

Healing the Wounds and Accessing the Gifts of Ancestral Heritage: Through Landscape and the Deep Imagination

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm to
Sunday, April 22, 1:00 pm, 2018

At Aravaipa Canyon Ranch
One and a half hours drive from
Tucson, AZ

With Guides Peter Scanlan and
Jade Sherer

Deep in our bones we carry the DNA of ancestral stories that have been passed down to us over many generations. Woven in the shadows of time and the family narrative, with all the migrations, celebrations, tragedies, gifts and wounds, are the ways we have been formed often beyond our knowing. These hidden histories haunt us with a kind of longing for what we do not know, for a sense of belonging, a sense of a wider dimension to our story of origins and who we most fully are that eludes us. They have the power to influence our emotions, our life decisions, and how we think of ourselves.

Through genealogy, we can uncover valuable facts about our ancestry. While this can be an important adjunct to healing ancestral wounds and accessing

ancestral gifts, it is not the focus of this intensive. We will invite you to bring whatever factual aspects of your ancestral story that you know and, perhaps, even to do a bit of research before coming. When such information is not available, however, it is not an impediment, as we will be working with a less tangible aspect of the ancestral story, a different level of "reality".

During our time together we will utilize landscape and the deep imagination, as well as other doorways, to enter the House of the Ancestors to track the known and unknown people and stories that have shaped our lives in mysterious ways. There will be ample opportunity to wander the spectacular landscape of the Sonoran Desert of southern Arizona, listening with our bones and the ears of our imaginative hearts to ances-

*"Often our loneliness and isolation is due to a failure of spiritual imagination.
We forget that there is no such thing as an empty space.
All space is full of presence, particularly the presence of those
who are now in eternal invisible form." — John O'Donohue*

tral energies — engaging with them and embodying them in story, movement, and image. Woven between wanders we will utilize poetry, council, deep imagery, ceremony and dream work to court the Old Ones and sort the threads of our personal and collective stories. Through this process, we will seek a deepened sense of ourselves, find lost heirlooms, and possibly bring a balm to ancient wounds.

These days together of keen listening to what the ancestors have to tell us will be a gift to them as well as to ourselves. When we intimately encounter the ancestral stories that are living in our bones, our compassion for our own history as well as the world's wounds opens up a depth of soulful understanding that can truly begin a radical revolution in consciousness.

Aravaipa Canyon, 11 miles long with 1,000-foot canyon walls, presents outstanding scenery, wildlife, mountain vistas, saguaro forests, and a rich history. Seven species of native fish, desert big-horn sheep, and over 200 species of birds live among the shady cottonwoods along the constantly flowing waters of the Aravaipa River.



Program Cost : \$750

Two to three persons per shared room

**-Food as Poetry-
Planning and preparing
healthy, delicious meals together is
our way of nurturing community
among us**

**Participants will team up to plan,
purchase food, and prepare meals
in a full kitchen**

**Maximum number of participants: 12
Registration requires a \$200
non-refundable deposit with balance due
60 days before the start of the program**

**To Register or for further information
about the program contact:**

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Guides



Peter Scanlan was a clinical psychologist in private practice for 34 years in Nashville, Tennessee. He trained with Animas Valley Institute and with School of Lost Borders as a vision quest guide and was a lead guide for the Animas Valley Institute for 16 years. He works to facilitate the transformation of personal story into the mytho-poetic story that each of us inhabits. He

is dedicated to guiding people to the edge of the deepest mysteries, holding sacred space while they plunge into those depths, and then honoring the unique power and truth of the stories that they bring back from those journeys. He brings heart presence and a playful spirit to his work. **Website: <http://www.peterscanlan.com>.**



Jade Sherer has devoted her life to showing up to support others as they navigate the small and large transitions of their lives. For more than twenty years she has guided others in nature-based transformational processes and ceremonies and has been a mentor to hundreds of people as they have listened for what is next in their lives and how they might they bring their integrity and authentic genius alive and accessible for the world. Jade's heartfelt attunement, sensitivity and intuitive wisdom drove her to naturally become a sort of tracker between worlds...opening terrains of mystery for the ones she works with.

Jade is currently creating and facilitating custom programs for many audiences around the world from philanthropists to students to women over 50. She guided at Animas Valley Institute for 15 years and went on to initiate and train new guides there. At this time she sees soul-based collaboration combined with mindful self reflection as crucial to community, justice, and planetary care. **<https://www.itsournature.net>**