

ZIRAAT NEWSLETTER

INAYATIYYA - NORTH AMERICA AND OCEANIA

Healing the Earth

New Moon Healing Service and Ziraat Prayers

USA: Sunday Apr 27 8 pm ET | 5 pm PT

Oceania: Monday Apr 28 10am AEST | 12pm NZST

Shafayats Jamia Haqq Paul and Sitara Mitten-Lewis invite you to join this special service of healing prayers for our planet.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82047010476?pwd=UCIaQLKCGtnl2JFt6jmEOWsyyGrh6t.1>



Emerald Earth Retreat

May 2- May 4, 2025

with Kainat Felicia Norton and
Muinuddin Charles Smith

The Abode of the Message

5 Abode Rd New Lebanon, New York

Link for [Information and Registration](#)

Rewilding the Human Heart

The Ziraat Spring series 2025 has been presented by **Sharifa Oppenheimer** using material from her new book. If you would like to access the recordings and notes there is still time to register.

Email: ziraat@inayatiyy.org for a discount code.

REWILDING THE HUMAN HEART - A JOURNEY OF REUNION

Online Book Launch Party: 27 April 2pm ET

Please [REGISTER](#) if you plan to attend.

Purchase from Bookshop.org or Amazon.com

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COMMUNITY CORNER

In-person Lodges

by Ata'Allah Bill Meacham

The Inayatiyya Order of Austin (Austin, Texas, USA)

sponsors in-person Ziraat lodges four times a year on or about the cross-quarters. We have found the lodges to be a great way to renew our connections with each other and with the Spirit of Guidance.



Cross-quarters are the times in between the solstices and equinoxes. Astronomically, they fall when the earth is exactly half-way between a solstice and equinox in its orbit around the sun: 3 February, 5 May, 7 August and 7 November. Our Ziraat lodges are held within a week or two of the exact dates. We like tuning into the rhythms of nature, particularly those that are more subtle than solstices and equinoxes.

At our meetings we have a pot-luck lunch and then do the full Ziraat ceremony. The only modification is that after the Address of the Great Farmer instead of reading a Ziraat lesson and meditating on it (which are optional anyway), we spend some time doing zikr and other breath practices. The whole thing takes a couple or three hours. After we are done, everyone leaves with a full belly and a happy heart.

Zoom classes certainly give us a sense of being part of a global movement, but we find that in-person gatherings have a nourishing richness and depth that we don't get on a computer screen. We encourage all Ziraatis to try doing lodges in person and see what transpires!

If you want more information on the cross-quarters, our sibling organization Ruhaniat Ziraat has a good introduction on its website: "[The Wisdom of the Cross-Quarters](#)".

Oceania Online Lodges: 4th Wednesday 8pm NZ | 6pm AEST

We are co-ordinating our Ziraat Lodges this year, with the host alternating month to month. April meeting is hosted by Australia and May by Aotearoa New Zealand. All are welcome. (Email: ziraat@inayatiyya for the zoom link)



Childrens Garden Club - Portland
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SELF KNOWLEDGE - Hazrat Inayat Khan

What a great treasure it is when a one has realized that within one is to be found all the merits and all the faults which exist in the world, and that one can cultivate all that one wishes to cultivate, and to cut away all that should be removed!

It is like rooting out the weeds and sowing the seeds of flowers and fruits. One finds that all is in oneself, and that one can cultivate in oneself what one wishes.

A world opens for the one who begins to look within oneself, for it is not a little plot of ground that one has to cultivate, one has a world to make of oneself and to make a world is sufficient occupation to live for.

What more does one want? (Vol XI)