



National Home Funeral Alliance

Time and presence ... the gifts of a home funeral

2017 Conference

Advocating for Home Funerals: Stepping it up a Notch

Early bird registration open now!

Every other year we join together in person for a home funeral conference and it's AMAZING. This is our 6th Biennial Conference – and this year, we're Stepping it up a Notch. Thanks to years of sustained effort and education, Home Funerals are now better known and understood. Our community is strong and connected. And these conferences are a big reason why. Come be with us!

WHEN: September 22-24, 2017 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

WHERE: Reisterstown, Maryland (one hour north of Washington, DC)

VENUE: [Pearlstone Center](#), an environmentally-friendly conference and retreat center nestled in 160-acres of pasture, woods and farmland in the Maryland countryside just outside of Baltimore.

Registration is a two-part process.

1. Register for the conference, using our [online form](#).
2. [Reserve your room online](#), through the Pearlstone Center.

What a great schedule! Saturday is filled with rich, facilitated forums. Sunday is skills-based. There are films, home funeral movie stars :), and lots of time to connect with others. Here's a sample of what you can explore:

- The power of home funeral storytelling in words, oral traditions, online, altars, and around our crackling bonfire
- Skills like body care basics & home funerals for pets
- Building bridges with hospices and hospitals & working with funeral directors, vital statistics, medical examiner
- Film showings: In the Parlor with filmmaker Heidi Boucher & Zen and the Art of Dying with Zenith Virago
- Taking care of yourself while helping others
- Legal issues that inform home funeral advocacy
- Creating ceremonies for home vigils, funerals & memorials

Plan your trip! Book your room, get information on directions, what to bring, and more.

We have wonderful special events planned, too!

- **Our awesome line-up of vendors from far and wide.**
- **The only Home Funeral Silent Auction in the world! Bring an item and leave some space in your luggage for your winnings.**
- **The Altar Art Project, which is a visual and shared remembrance of those who have passed. Bring whatever you want to honor your loved ones.**
- **A Before I Die chalkboard...what will you write on it?**
- **Under the stars, around the bonfire, for open home funeral story sharing, music and lots of listening**
- **...and more!**