



EVENTS at



November 9, 2025

Evening with Kevin Koch

"The Thin Places: Finding Your Sacred Landscapes "

In this interactive evening of reflection, author Kevin Koch introduces Celtic principles of sacred landscape as applied to Ireland and our own American Midwest, and leads participants in identifying and articulating their own outdoor sacred places and experiences.

The evening includes:

6 p.m. Supper

6:45 p.m. Presentation

8 p.m. Concludes

COST: The Abbey of the Hills is sustained in large part by the donations of the retreatants. For those who can give, your donation will help "pay the gift of peace" forward to help those with limited means.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is required for meal planning purposes.

To register please visit the website at <http://www.abbeyofthehills.org>

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Kevin Koch is author of *Midwest Bedrock: The Search for Nature's Soul in America's Heartland*; *The Thin Places: A Celtic Landscape from Ireland to the Driftless*; *The Driftless Land: Spirit of Place in the Upper Mississippi Valley*; and *Skiing At Midnight: A Nature Journal from*

Dubuque County, Iowa. More of his work, including shorter essays and photos about outdoor places, can be viewed at <https://www.kevinkochdriftlessland.net/>. Koch is Professor Emeritus of English from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he taught courses such as Nature Writing, Writing the Midwest Landscape, The Nature of Nature in Ireland, and Monastery Voices.

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