

Walking in the Footsteps of the Goddess

with **Norvene Vest**
at **La Casa de María**

January 20 - 22, 2012
Friday, 7:30 pm to Sunday, 1:00 pm



Bring your heart and imagination and prepare to enter an ancient world where the understanding of the Divine as Feminine impacted every element of spirituality, culture, and the notion of “human nature.” In Old Europe there existed cultures where there was honoring of the female body, a deep reverence for the earth, and where the social community was based on mutual respect and peace, with little evidence of weapons or defensive structures.

Wisdom mother and archeomythologist Dr. Marija Gimbutas developed an interpretation of prehistoric culture which radically challenges contemporary values. In this retreat we will explore the personal and social importance of the human possibilities raised by Gimbutas’ mythology and investigate the cultural implications of her vision. Through imagery, meditation, and ritual, together we will recreate a culture and community where spirituality is central to life, the female body is seen as sacred sources of life, and earth as the mother matrix of creation.

10 Continuing Education credits available for LCSW and MFT

Retreat Leadership

Norvene Vest is well-known for her books and reflections on the spiritual life, especially in relation to spiritual direction and Benedictine life. In recent years, through her doctoral work in Mythological Studies and Depth Psychology, Norvene has developed a passion for the divine feminine and the way it can change what we think of as “human nature.” She has visited and studied first hand prehistoric sites researched by Gimbutas that reveal ecological sensitivity and peaceful coexistence among humans. In this retreat Novene will integrate the ancient and modern worlds of the divine feminine.

Program fee:	\$325 includes shared room, board and tuition. <i>A small number of single rooms available for additional \$75.</i>
	\$225 commuter rate includes meals and tuition.
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