

Mevlevi Sufi Celebrations
with ***Postneshin Jaleleddin Loras***
Open Zikr Weekend September 26 - 29
Turn and Sema Training September 24 - 26
Charles Town, West Virginia

“There are several signs in eyes that see all the way to the ocean. Bewilderment is one.

Those who study foam and flotsam near the edge have purposes, and they'll explain them at length!

Those who look out to sea become the sea, and they can't speak about that ... just love forming and unfolding.”

- Hz. Pir Mevlana Celeleddin Rumi



The Mevlevi Order of America (MOA) is a sufi order based on the teachings and living tradition of the mystic poet Mevlana Celeleddin Rumi. Postneshin Jaleleddin Loras, founder and guide of MOA, is the beloved son of Suleyman Hayati Dede, former Sheikh of Konya, Turkey. For more about this spiritual lineage, visit www.hayatidede.org.

Please join us in renewing last year's joyous celebration!

The open weekend Friday, September 26 through Monday the 29th will feature:

- * Remembrance of our Oneness through chanting and dance (Zikr)
- * Live Sufi music and singing (Ilahis)
- * Rumi's poetry
- * Spiritual discussion (Sohbet)



The weekend will be preceded by an intermediate level workshop Wednesday the 24th through Friday the 26th, featuring:

- * Training in the Mevlevi practice of Turning / Whirling
- * Training in Sema, the Mevlevi Turning ceremony
- * Zikr, live music, singing, poetry, and sohbet

The site of the retreat, owned and operated by the Claymont Society, is on a beautiful rural property of 350 acres (www.claymont.org). It is conveniently located near the Virginia/Maryland border, less than an hour from Dulles International Airport.

For further information, contact Hardy Mason (hmason07@yahoo.com, 304-876-9268) or Liz Kyle (elizkyle@gmail.com, 304-876-0869). Prices begin at \$240 for weekend tuition, lodging, and meals. Discounts and tuition aid may be available for early registrants.