

# PROGRAMMING | 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

**The Mission of the Program Team at Desert Rose Bahá'í Institute**  
is to create integrated programs of spiritually-based education for people of all age. These programs especially focus upon the arts as the foundation of divine civilization and a powerful means for the development of human potential.



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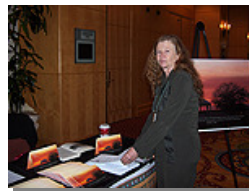


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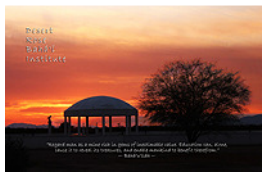


December 25 - 28, 2008

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**Promoting Desert Rose Programs** at the Grand Canyon Conference, Phoenix, AZ.



"5000 copies of a very elegant brochure listing the schedule of DRBI events projected for 2009 were printed and dispersed through a large mailing; delivered to communities in the So. AZ area; and given out to local groups, organizations, and individuals."

February 2 – 7, 2009

**Presenter:**  
*Hong Tatt Foo*

**Art and Spirituality Painting Workshop.**

A 5-Day workshop by *Hong Tatt Foo* who explore the essence of spirituality through art using eastern and western techniques and philosophy. Acrylics, Water color and Chinese ink will be used.

June 27 – July 4

**Presenters:**  
*Dr. Anne Perry*,  
*Jaine Toth*

**The Desert Will Bloom: A Retreat for Writers, Actors, and All Art Enthusiasts.** A 9-day interactive workshop involving the arts in a general way as well as their development in service to the Faith, weaving poetry, music, and dramatic elements into presentations for firesides, public meetings, Feasts, and Holy Days.



The "World in Transition" Public forums gave an opportunity to advertise the mission of DRBI to the general public and offered a valuable service in the form of informative and relevant speakers and presentations. Attendance at these events ranged from 27 to 54 per meeting.

Jan. 18, 2009

**Presenter:**  
**Professor William Maxwell,**  
Ed.D., Harvard University

**The Future: Is It Predictable?** - Professor William Maxwell, Ed.D., Harvard University, will discuss scientific methods of predicting the future. Knowing which mathematical equation or curve to apply under any given circumstance enables us to accurately predict an aspect of the future and makes for a more fulfilling life.

Feb. 15

**Presenter:**  
**Bill Barnes**

**Living Through Hard Times: Changing Spiritual Riches Into Material Wealth** - Bill Barnes, author and educator, speaks of the threat of global depression that looms on the horizon and shows how the way out of this developing catastrophe lies in applying the practical wisdom of perennial spirituality.

March 15

**Presenter:**  
**Sylvia Procela-Chavez,**  
DV

**Domestic Violence: Crisis in Our Homes**  
Sylvia Procela-Chavez, DV Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for "Against Abuse," will help us recognize the signs of abuse and explain what resources are available for the victims. The home has been called the most dangerous place for women in America. This is a subject that cannot be ignored.

April 19

**Presenter:**  
**Robert Phillips,**  
Executive Director,  
Santa Cruz Community  
Foundation

**Crossing Borders – Clash of Cultures on the Arizona /Mexico Border** - Robert T. Phillips, Executive Director, Santa Cruz Community Foundation, addresses this important and timely subject. He envisions the clash of cultures as opportunities for prosperity and enrichment.

May 17

**Presenter:**  
**Dr. Gloria Haithman**

**RACISM: The Most Vital Challenge**  
Dr. Gloria Haithman worked at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles in a variety of faculty and administrative positions. She was a national facilitator of the ADL "World of Difference" programs, and the L.A. Institute for Racial Healing. At this extraordinary moment in our nation's history, Dr. Haithman offers a wealth of insights regarding race relations.

June 14

**Presenter:**  
**Valerina Quintana,**  
M.A., University  
of Arizona

**Waiting to Eat the Cherry**  
Valerina Quintana, former Human Resources Employee Advisor at the University of Arizona in Tucson, implemented a career and leadership development program for approximately 700 UA employees. She asks: "Why do we put off that which will give us joy?" Valerina helps us go straight for the cherry and enjoy a session of play followed by a discussion on its many benefits.



March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Presenter:**

**Cal Feldman** is a Systems Engineer with Boeing and has an MS in Management Science and BS in Electrical Engineering.

**The Light of Detachment, Part 1**

This is a workshop in the power of detachment, grounded in psychological and spiritual principles with application to Self Mastery through the use of Universal Laws.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Presenter:**

**Madeleine Feldman** has graduate degrees in Applied Psychology and Special Education. She is developer of the workshop.

**The Light of Detachment, Part 2**

Change the way you think and you will change your life.

**PROGRAMMING PHOTO ALBUM 2008-2009**



**"Through My Eyes" - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPJ3Gh-OYUQ>**

Youtube Video - Photographed and produced by *Annick Elziere*, for the Program Team.

**Comments from Participants:**

"Participants in the workshops were most enthusiastic about their experiences and gave uniformly 'exceptional' marks in their evaluations regarding the quality of the presentations and the overall benefit and enjoyment they provided."

**Desert Rose Website:**

"The Program Team offered to redesign the DRBI website and maintain it, to make it a "state of the art" site so all new activities would be updated as soon as they became available, including photo albums. The offer was rejected by the Management Team."

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