



Season of Awakening

Soul Journey into Spring

A Mindfulness Meditation and Yoga Retreat

**with Johann van Greunen, Specialist Wellness Counsellor and Reiki Master
and Glenda van den Oever, Yoga Teacher**

17-19 September 2021

GOEDGEDACHT, RIEBEECK-KASTEEL

*"...when it is springtime in your soul, then the rhythm, the energy and the hidden light
of your own clay works with you. You are in the flow of your own growth of and potential."*

- John O'Donohue

Spring is the Season of Awakening to new possibilities and new life.

For the soul a journey into spring can entail undertaking new projects, giving attention to desires and hopes that stir up after the slumber and sleep associated with winter, or even making some important life changes. A silent space to focus on awakening of the senses and spirit is especially needed as our bodies and souls are still recovering from the traumatic effects of living through a year of the COVID pandemic that affected our lives on all levels.

This silent retreat will create the sacred space for solitude and deep reflection to facilitate this soul journey into spring through the practices of mindfulness, meditation, yoga and movement.

On this retreat we will focus on the following:

Silence and Solitude:

- 🌿 The retreat will be silent from after dinner on the Friday till the Sunday brunch. We will intentionally create a structured and supported environment to support silence and deep reflection.
- 🌿 Entering deeply into silence and solitude through the mindfulness practices of meditation, yoga, movement and mindful eating.
- 🌿 Connecting with nature through a focus on the elements and garden walks.

Meditation:

During the retreat we will engage with the following meditation practices:

- 🌿 Seated Mindfulness Breath Meditations
- 🌿 Lying-down Meditations
- 🌿 Movement Meditations
- 🌿 Chakra Cleansing Meditations

Yoga:

Morning and late afternoon yoga classes will be restorative, cleansing and deeply relaxing. The practice will be suitable for all levels of practitioners.

Awakening:

- 🌿 Awakening the senses through a focus on the elements to facilitate grounding and connectedness to nature and all in existence.
- 🌿 Awakening the senses through movement and mindful eating.
- 🌿 Awakening creative energy through colour and music.
- 🌿 Creative expression through drawing, painting, collaging, creative writing and journaling.
- 🌿 Creating a Spring Mandala.

You are invited to join us at Goedgedacht Retreat Centre, situated on a beautiful olive farm near Riebeeck-Kasteel, on the **17th September 2021** for this retreat, inclusive of accommodation, all meals, coffee/tea as well as all retreat activities and materials used.

Checking in-time will be from **14:00** on **Friday 17th September** and we will gather **16:00** for the start of the retreat. The retreat will end at **13:30** on **Sunday 19th September**.

The retreat fee is **R 3 500.00**. An immediate deposit of **R 1 000.00** secures your booking. The outstanding balance need to be paid by **Friday 10th September**. **Please book soon as space is limited**. For bookings, contact Johann at johann@johannvangreunen.co.za or 021-914 1294 or 083 764 5978.

About your facilitators:

Johann Van Greunen



Johann is a Specialist Wellness Counsellor in private practice with training and background in Pastoral Therapy. In his practice he focuses on counselling, Reiki healing and training, teaching mindfulness meditation and he runs various workshops focused on mindfulness practices and inner wellbeing. Johann has realised the value of Meditation and Mindfulness Practices early in his life and has come to know Mindfulness Meditation as an invaluable aid in assisting us to develop integrated and coherent life stories.

With an interest in Integral and Complementary Medicine from early on, Johann qualified as Reiki Master to offer a hands-on healing practice that complements his counselling practice. Being a Master in Reiki, he teaches courses on Levels 1, 2 and Master Level.

Johann had been training in both ballroom and contemporary dance for years and developed a strong interest in the healing power of creative processes, especially in art, movement and music. He uses these processes working with groups and during his workshops and retreats teaching Mindfulness Practices. He encourages his clients coming for counselling to use creative processes in order to develop new narratives for their life stories.

Johann holds an Honours degree in Psychology from the University of Pretoria and a M.Th. (Clinical Pastoral Care) from the University of Stellenbosch. He is registered as Specialist Wellness Counsellor at the Association for Supportive Counsellors & Holistic Practitioners. He is involved with mentoring programmes for the City of Cape Town which involves psycho-social support for health clinic staff and clinic managers. His work with these teams includes team building, trauma debriefing and teaching mindfulness practices. Past work in this field includes mentoring programmes for HIV/AIDS counsellors at Lifeline, Wola Nani, Sothemba AIDS Action Group, Positive Muslims and Desmond Tutu TB Centre linked to the University of Stellenbosch. He was also supervisor for the M.Th. Clinical Pastoral Care (HIV Counselling) programme for 5 years.

Johann is passionate about life, the arts, music, dance, nature, good food, coffee, wine and soulful friendships. He lives with his partner in the leafy suburb of Kenridge in Durbanville and is the servant of a big fluffy ginger cat.

Glenda van den Oever:



Certified Hatha Yoga Teacher

Yoga has been part of my life for over 25 years and my passion for the practice has helped me grow stronger both on and off the mat. I love sharing how yoga inspires me to live each moment mindfully.

I will always be a student of the practice and I am deeply grateful for the loving wisdom each teacher has shared with me.

Certification Blissful Kids Yoga

My love and passion for young souls is what has inspired my pursuit in teaching yoga to children of all needs, having an authentic and neutral teaching style that is compassion centred and mindful.

In my classes I love to combine creative heartfelt educational sequencing and a spirit of playfulness with an art element. I dedicate one art-based class a term, however should the need arise I would include an extra art element to the class. This will further express and inspire the young mind.

I tailor the classes to a theme that is running alongside the school classes. I welcome and encourage teacher interaction and collaboration. This helps me to cater to needs of the student/s and keep continuation.

It is wonderful to see kids shine in class and see how they blossom from yoga focussed classes. I seek to help others thrive in life by nurturing body, mind and spirit with yoga. I trust that at the end of a class, you step off the mat feeling balanced, nourished and refreshed.

Namaste

Glenda

More about Goedgedacht

Located on the mountain slopes of the picturesque Riebeek Valley, only an hour from the metropolis of Cape Town lays the sanctuary of peace and serenity that is the Goedgedacht Farm.

Set in natural surroundings, amidst panoramic olive grove and mountain views, the Goedgedacht Farm provides the perfect setting to remember and recover. The main meetings and meals will be shared in either our Inter-faith Chapel or enchanting Cape Dutch homestead surrounded by rolling landscapes of thriving orchards and vineyards.

The Goedgedacht Trust, established in 1993, was initiated to assist in the transformation of disadvantaged rural communities and through our flagship strategy, the Path Onto Prosperity (POP) programme, we have successfully developed several interlinked programmes, accessible to all rural youth. The Path Onto Prosperity (POP) programme primarily caters to the needs of children at different stages of their lives, starting with the first 1 000 days until adulthood.

All profits made from the accommodation and wedding facilities are utilized in support of the Trust's POP programme. The Health Care Worker Retreat Programme is part of our response to COVID-19 – part of our intention to build a caring and compassionate world. Currently it is being offered at cost, and we are seeking sponsorships to develop this work.

For more information on the work of the Goedgedacht Trust, please visit our website www.goedgedacht.org.