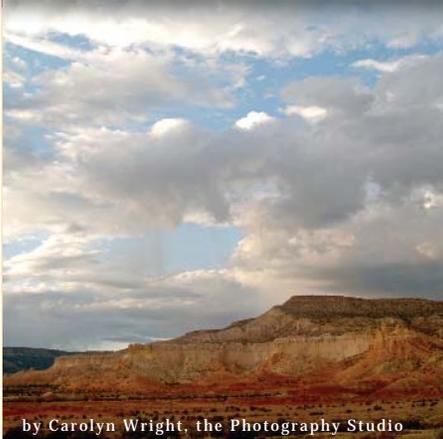


# GHOST RANCH

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## FROM MAIDEN TO CRONE



by Carolyn Wright, the Photography Studio

### ABOUT GHOST RANCH

Ghost Ranch, 21,000 acres located in northern New Mexico, stands proud as an ecumenical and interfaith education and retreat center of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For more than half a century people have come for spiritual development, to discuss issues of peace and justice, to work together in creation care, to paint and write, to hike and ride horseback, to research rich and globally renowned archeological and fossil quarries, to see where Georgia O'Keeffe painted or simply to rest and renew their spirits.

## Celebrating Women's Lives Through Sacred-Circle Dance

September 23-29

The course is based on women's life cycles, using Jungian archetypes of the Child, Maiden, Mother, Crone as a framing structure. To celebrate each of these phases of a woman's life, we will dedicate at least one day to each stage, where we will offer dances that evoke that period of a woman's life, building toward an integration of all stages. We will interpret these archetypes broadly--while all women were once children and maidens, and all are crones in the making, not all women are, or will literally be, mothers; so for mothers, we will honor the different forms of nurturing women do throughout their lives. We will explore each phase experientially through sacred-circle dance, a gentle and meditative form of dance that also seeks to integrate mind, body and spirit. The dances, chosen from around the world, have ancient roots, and were historically created to honor the seasons and special life events; some have been choreographed more recently, using the vocabulary of the old dances, thus keeping alive the communal spirit of the dance across time and space. Each day, after revisiting a particular stage of life through dance, supported by poetry and simple art projects, there is time to reflect on the experiences and to share with the group. No dance experience needed; no partners necessary. Every dance will be taught at each session. Our philosophy of dance is, "there are no mistakes, only variations." Please bring photographs of yourself as a curious child, budding adolescent, generative adult and crone (or, if you don't feel that you've reached this stage yet, a photo of a crone in your life).

**Evelyn Torton Beck, PhD** Professor Emerita of Women's studies at the University of Maryland, is an experienced dancer who studied circle dance in Europe, South America, Mexico, and many parts of the United States. Through this dance practice she aims to connect mind, body and spirit. Visit: [www.evibeck.com](http://www.evibeck.com)

**Judith Walton, PhD** has been teaching sacred circle dance for almost 20 years and uses the power of the dance with women in transition to achieve integration and wholeness. She learned many of these dances at Findhorn, a spiritual and ecological community in Scotland.

Registration \$360 + lodging & meals per week

Additional information, including lodging fees, can be found at [www.ghostranch.org](http://www.ghostranch.org) or you may call the registrar at 505.685.4333, extension 4155.

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