

You Are Invited to the Lifeways 'Ukalai' Women's Retreat

Ukalai: (Uh-kay-la-ee) - A word in the Huichol language that means 'a woman who has reached a level of maturity and has taken on the responsibilities of spirit, community, and family.' It indicates that she has found her role and place within herself, the community and in the world and therefore is a support for herself and others.

In the indigenous world and the life of our ancestors, the feminine was initiated, taught, and guided to interact with each other, the masculine, and the community and with the spirits. Knowing who they were, women found a home within themselves and created harmonious relationships with others.

In our culture these roles, references, guides and knowledge have been lost or greatly diminished. Women are driven and directed by social, economic, and materialistic demands of modernity, which place consumerism, change for change's sake, and mind over the power of heart at the center of daily life. Lost are the community of learning and healing and the wisdom of a council of elders.

The stress of modern life demands more of us. In addition to our roles as partners, mothers, and keepers of home and hearth, many of us are required to also perform successfully in the workplace. We have found ourselves alienated from the place of harmony and balance that is our birthright.

Taking the time for ourselves to reconnect to the essential being of the feminine, to discover the navigation of our heart, and to clear, refresh, and renew our direction in life is the purpose of the Ukalai Retreat. It takes us on a pilgrimage to our soul and connection to the eternal and divine feminine in order to bring about a restoration and support to one's vision, direction and relationship to others and the divine feminine.

The cost of \$795.00 includes Lodging, Meals, Retreat and Facilitator's Fee. **Register on-line by visiting: www.bluedeer.org/upcomingprograms.html.** For information, contact Linda Felch at 717.668.3175 or email at lindafelch@bluedeer.org.

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About Our Facilitators:



Deanna Jenné is an initiated shaman in the Huichol tradition and a weather worker in the Nahua tradition, both ancestrally rooted in the highlands of Mexico.

Deanna co-facilitates the Sacred Fire Community's Lifeways Women's Retreat and the Initiation into Womanhood ritual. She and her husband, Gary, are initiated Fire Keepers in Grand Junction, Colorado and are co-founders of an intentional community near there.



Sherry Boatright is a licensed psychotherapist as well as a healer and weather worker in the Nahua tradition. She is manager of the Sacred Fire Community Lifeways Program and co-facilitates

the Lifeways Women's Program. She is an initiated Firekeeper and shares the fire with her community in Carrollton, Georgia.

Sacred Fire Community Lifeways Programs *A Cycle of Sustenance for Our People*

Our ancient ancestors lived in profound connection with all life. People were born into communities that provided rituals and ceremonies to help them move through the transitions of life while maintaining a sense of their place in their society and a connection to the gods that created and sustained them.

The Sacred Fire Community's **Lifeways Program** is the cycle of life and sustenance for our people; it is a way of moving through the stages of life connected to ourselves, our communities, and the whole of life.