



ROOT AND FIRE

Restorying the Heroine's Journey 2020

May 29-31 at Rolling Ridge

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*Brigid of the Mantle, encompass us,
Lady of the Lambs protect us,
Beneath your mantle, gather us,
And restore us to memory.*

*Mothers of our mother,
Foremothers strong,
Guide our hands in yours,
Remind us how
To kindle the hearth.*

*To keep it bright,
To preserve the flame...
To kindle the light,
Both day and night.*

--Celtic prayer for hearth fire

Just as women were the Voices of the Wells, so are we the Keepers of the Flame, the bright inspiration for creativity and transformation, home and belonging. "Fire is an intimate force," says John O'Donohue, "Fire can go to the heart of the matter." Yet fire can be a destroyer. In the times in which we live, fire is a burning image of the maelstrom we know as the climate crisis. In this retreat we explore the myriad faces of fire and our relationship to all her flickering, flaming forms. We consider what it means to live the heroine's journey in a time of fire, and how the tree of life might root again in the ashes of creation.

This annual retreat includes openings for wandering in solitude, sharing dreams and stories, ceremony, the rhythm of drums, and sacred circle dance. The retreat is at Rolling Ridge, 1400 acres of protected wilderness between the Appalachian Trail and the Shenandoah River. Lodging is in our comfortable Retreat House and two nearby retreat cabins, Still Point and The Nest. The retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. \$335 includes lodging, meals, and program. Register with a friend and share a room for \$285; or camp, \$265 (bring your own tent). Scholarships available.

For more information about this retreat and to **register** visit www.friendsofsilence.net.
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