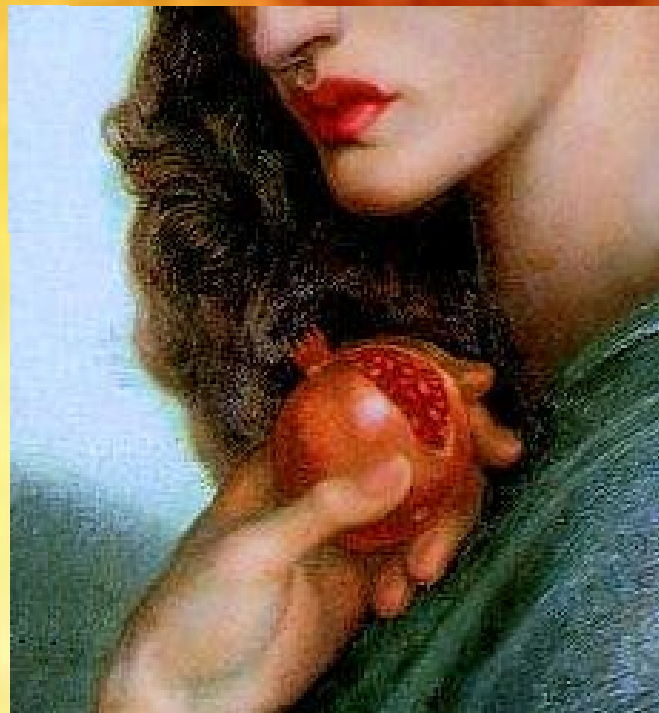


Engaging the Feminine Heroic

A 4-day creativity workshop/retreat
for women writers and artists

led by DARA MARKS & DEB NORTON

Held in beautiful Calliote Canyon
Ojai, CA / Oct. 27 - 30, 2011



Engaging the Feminine Heroic takes women writers and artists on a journey into the depths of the creative process using mythic epics as the archetypal gateway through which the power of the human drama is experienced.

“With Dara Marks and Deb Norton, you will not merely emerge with a greater mastery of the elements of story, but with an experiential understanding of where to find it within yourself.”

~Lyn Greene, Writer and Executive Producer – *Nip/Tuck*

“The creative atmosphere of this retreat is carefully nurtured by Dara and Deb, who encourage writers and artists to find our own truth and, most importantly, to find the courage to express it in our art.”

~Ellen Sandler, Co-Executive Producer/writer on
Everybody Loves Raymond
and author of *The TV Writer's Workbook*

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WHO

Retreat Leaders

Dara Marks, Ph.D. is a leading international script consultant, seminar leader, and author of one of the top selling books on screenwriting, *Inside Story: The Power of the Transformational Arc*.



Dara has specialized in the analysis of the modern screenplay for the past two decades, and *Creative Screenwriting Magazine* has consistently rated her the number one script consultant in Hollywood. She has worked for most major Hollywood studios, including Sony, Columbia, Disney, Paramount and, and her advice has been sought on a variety of films and television programs, over a dozen of which have been theatrically released or are currently in production. Dara has a doctorate degree in Mythological Studies and her groundbreaking work in this field continues to help writers engage more deeply and effectively in the creative writing process.

"Dara Marks is in a class by herself."
-Creative Screenwriting Magazine-

Deb Norton is a writer, actress, teacher and the Literary Director of the award-winning Theater 150 in Ojai, California.



She is a graduate of the MFA program at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. Deb has been seen on stage at PCPA in Santa Maria, The American Conservatory Theater and Encore Theater company in San Francisco and

the Westwood Playhouse and Court Theater in Los Angeles. Critics lauded both her writing and performance in her play, *The Whole Banana*, which also garnered a movie option after its West Coast premiere in Los Angeles. Deb's formal training as an actor and her 25 years working in theater have led her to the development of a unique and holistic approach to writing and teaching. Her workshops have provided authors a place to find their true voice, finish their project and fulfill their dream of living a creative life.

WHAT

Engaging the Feminine Heroic

A 4-Day Women's Retreat

Oct. 27 - 30, 2011

The story of our humanity is encoded in all epic mythologies. They reveal how we grow and evolve, how we face life's conflicts and obstacles, and how we *must* endure death experiences in order to create new life. In this retreat we *de-code* myth as a means of gaining valuable insight into the archetypal human dramas that we all inescapably reenact.

Writers and artists are taken on a guided initiation into the feminine realm where they will focus on:

- transforming life's pains and hardships into creative expression.
- re-contexting our own experiences, giving them archetypal relevance.
- discovering an incorruptible connection to the essence of the human story.

WHERE

Calliote Canyon Retreat Center

Calliote Canyon is a stunning and elegant five-acre retreat center surrounded by the Los Padres National Forest.



A pure, mountain-fed creek and waterfall compliment the serenity. 360 degrees of uninterrupted views and an abundance of sun-dappled foliage and peaceful pathways make this a perfect paradise.



Located just ten minutes from the lovely town of Ojai and only 1-1/2 hours north of Los Angeles, Calliote Canyon provides both total privacy from the outside world and easy access to restaurants, art galleries, beaches and more.



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HOW

To Register:
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