



Like seeing a face across a crowd,  
we are learning all the old things,  
newly shined and numbered.  
I'm always looking

for a place to lie down  
and cry. Green, mossed, shaded.  
Or rock-quiet, empty. Somewhere

to hush and start over.  
I put on my antlers in the sun.  
I walk through the dark gates of the trees.

Grief waters my footsteps, leaving  
a trail that glistens.

--Anne Haven McDonnell

# Walking the Heroine's Journey in Edge Times

## A women's retreat at Wellspring ~ May 29-31, 2026

with Lindsay McLaughlin, Julie Gabrielli, Lisa Bardack, and Katy Gaughan

Women, with all the planet, are experiencing the wildness of coming to an edge, a time when grief, despair, and possibility dance in the same holy darkness.

Now the power of the Sacred Feminine and our gifts as women are being called forth, the moment when we rise to remember that "once upon a time we sang with the tongues of seals and flew with the wings of swans, that we forged our own paths through the dark forest while creating a community of its many inhabitants...women might indeed save not only ourselves, but the world."

(Sharon Blackie)

Rooted in the Sacred Feminine, we rise with the wisdom of the Earth Mother and with an agency beyond false hope and fixes.

The Sacred Feminine and Sacred Mystery reside among the more than human: tree and forest, hill and stream, fox and turtle, hawk and bramble.

What might be your thread to follow with others in the unwinding and widening circles of worlds to come?

### Join us to

- **wander** the sacred land of Wellspring and Dayspring listening for the wisdom of the wild inhabitants of the woods, stream, and fields
- **listen** to ancient stories rising out of the heart of the Sacred Feminine

- **gather** for council and ceremony woven with the heartbeats of our drums and the power of dancing in sacred circles.

### A note about fees:

The times are hard economically yet retreats like ours are vital. We are trying a modified sliding scale for retreat fees in an effort to keep the retreat affordable while meeting our costs. The scale applies to individual rooms. All options will cover our hard costs (venue and meals); the variable is with the amount available when hard costs are met for honorariums for the four leaders. Please select what you feel is right for you and for this retreat. Fees include lodging, six meals, and program.

• \$395 • \$425 • \$475 • \$495 - single occupancy

• \$375 - double occupancy.  
Register with a friend/roommate.

**Register at Friends of Silence**

The retreat begins at 3 pm on Friday and ends at 12:00 pm on Sunday, followed by lunch.

Register at [www.friendsofsilence.net](http://www.friendsofsilence.net).