

NOMC 2018 SPRING RETREAT

APRIL 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH



REDISCOVERING THE SACRED FEMININE

Marija Gimbutas, Marion Woodman, Joseph Campbell, and others have argued that the earliest archetypal images of the Feminine Divine powers were transformed by, yet endured despite, thousands of years of patriarchal traditions that sought to suppress them. But what has been lost in that process? Through story, image, and experiential exercises, we will engage with the archetype of the Great Goddess. We will explore our relationship to the Sacred Feminine. What can a contemporary man learn from connection with the Great Goddess archetype? How might that encounter transform who and what a man is and can be as he shows up in today's world? Who knows? *She knows!* Maybe you should come and find out too!

The feminine takes time for spontaneity and slow time, honors inner reality, and gives values to feelings without brutally repressing them as “sissy” or “meaningless.” -Marion Woodman

The feminine principle attempts to relate. Instead of breaking things off into parts, it says, Where are we alike? How can we connect? Where is the love? Can you listen to me? Can you really hear what I am saying? Can you see me? Do you care whether you see me or not? -Marion Woodman

The deepest experience of the creator is feminine, for it is the experience of receiving and bearing. -Rainer Maria Rilke



The Goddess in all her manifestations was a symbol of the unity of all life in Nature. Her power was in water and stone, in tomb and cave, in animals and birds, snakes and fish, hill, trees and flowers.
-Marija Gimbutas



The Goddess is the Eternal Mother, the sacred and sensual vessel of creation and transformation. She is the one who births and transmutes; She is the portal between worlds, through which all life flows. When she is dishonored, all life suffers, for she births all creation. When She is honored, all of life thrives. -Sara Sophia Eisenman



When one sits in the Hoop of the People, One must be responsible because All of Creation is related. And the hurt of one is the hurt of all. And the honor of one is the honor of all. And whatever we do affects everything in the universe. -White Buffalo Calf Woman

WHAT TO EXPECT

We seek to provide a safe place for men to connect with themselves, other men and the environment. Large and small group experiences as well as some time alone are planned. In our mythopoetic tradition, storytelling, poetry, drumming and experiential learning can be expected.

PLEASE INVITE ANOTHER MAN TO COME WITH YOU.

WHEN

Arrive Friday, April 6th. On-site registration and bunk assignment will begin at 5 p.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 6 P.M. Dinner will be available at 6 P.M., and our opening ceremony will begin at 7 PM. You may arrive as early as you wish on Friday to check out the grounds, hike, meditate, etc. The retreat will end after lunch on Sunday.

WHERE

King's Arrow Ranch, Hillsdale, MS, just east of I-59 North at exit 35, 75 miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles south of Hattiesburg, MS. In case of emergency, you can be reached through the King's Arrow Range phone # 601-796-3423. You will be asked not to use or access your cell phone during the Retreat.

PRE-REGISTER VIA E-MAIL

We ask that you pre-register by April 1st so we can estimate lodging and meals required. Just reply to this email (retreat@thenomc.org) and indicate your intention to attend (Yes, No, or Maybe). The NOMC webmaster will reply acknowledging your intention. If you do not have email, call one of the facilitators to register. For confidentiality and privacy, information provided for registration will only be available to retreat participants.

COST

The cost of the retreat is \$130.00 and that fee covers all meals and lodging. You can pay by check or cash upon arrival.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial assistance, please contact a facilitator.

NOMC PLANNING MEETING

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday, a planning meeting to discuss the next retreat, as well as planning for the future of NOMC will be held. All interested are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information about the retreat, contact a facilitator.

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<http://www.thenomc.org/retreats.html>

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