

Starting now, I will host these meetings in my home the last week of the month, alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday nights, so if Tuesday doesn't work for you, hopefully Wednesday will. Bring whatever you have or haven't been creating recently and share it with men who give a damn about you and your self-expression. Help re-energize our beloved, passionate, educational, supportive, collaborative, healing, and out-of-the-box monthly meetings, which have sadly fallen by the wayside in 2008.

Grab your calendar: The next meetings are Tues. Sept. 30, Wed. Oct. 29, and Tues. Nov. 25 (2 days before Thanksgiving). In December we will not meet due to the busy holiday season.

Address: 1950 West Hood, Chicago, IL 60660.....two streets north of Peterson and Damen stoplight...free street parking on either Hood, Winchester, Granville, or Damen, the four streets surrounding my building...if parking is tight, try Granville...note that the building entrance is on an interior grassy courtyard, not Hood...ring the "Shiel" doorbell, I will buzz you in, and take the elevator to the 5th floor (top floor).

My home has been consciously designed as a healing sanctuary, where I carry on the teachings of my deceased parents, John and Josephine, who absolutely welcomed visitors to their home as family. I cannot wait to see you cross my threshold! Snacks and good will among men await you.

Two things I ask of you:

1) We really, really really need to update our email records, so please, please, please respond directly to me at bobshiel@hotmail.com and tell me if you do or do not want to receive regular emails about the monthly meetings, and confirm the email address you prefer me to use. I will compile a current, working list from your responses.

2) invite and/or to bring with you a newcomer to MAF!

Men need and want what we have. The creative wellspring causing deep, peaceful gladness inside and all around us is not just a luxury in good economic times - it is a constant, basic, manly requirement if we are to ward off depressive tendencies, rage, loneliness, fear, isolation, grief, shame, and quiet lives of desperation. It's about joy, or at least moving in that direction.

Again, shoot me a quick email to stay on the email list, and see you Sept. 30!

Peace, Bob Shiel

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