2021-2022 **QiGong for Vitality & Joy !** 2021-2022

Currently Offered On-Site Only With Masks & 12' Distancing (Email for Virtual)

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WHAT IS QIGONG?

QI, or CHI (pronounced 'chee'), means "energy" & GONG or KUNG means "exercise", "cultivation", or "work". All parts of our being are exercised & revitalized because the energy which gives us life permeates every part of us ~ our mind, spirit, body, & emotions.

<u>HISTORY</u>

Originally known as "NeiGong" in China, about 7000 different forms evolved over many centuries. Because of its profound balancing & harmonizing qualities, Martial & Healing Arts monastics were required to practice QiGong for 3 years before learning T'ai Chi Ch'uan.

<u>YOUR STEADY COMMITTED PRACTICE OF THIS ANCIENT EXERCISE CAN STEADILY CULTIVATE</u> Clarity of Mind * Positive Outlook * Strength * Stamina * Coordination * Healing Ability Deeper and More Relaxed Breathing * Better Quality Sleep * Less Overall Tension * Focus Postural Awareness and Self-Correction * Improvements in Balance and Stability * Flexibility Calm Mind and Heart * Positive Influences Upon Transforming Challenging Emotional States Best of all, our animal and plant friends, pets or wildlife, LOVE IT! Watch & see what happens!

OUR TAOIST QIGONG PRACTICES ARE

Fluid * Zero to low impact * Easy to learn * Considered non-strenuous * Inspirational * Fun!! If you have health concerns, please feel free to speak to me, as I will meet you wherever you are in your health & physical ability. Sitting or standing, join us in studying exercises & principles that you can apply every moment of your day! Breathing & Balancing Meditations, WuJi, Harmonizing the 5 Elements, BaGua Palms, Crane Walk, Channel Tracing, T'aiJi ChiGong, & more. Q&A includes discussions of the Eastern medical model/philosophy, & healthy diet & lifestyle.

FIRST GUIDANCES

Comfortable loose layered clothes, sneakers. Avoid eating 1hour prior & drinking 15min prior. Committed sequential class attendance brings best results, especially when first learning.

WELCOME FROM THE TEACHER

After 18 years as Associate Professor of Amma Therapy, Massage Therapy, & whole lifestyle at NY College of Health Professions, I now share all I can with you. All credit for 40-years longevity in Bodywork & Amma Therapy is given to Taoist NeiGong practices. I remain ever grateful to the wonderful insightful Taoist Masters who have patiently taught me over the last 27 years.

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For best benefit: attend regularly & develop a daily practice!

Ongoing Tuesdays 3 to 4pm. Lakeside Room. \$80=4-wk series. Cash only please. Q&A:Eastern Medical Model/Theory as well as Dietary/Lifestyle/Self-Care Practices.

→ PLEASE NOTE MANDATES: Masks * 12' Distancing * Space Limited To 5 ←

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* JOYFUL OUTDOOR PRACTICE GATHERINGS * WEATHER PERMITTING * FREE *

Heron Park, Centerport. Heckscher Park, Huntington. Blue Point Nature Preserve, Blue Point. Avalon Nature Preserve/Labyrinth, Stony Brook. Fire Island National Seashore, Smith Point (exact location TBD). Cow Harbor Park, Northport. Heckscher State Park, East Islip. Robert Moses State Park, Field 5. Beach Boardwalks & Mall Courtyards. Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Great River.

* 2021 OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS & HOLIDAY DEDICATIONS * EMAIL LESLIE 1st *

WORLD T'AIJI & QIGONG DAY: Robert Moses State Park, Field 5. April 24th → 12:45.
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE: Online from home via ZOOM. May 31st → 9-10a.m.
HORSE WISDOM GROUP MEDITATION with EAGALA Certified Equine Specialist Laura Kobus:
* Central Islip * Dates → August 3rd (6:30-9pm). * Sept 21st (6-8pm). *
AUTUMN COLORS: Huntington Heckscher Park Nov 21st at 11-12. Meet at Art Museum.
FIRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE at SMITH POINT: November 26th. Email for details!

* QiGong 11a.m. * BYO Lunch 12:45 * Annual Otis Pike High Dune Sunset Wilderness Walk 2-4:30

Learn It, Take It Home, It Is Yours Forever

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