



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

Register at www.friendsofsilence.net.