

St. Gregory's University and the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art
present the

First Annual St. Francis of Assisi Symposium: Exploring Animal Roles as Healers & Helpers

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Keynote Speaker and Art Workshop Facilitator: Ms. Straja Linder King & Her Dog, Twillow

Ms. Linder King is a registered board certified art therapist and Twillow Rose is a registered therapy Shiloh Shepherd from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Ms. Linder King and her therapy dogs have been working in the area of Animal Assisted Art Therapy for 20 years. She has presented both in Canada and the United States and currently teaches for the University of Lethbridge in Alberta.

By the end of the session, participants will be able to...

1. Recognize and describe a variety of perspectives and methods for engaging animals in education or therapeutic environments
2. Remember our own connections with animals and the impact they had on our lives
3. Experience the role of art making in the presence of animals to deepen learning and healing

Registration: \$65

*Includes continental breakfast, box lunch and
St. Francis Medallion for your companion animal.
CEU's and CME's Pending*

All sessions at:

Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art

St. Gregory's University Campus
1900 W. MacArthur Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma



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**Register online at www.mgmoa.org/workshops. For more information,
contact Madeline Rugh at mmrugh@stgregorys.edu**

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**Individual sequential presentations followed by
brief panel discussion questions/answers from audience**

Dr. Susan Barnes / *The Benefit of Animals in Nursing Education*

By the end of the session, the participant will be able to...

1. Discuss the application of animal assisted therapy in the academic setting
2. Describe the benefits of animal assisted therapy for stress modification in faculty
3. Discuss the use of animal assisted therapy to modify pre-examination stress in students

Fr. Paul Zahler, O.S.B. with Marcy Reeves and Terry Brown

Animals Assisting Children with Developmental Differences

By the end of the session, the participant will be able to...

1. Describe the benefits of animal assisted engagement for children with developmental challenges
2. Identify the broader role of nature in the education of children with disabilities
3. Experience the calming effects of farm animals and horses with children

Fr. Nicholas Ast, O.S.B. / *History of St. Francis of Assisi/Blessing of the Animals Ritual*

By the end of the session, the participant will be able to...

1. Understand the history behind our spiritual connection to animals
2. Experience the Blessing of the Animals

Dr. Madeline Rugh / *Mitakuye Oyasin - Lakota Phrase - Everything is My Relative*

By the end of the session, the participant will be able to...

1. Recognize the connections between the natural world and human health
2. Describe the effects of horses on learning concepts through metaphor
3. Experience the felt level of participating with animals in a learning event

Experiential programs Session I and Session II

Straja Linder King

Session I: Animal Assisted Art Therapy with Twillow and Straja

A hands on Visual Art experience (group A - 25 participants)

Fr. Paul Zahler, O.S.B. with Marcy Reeves and Terry Brown

Session II, Part A : Horses as helpers with children and developmental disability

A visit to the Barn (group B - 25 participants)

Session II, Part B: Dr. Madeline Rugh and LeDeana Cummins

The EAGALA (equine assisted growth and learning association) method of horse/human learning—Direct interaction with the horses (no riding).

Both of these sessions will last for one and one-half hours. After that, participants will trade places. This allows all symposium attendees to experience all of the hands on learning sessions.

Blessing of the Animals

4:30 p.m. on the St. Gregory's Campus in Front of Benedictine Hall

Brief ritual honoring the presence and role of animals in our lives.

Conference participants will receive a blessed St. Francis medallion to give to their companion animals.



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