

Celebrating Wise Women in North America

October 19 to 22, 2017

Begins 5 PM Thursday and ends 9:00 AM Sunday

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS (Quakers)

Clear Creek Monthly Meeting

14365 North 350th Ave

McNabb, Illinois 61235

Registration: \$100, due to hold space, by September 15, 2017. Donations for Scholarships would be greatly appreciated.

Accommodations and Meals: \$100: Shared bedrooms (2-3 each) for 14-16 women in Clear Creek House;

7 Bunk house cabins with no electricity, but nearby shower house and bathroom.

Motels are available within 10 miles at personal expense. Bring your own sheets, blankets, towels and pillows.

To Register: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Needs: _____

Checks, or money orders, Payable to Mary Theis. Please mail registration and fees to Mary Theis,

9343 Drake, Evanston, Ill 60203

Feel free to email or call Mary or Phyllis with questions:

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With Karen Duncan

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You are invited to sit in ceremony with Karen Duncan, MS, as she shares the teachings celebrating the time of Elder women. Karen has been engaged in shamanic studies for over twenty years. She has studied with Sandra Ingerman and taught with Alberto Villoldo. She has traveled and taught beside Jose Luis Herrera. Karen presently engages directly with highly respected medicine men and women of Peru. She co-leads a women's journey to that magical land each spring. Karen embraces the teaching and integrates the ways of the earth keepers into her life as a psychotherapist, grandmother, teacher, healer and mentor.

You are invited to participate in an ancient ceremony that has been experienced by only a few women of the Western world. It is a ritual for the time of the Elder, that time in a woman's life when menses has ceased...the time of releasing that which holds us back from the freedom of this third part of our lives...a time of stepping into the time of the wise woman. In Peru, in March 2017, 21 North American women participated in what is called, in the Quecha language, the Wata Chu'ti. This is an ancient Incan ceremony celebrating the time of the Elder. It is a passing through the gate into the glorious time of the Elder.

In our modern society...in this world in which we live an older woman is rarely seen. She seems to recede into the background of a fast paced, more youth driven society. Her value and role are often minimized. Let us change from fading with time into a celebration of this time. Let us step into a time of serving as midwives to the birthing of strength, endurance, love and compassion within ourselves and in service to others. Join a community of women in an exploration of life. Join us in this passage into the time of the Elder, the Wise Woman, leaving behind that which holds us back from our truth and vibrancy.

The retreat will be held on the Illinois Yearly Meeting campus, which is comprised of 15 acres in rural Putnam County. Quakers have been living, meeting, and worshiping here for 175 years at Clear Creek Meeting and gathering annually with Friends from Illinois, Missouri and Indiana. Our meals, meetings, and shared bed rooms will be held in Clear Creek House. There is a nearby fire pit and frog pond to enrich our ceremonies. Although the retreat is held at a Quaker facility the retreat is open to women of other traditions. All are welcome to come to Quaker worship on Sunday at 11:00 AM.