

Weaving Threads of Ancestral Wounds and Gifts into the Tapestry of Our Soul Story

Begins 6:00 pm Thursday, June 11 and ends at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16

Awapa Plateau in Utah

**With Guides
Peter Scanlan and Annie Bloom**

WOVEN IN THE SHADOWS OF TIME and the family narrative, with all the migrations, celebrations, tragedies, gifts and wounds, ancestral energies have influenced our emotions, our life decisions, and how we think of ourselves. This influence is often unknown to us consciously. The hidden histories of our ancestors haunt us with a longing for what we do not know, for a sense of belonging, a sense of origin and place, a knowing of the thread of our soul story that has eluded us and left the tapestry of our life incomplete or frayed. Deep in our bones we carry the DNA of ancestral stories that have been passed down to us over many generations, even if the stories have never been verbally told to us in our families. We can discover and 'hear' these stories when we engage in an active dialogue with our ancestors while moving out onto the land, as it is the topography and geography of place that holds the morphogenetic field of memory.

During this program we will enter the House of Bones to track the people and stories that have shaped our lives in mysterious ways. Using poetry as a portal into the ancient ground of the human psyche, and wandering in deep conversation with the Old Ones, we will endeavor to sort and weave the threads of our personal and collective stories. Through this process we will seek a deepened self-understanding, find lost heirlooms, and hopefully bring a balm to generational wounds. Exploration of the ancestral stories enhances our ever-evolving journey toward the embodiment of the unique soul qualities that each of us brings as gifts to the world.

On the Awapa Plateau, you will likely meet up with the ancestral wounding in your lineages, perhaps piled up and bound over generations like a Gordian knot. We have witnessed earth shaking transformations when people encounter these deeply encoded wounds and in working with

*"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

them ceremonially open the door to the unexpected gifts of their ancestral heritage. This work often resolves a puzzlement about why, having enacted much personal wound work, there seems to be something that continues to block progress, something that you cannot quite put your finger on.

Though genealogical exploration and discovery of known stories of our families can be valuable in exploring ancestral lineage, it is not the focus of this intensive. We will invite you to do a bit of research and bring whatever factual aspects of your ancestral lineages that you know. When such genealogical information is not available, however,

it is not an impediment. Some folks know little or nothing of their ancestors. A less tangible aspect of our ancestral stories resides in direct contact with the energetic field of ancestral energies that is available to everyone when we move out onto the landscape with our deep imaginations.



Must Register By: March 15, 2019

COST: \$700

All camping includes camp fee

Non-refundable deposit of \$200 to register.

Registrations and final payments due 30 days before the program. Meal cost not included. Sharing in food preparation will be part of our community practice, more details on meal logistics will be included in the prep materials. In the event that we find it necessary to cancel the program you will receive a full refund.

We will meet at the Aquarius Ranger Station on the Awapa Plateau in south-central Utah, a vast landscape on the western flank of Boulder Mountain, with spring creeks, ponds and lakes surrounded by ancient ponderosa, tall spruce and dancing aspens, where we cannot help but feel the old ones present and shimmering in the air. We will court the mystery of our ancestral nature on this land, listening with our bones and the ears of our imaginative hearts to ancestral energies; engaging with 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 begin to weave the tapestry of our ancestral heritage.

For more information and how to register please contact Annie Bloom at: annie@xmission.com or 435-425-2254

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.

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Annie Bloom has been guiding people in wild landscapes for 30 years. She has been an initiator to hundreds of people who have crossed over the threshold of mystery into the Dreaming Lodge of the World, seeking a sacred vision for their lives and the life of the world. After her initial apprenticeship with Animas Valley Institute, she became a senior guide and trainer with them for 20 years. This is where she met Peter Scanlan and they began their 17 year guiding partnership. With their combined skills of listening deeply to the

story within the story and mirroring it back masterfully, they have evolved into a heart centered partnership that potently opens the door to soul.

Annie now stands at the threshold of Buffalo Dreaming Lodge www.buffalodreaminglodge.com with her husband Niles and sweetest dog ever Sadie Girl, where they welcome people into their home and gardens on deep dream retreats. They are both devoted to listening for the heartbeat of the holy in all beings — human and other.