



Thank you for your interest in
Active Hope and the Work That Reconnects
(WTR) Retreat
Nourishing Our Capacity to Act for Life

THANKSGIVING WEEK at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM
Sunday, November 24 – Saturday, November 30

“This is a dark time, filled with suffering and uncertainty. Like living cells in a larger body, it is natural that we feel the trauma of the world. So don’t be afraid of the anguish you feel, or the anger or fear, because these responses arise from the depth of you caring and the truth of your interconnectedness with all beings.” - Joanna Macy -

This weeklong residential retreat is designed for 12 -14 participants and based on the teachings and practices of renowned activist, philosopher and author, *Joanna Macy*, and her many collaborators.

Check out the links below to learn much more about Joanna and WTR

www.workthatreconnects.org

www.joannamacy.net

The aim is to nourish our capacity for our deep care of the world:

- ***Honoring Our Love & Our Pain for the World***
- ***Experiencing, Embodying & Engaging***
- ***Rejuvenating Ourselves & Restoring Our Visions***
- ***Deepening Trust in Our Skills and Intentions***
- ***Supporting Each Other Like a Loving Village***



All-inclusive Retreat Fee: \$1100 - \$1820 (Based on lodging preferences)
\$100 OFF for October EARLY BIRDS

We gather at the cozy Casa Del Sol Retreat House and Lodging of Ghost Ranch
Surrounded in breathtaking beauty and meals prepared by our chef.

We are a *TEAM* of Two Committed to Intersectional JUSTICE

Yes! All of our environments—climate, social justice and equity of numerous kinds are part of the interlocking system of oppression that requires structural change.

During this time of multiple cultural and global messes, we offer practices and possibilities for living and working from a more whole, web of life, paradigm!

JiLL Lynch (Santa Fe) - WTR Facilitator, Educator & Psychotherapist
Frank O'Neill (Boulder) - Focusing Trainer, NVC Facilitator & Yoga Teacher

From JiLL

To give you a better idea of the journey we'll be taking, I offer a deeper look at the Work That Reconnects (WTR) and Active Hope. Links are provided, however, this is from my voice.

*I outlined the aim on the first page. Perhaps another way to describe our intention is this: to inform, deepen and connect us in respectful ways with each other and connection with all life—all that is animate and inanimate. Such inclusion can't help but bring us squarely into the intersection of the multiple injustices that are in our face and consciousness every single day. The question for us, then, becomes **'how do we best cope with these overwhelming realities, stay sane ourselves, and still make a difference?'** I consider this journey to be a powerful and pragmatic approach in the wake of this most certain MESS, serving as a guide and guardian as we navigate the darkness. As Leonard Cohen famously said, **"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."***

Our time together is also an opportunity to deepen into the WTR core principles including systems thinking, deep ecology, and decolonizing our minds; its spiraling framework and the multiple practices move us through a journey—a journey that supports and strengthens our own creaturehood, honors our unique individual gifts and energies, and inspires us and others to take our next steps that contribute to life on Earth.

Gratitude is our touchstone as we explore our grief, ANXIETY, outrage, helplessness and/or confusion. And, in acknowledging these feelings and moving with them in the safety created by our village circle, we increase our capacity to SEE with freshness and BE with more clarity. As a result of this trusted emergence, we experience a renewed sense of active hope and a way to move forward in making a difference in our own lives, our communities and our world.

My own sense of this kind of hope is one of doable actions and healthy attitudes that sustain us and also free us to contribute in the ways our individual beings know best. That is why this approach is not prescriptive—rather it's an invitation for diverse voices, unique expressions of our actions, and the personal choices about which pieces of the "blessed unrest" most call us into participation.

Our week together will be lively and experiential, as well as reflective and restorative. Frank and I will strive for this balance as we move through the week and attune to your needs.

I regret the delay with retreat information. I came alive at the recent Climate Strike, but using the computer is not my strength. Please bear with me in this information and registration process.

Registration requires printing and completing a 2-page form to be sent to my postal mailing address in Santa Fe, NM, along with full payment. I know, this is the 'non-electronic' old way. For serious inquiries, contact me at jill@wildpeacerealdirt.com and if interested register soon.

\$100 OFF for EARLY BIRDS whose registration and full payment land in my Santa Fe mailbox by Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Priority goes to those who have had little or no WTR workshop experience, and to bringing diversity of voices and skills to the village table.

While the WTR website has many resources for you to peruse, I am including a link to a short video of Joanna. Embracing Our Pain:
<https://youtu.be/7fnEUhZIirw>

I am heart-warmed with the comments by Danielle and Claire about their experience of a WTR workshop that I co-facilitated in Wisconsin before moving to Northern New Mexico.

Like many who are witnessing the extinction of so many species and the destruction of ecosystems, societies, and our natural selves; like many who long to understand, connect, and bring about lasting positive change - I felt hopeless and paralyzed. It seemed there was nothing I could do, nothing to be done. And then I went to a workshop led by JiLL Lynch and Nicole Penick. To find the Work That Reconnects, and learn about The Great Turning and the profound power of our time was deeply transformational. JiLL and Nicole led the group with sensitivity and compassion, helping me to go deeper into the heartache, which, I was surprised to discover, awakened hope in me again. Turning toward the darkness that I feared, helped me to find the light that I thought had died. With that light, my eyes were able to open to so many gifts of this moment in time; my eyes were opened to the loss but also to the hope, to the pain but also to the joy. I opened my eyes to the vital necessity of dismantling our own walls and using the rubble to build pathways to each other. The Work That Reconnects has never been more important than right now - and it gets more important with each day that passes, each inch that the sea level rises, each degree that the world heats up. I can honestly say that working with JiLL and Nicole changed my life. Blessings JiLL. — Gabrielle, Viroqua, WI



I participated in a Work That Reconnects weekend workshop designed and led by JiLL Lynch and Nicole Penick. JiLL and Nicole led the group through a unfolding array of activities that supported the group to move deeply into WTR material. JiLL brings a courageousness, self-awareness and deep sensitivity to her endeavors and this workshop was no different. JiLL has a rich sense of beauty and balance that participants feel. At the same time, her humor and candor keep things fresh and honest in the moment. I highly recommend her new adventures with the Work That Reconnects to her participants and the listening Desert. Congratulations JiLL! — Claire, Viroqua, WI

