
The Art of Hosting Big Decisions

While Looking After Self, Other and Place



**If the group is an art form of the future, then
convening groups is an artistry we must cultivate to
fully harvest the promise of the future.**

Jacob Needleman, *Centered on the Edge*

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Learn the Artistry

Do you live and work within complexities that are both daunting with challenge and ripe with promise? Are you facing and embracing new realities? These are times of **BIG decisions** for our selves, with each other, and for the organizations and places we hold dear. Join in this three-day participative learning experience designed to enhance your abilities to:

- Host yourself and others well
- Unleash wisdom and power that lies within
- Sense the emerging future and harvest its promise
- Gather the right people at the right time
- Ask the right questions
- Discern and choose wise action

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Your Hosts

Beth Sanders is President of [POPULUS Community Planning Inc.](#), where she works with people and organizations across Canada seeking to create cities that serve us well by creating learning habitats for citizens and cities. Beth was co-designer, interviewer and harvester of the [Integral City 2.0 Online Conference](#) where 60 worldwide visionaries explored the future of the city. You can find pieces of Beth's book, *Nest City: the Human Drive to Thrive in Cities* – in the [Nest City Blog](#). Beth is a board member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and co-founder of the Center for Human Emergence Canada.

Margaret Sanders is a host that uncovers wisdom quietly lying below the surface in people who gather. She is dedicated to hosting conversations that matter—conversations that enable us, young and old, to share and use our knowledge to create new and vibrant ways of living. Marg is an architect of process for individual and group coaching and discovery. A former school principal, her learning has continued well past “active duty” to include passionate study of coaching, conversation, story, writing, embodied leadership, classical guitar, and the pursuit of meaningful play.

Katharine Weinmann designs safe, respectful and beautiful conversation space for people to notice their deep gladness, and co-create effective responses to meet the world's deep need. Katharine participated in the inaugural Art of Hosting training in 2002 and is an internationally certified process facilitator, coach and intuitive painting host. She co-hosts a monthly circle for women leaders in education, and co-founded, with Beth, Marg and Hugh, a local community of practice for conversation hosts, coaches, leaders and citizens. She inspires transformation one conversation at a time, one brush stroke at a time.

Hugh Sanders connects people, purpose and action. He has extensive experience as an educational leader at the community, provincial, inter-provincial and international levels. He is chair of the Battle River Watershed Alliance, a director of the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association and serves on the Patient and Family Advisory Group with Alberta Health Services. He has served as a councilor in the Summer Village of Crystal Springs. He believes in the dual importance of collectively caring for one another and caring for the water, land, air and the space we share together.

Outcomes

Learn to co-create places where there is just enough chaos to evoke collective wisdom, and just enough order to discover wise action. Ground yourself in the artistry of circle to:

- **Unveil and explore** the choices and BIG decisions that you face in your life and work
- **Learn hosting practices** to engage self, others and places that lead to wise, intentional action
- **Advance** or evolve to a new level of expertise in leadership and co-creation
- **Strengthen** your presence and clarify your purpose

Endorsements

Tenneson Woolf, Art of Hosting Steward: I've worked with Beth, Margaret and Hugh in two Edmonton Art of Hosting events. I love them as colleagues, friends and inspired practitioners in the participative leadership field. Their work is creative -- I always come back with new practices I want to try. They hold different with an integrity that inspires. And I love the way they innovate to the edges as they offer the Art of Hosting brand.

Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea, of PeerSpirit, Inc. and The Circle Way: Certain conversations can only occur when the space for them is held in a strong, compassionate, and well-structured social container. These lovely Edmontonians are skilled hosts of exactly this kind of social field. Their vision, determination, and commitment to the power of speaking and listening leads groups of people to the power of sound decisions and thoughtful action. Imagine a community that institutes this pattern for the BIG decisions it needs to make. Wow. Take the risk and join this moment in the movement to create the world we need in the midst of the world we have.

Susan Szpakowski, Executive Director, ALIA (Authentic Leadership in Action) Institute: This is a time for large and small acts of courage as we take next steps, again and again, to discover what is being called for in our work and our communities. Margaret, Beth, Hugh, and Katharine have been taking such steps for many years. It is wonderful to see that they are now opening the door more widely, inviting others to join them on this journey.
