

Summer Conference at Orgonon

**Reading and Discussing Reich's Scientific Autobiography,  
*The Function of the Orgasm***

July 9-13, 2018

The Wilhelm Reich Museum is offering a unique opportunity to participate in a conference. We will read and discuss two chapters of Reich's book *The Function of the Orgasm* per day with different discussion leaders each day.

"It is a good idea to write scientific biographies in one's younger years, at an age when one has not yet lost certain illusions regarding the readiness of one's fellows to accept revolutionary knowledge. If one still has these illusions, one is able to cleave to the basic truths, to resist all the various temptations to compromise or sacrifice clear-cut findings to laziness in thinking or to the need for peace of mind." ---- Wilhelm Reich, M.D.

This was Reich's first published book in the United States, which he wrote specifically to introduce his work to an American audience. He summarizes his clinical and scientific work with the human organism over a period of twenty years from its roots in the Vienna Seminar on Sexology and his first contact with Sigmund Freud, to his laboratory experiments in Oslo which confirmed his orgasm theory and led to the discovery of a radiating biological energy, the orgone.

The discovery of orgone energy was the result of a consistent clinical investigation of the concept of "psychic energy," at first in the realm of psychiatry. Experience has shown beyond any doubt that the knowledge of emotional functions of the biological energy is indispensable for the understanding of its physiological and physical functions. The biological emotions which govern the psychic processes are in themselves the immediate expression of a strictly physical energy, the cosmic orgone.

*The Function of the Orgasm* is an excellent presentation of the whole development of Reich's work in its rapid progression from the realm of psychology into that of biology.

Programs will take place during the morning hours, Afternoons will be free so that participants can vacation in the beautiful Rangeley Lakes Region in the Western Mountains of Maine.

Discussion leaders, will include Dr. James Strick, Dr. Havard Nilsen, Dr. Jonathan Koblenzer, Dr. C. Grier Sellers, and Ph.D. students Abril Vazquez and Ben Tavares.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$275**

**STUDENT FEE (25% off): \$206.25** (for full-time students with student documentation)  
Registration fee includes tuition, information packet, daily homemade breakfast and refreshments. Registration may be made with check, MasterCard, Visa, American Express. Please call us at: (207) 864-3443. Or email us at: [wilhelmreichmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmreichmuseum@gmail.com).

**TAX DEDUCTION:**

IRS regulations permit an income tax deduction for educational expenses to maintain or improve professional skills.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, bunkhouses, lakefront cottages and lakefront campgrounds are available in and around Rangeley. We encourage you to make your reservations early as July is Rangeley's busy season. Some of the lodgings give a discount to the Museum's conference attendees. Be sure to ask. For more information, contact the Rangeley Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-685-2537 or [www.rangeleymaine.com/lodging](http://www.rangeleymaine.com/lodging), or [www.rangeleyvacationrentals.com](http://www.rangeleyvacationrentals.com).

**AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS:**

Conference sessions will be held in the morning--generally from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Attendees are free to explore the Rangeley Lakes region in the afternoon. In addition, the following options are available:

- Monday, Tuesday and, possibly, Wednesday evenings - Screenings of *Love Work and Knowledge: The Life and Trials of Wilhelm Reich*, a film by Kevin Hinchey, will be screened at the Rangeley Theater from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
- Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 - Hike up Bald Mountain, near Oquossoc, with James Strick
- Thursday Evening - Star gazing with Jacob Farmer at Orgonon

**UNTIL NEXT MONTH**

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