* for their livelihoods.

Scholarships available: It is the intention of the Albuquerque Vipassana Sangha that no one refrain from taking part in any retreat we sponsor due to financial considerations. We offer scholarships up to 2/3 of the retreat fee. All scholarship inquiries and assistance will be kept confidential. To request scholarship information, contact registrar Tiska Blankenship at 505/256-3785, or Tiska@unm.edu. **Scholarship applications must be received by Sept. 8, 2007.** Requests made after that deadline will be considered based on available funds.

Registration Form - Kolvig/Wheeler Vipassana Retreat - Albuquerque, Oct 20-24, 2007

Name _____ Email (print clearly) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ Scholarship info? _____

Room Pref 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ Roommate pref (dbl) _____

Special food needs _____

Other special needs _____

Fill out registration form & mail with \$100 deposit to: Tiska Blankenship, 1523 Solano Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110-5631. Make checks to "Albuquerque Vipassana Sangha" & earmark for retreat.

The deposit is non-refundable after Sept. 22, 2007. Remainder of fee is due by Sept. 29, 2007. Due to the cost of reserving retreat space, after that date you will be responsible for the full fee if you cancel.

If in the spirit of generosity you wish to contribute to the scholarship fund or the sangha, please make out a separate check to AVS earmarked for that and send to Tiska Blankenship at the above address.