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species that YOU can find in the forests around us, is to go with an expert. As usual, the Telluride Festival will feature many mushroom experts leading educational forays. Besides the local experts that will be on hand, world-renowned mycologist Gary Lincoff (author of the most popular field guide to mushrooms, *The Audubon Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*) will again head the list. And, as an added treat this year, the award-winning film *Know Your Mushrooms* (by Toronto based director Ron Mann) will be showing at the end of each day's festivities. The film stars Lincoff, and wild mushroom guru Larry Evans of Montana.

When Festival organizer Art Goodtimes contacted me earlier this spring, he asked if I would be willing to give a lecture. I said sure...but what was to be my topic? He said he was holding a copy of the latest issue of

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the magazine I publish in his hand – the theme of that issue was Ethnomycology – and he told me that it seemed like the perfect topic! Being one of my favorite topics in all of Mycology (the study of mushrooms and other fungi), how could I refuse!

An overriding theme of every Telluride Festival is ethnomycology. Ethnomycology is the study of how different civilizations around the world use fungi – mostly mushrooms – for food, fibers, medicines, spirituality, as well as other purposes. And all of us are more connected to mushrooms than you may have guessed. Of course many fungi are pathogens of plants and animals – even us – but many more kinds of fungi are

beneficial to us. In fact, nearly all plants are *dependent* on mycorrhizal fungi (there's a word you can impress your friends with!) that live on the roots and assist with uptake of water and nutrients. Most plants cannot live without these crucial partners in the environment. That means WE are dependent on the fungi that inhabit our world around us. And it turns out that most of these important root symbionts are fungi that produce some of our best and most highly sought after edible mushrooms. Think about that the next time you reach down to pick a gorgeous king bolete or a radiant chanterelle.

To learn much much more, come on out to the 29th Annual Telluride Mushroom Festival!

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business and ethics to Swedish and advanced massage techniques (including Reiki, Shiatsu, reflexology, aromatherapy and spa therapies), and is an approved prerequisite for the Massage Certification national exam.

The Esthetician Certification course takes place Monday-Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Sept. 22, through March 31 of next year.

The Massage Certification course takes place Wednesday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Sept. 23, through April 2 of next year.

The classes will be held in the Ah Haa School's newly renovated Depot, at 300 South Townsend

in Telluride. The cost of the Esthetician Certification Course is \$5,600; the Massage Certification Course is \$4,800. Payment plans will be available, said Loomis-Lee, "to make it as easy as possible for all interested people to benefit from these two excellent classes."

Caycee Ames, the owner and director of Connecting Point, offering state-licensed massage and esthetics courses since 1995, is a certified Reiki Master/Teacher, Yoga Instructor/Therapist and Massage Therapist.

For more information, call 970/728-3886 or email laura@ahhaa.org. For information on Ah Haa School programming for children and adults, contact Loomis-Lee or visit www.ahhaa.org.

The Ah Haa School for the Arts is a community center of learning and culture that offers a wide variety of programs to inspire individuals of all ages to explore, develop and celebrate their creativity.

Eleven Running For Telluride Town Council

BY KAREN JAMES

TELLURIDE — As of 5 p.m. on Monday, August 24, the deadline to submit applications to run for a seat on the Town of Telluride Council, Town Clerk M.J. Schillaci had received 11 applications for four vacant seats.

Three applications came from incumbents Lulu Hunt, a full-time mother and community activist, paramedic and real estate broker Jill Masters, and pilot "Glider" Bob Saunders, who are all vying for re-election.

Another eight candidates hope to clinch a fourth seat being vacated by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrea Benda, who has reached her term limit.

They include: former R-1 School District superintendent Ann Brady, real estate broker and business owner Matt Hintermeister, writer Eileen McGinley, lighting designer and political activist Chris Myers, Bridal Veil Power

Plant owner and operator Eric Jacobson, former councilmember and practicing attorney Jenny Russell, Wizard Entertainment general manager Jeffrey Taylor, and information technology consultant Brian Werner, who is presently a member of the Historic and Architectural Review Commission.

Town Moderator Jerry Greene will run for re-election unopposed.

Myers, who when asked by this reporter several months ago to confirm a rumor that he planned to run for council replied "categorically no," was the last to turn in his petition.

