



OWA Retreat 2009

36th Anniversary

Organization of Women Architects and Design Professionals

11-13 September 2009, Westerbeke Ranch, Sonoma, California,
<http://www.westranch.com/>

Friday Night all Weekend Long!

Remember how Friday night was always too short to hear everyone's stories? Every year we have begun the retreat on Friday night with 2-minute self-introductions. The sharing of participants' joys, accomplishments, challenges, and projects has become a highlight of our weekend. Topics last year included travel, public advocacy, public service, design themes, green design, universal design, housing, retirement, job searches, personal biographies, and career changes.

This year, we will extend the Friday program to focus the entire weekend on the talents and experience of our group. We will schedule sessions on Saturday and Sunday for participants to continue the Friday night introductions by leading 5 to 15 minute presentations / discussions / displays / performances. We will also set up a gallery to display participants' art, crafts, and photography.

Organizers Judith Wasserman jwargiteg@aol.com and Rosemary Muller muller@mullercaulfield.com have the task of putting this all together into a coherent whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. We will organize your efforts into theme-based sessions with opportunities for slides, powerpoint, etc.

This is your chance to speak, perform, ask for advice, or lead a short discussion on a topic of your choosing (professional or personal). If you are too shy or too busy to prepare, it's also OK to just come and listen.

Send us an e-mail to tell us how much time you want (5 – 15 minutes), and your topic. Between now and the retreat, Judith and Rosemary will keep everyone up to date on all of the proposals, to facilitate possible teaming with other participants for a longer presentation/ discussion on a particular topic and to inspire those who have not yet made a proposal.

Art project: Beaded jewelry, led by OWA members Leslie Allen and Mary Anne Perkowski.

Saturday Night Surprise: There will as usual be a live performance on Saturday night; rumor has it that this year it will be bluegrass.

Sign up now. We only have room for 50. Accommodations include gardens, swimming pool, adobe dining hall, with shared bedrooms in rustic cabins and a setting in beautiful Sonoma wine country.

The weekend retreat (Friday 4pm through Sunday afternoon) costs \$325, including accommodation, all meals, and the program. Options include: Saturday only, including 3 meals is \$225. Indoor camping is available at a reduced rate of \$250. Extra day option: arrangements may be made directly with Westerbeke Ranch for extra night(s). OWA membership is not required to sign up, but we encourage participants to become members.

Janet Crane at Freebairn-Smith & Crane Architects may be contacted with questions at jcrane@f-sc.com or 415 398.4094. Call or e-mail Janet to make a reservation, and send registration forms and checks to Heather Sprague (address below).

Join us for a weekend of conversation, yoga, hiking, swimming, hot tub, massage, music, art, and good food. Give everybody a chance to know you better, develop closer ties with friends and colleagues, and go home inspired by new ideas from our group.

_____ Basic Sept. 11-13 OWA Retreat payment: full \$325, indoor camping \$250, Saturday only \$225
 _____ I am not a member and am enclosing a **separate check for membership** \$25
 _____ Scholarships: here is my contribution or I would like to apply for a scholarship.
 _____ **Total payment included. Make checks out to OWA & mail to Heather Sprague, 154 Portola Drive Apt 3, San Francisco CA 94131**

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

City/ZIP/State _____ Phone _____

PREFERENCES: car pooling ____, vegetarian food ____, other _____

Please note names, email, and phone #'s of friends and colleagues who might like to join us--we will contact them w/ info:
