

## Open Public Forum Margaret Wrinkle

forum presenter & award-winning novelist of Wash

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## America's Shadow: Curse and Redemption through a Novelist's Eyes

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Except for the genocidal policies toward Native Americans, America's most persistent and deep-seated shadow is its treatment of African Americans – from 250 years of slavery, to the Jim Crow South, to today's criminal justice system and Voter ID laws – all reflecting the shadow of authoritarian repression and superiority by whites. It is arguably the country's most serious "cultural complex," involving collective scapegoating by colonists, who achieved aristocracy and wealth through an extreme racial hierarchy that turned humans into private property. Margaret Wrinkle has written an acclaimed novel about a slave, the medicine woman he loves, and his owner, an impoverished veteran of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 who is torn by the opposites of financial need and the immorality of slavery. The New York Times Book Review calls the novel "both redemptive and affirming."

The novel brings out not just injustice, but potential loss. We are in danger of losing the benefit of integrating our collective shadow. From the same psychological cloth we are in danger of losing the enrichment by the "racially other," because we are unable or unwilling to hold and integrate these "different" humans whose ancestors were on our soil longer than most of ours. Their differing views of soul, nature, ceremony, spirit, life rhythm, and passion can be an inestimable enrichment to the psyches of whites, allowing a new wholeness – collectively and individually – to emerge.

Reading the novel will be helpful but not necessary for benefitting from this program.

Event takes place at Center for Spiritual Living. 505 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe

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