

Call of the Forest, on Friday, February 24, 2023

7:00-9:00 pm

Screen Showing and Discussion at U. Vic. Room TBA



A screen showing of the film with inspired scientist **Diana Beresford-Kroeger** takes us on a journey to the ancient forests of the northern hemisphere, revealing the profound connection that exists between trees and human life and the vital ways that trees sustain all life on the planet.

Painting: Karen Tarlton

“As scientific understanding has grown, so our world has become dehumanized. Man feels himself isolated in the cosmos, because he is no longer involved in nature and has lost his emotional “unconscious identity” with natural phenomena. These have slowly lost their symbolic implications. Thunder is no longer the voice of an angry god, nor is lightning his avenging missile. No river contains a spirit, no tree is the life principle of a man, no snake the embodiment of wisdom, no mountain cave the home of a great demon. No voices now speak to man from stones, plants, and animals, nor does he speak to them believing they can hear. His contact with nature has gone, and with it has gone the profound emotional energy that this symbolic connection supplied.” **Man and His Symbols**, p. 95

Dr. Hilary Leighton is moderator for a discussion on Ecotherapy, also known as nature therapy or green therapy, the applied practice of the emergent field of ecopsychology. Ecotherapy works on the belief that people are part of the web of life and that our psyches are not isolated.

Film showing/Discussion Member: \$20, Non-member: \$30, Student with ID: Free.