"I was really adamant that I did not want to do it," Myers said of his change of heart. But more recently, "It became clear that at this time now is the time for some change in the town government."

Speculating on the number of candidates vying for a council seat, "It is most definitely a referendum on the state of the town government," he said.

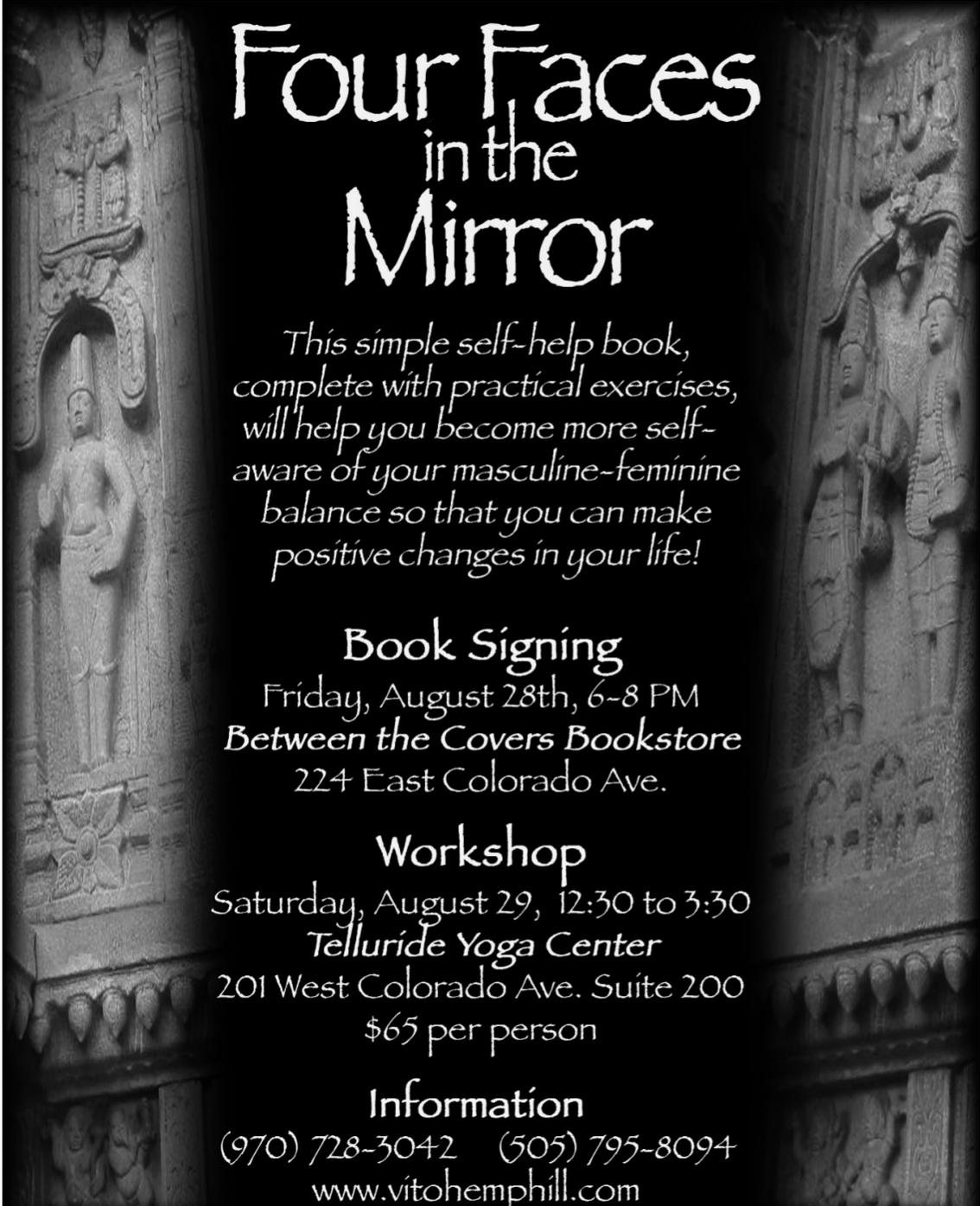


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