

# ***The Journey Toward an Undivided Life: Reconnecting Soul and Role and a Sense of Place***

**April 3-5, 2013  
at the Zapata Ranch  
A Nature Conservancy Preserve in Mosca, Colorado**

**A Circle of Trust ®Retreat  
with Jeff Creswell and Sally Z. Hare**



**Grounded in Parker Palmer's *A Hidden Wholeness  
and Healing the Heart of Democracy:*  
*The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit***

**Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it,  
listen for what it intends to do with you.  
Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to,  
let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent.**

**--Parker J. Palmer**

**National Circle of Trust facilitators Jeff Creswell and Sally Z. Hare** invite you to join them for a retreat to reconnect soul and role on the very special Zapata Ranch, a working bison ranch owned by The Nature Conservancy and managed through a one-of-a-kind partnership with the Duke and Janet Phillips Family-- a third-generation ranching family. The ranch is a 103,000-acre bison and guest ranch located on the eastern wall of the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado. It borders the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, the newest National Park in the United States. The high desert grasslands, alpine forests, wetlands, sand dunes, creeks and lush meadows offer one of the most scenic and ecologically diverse landscapes in the United States. The ranch and surrounding valley is a wildlife mecca and is home to thousands of elk, bison, deer, coyotes, birds and many other species.



Too often we feel divided in our lives, separated in how we spend our days from our true selves, our gifts, and the work that brings us alive. This retreat offers a safe space to remember who you are and to experience a Circle of Trust, bringing together the work of Parker J. Palmer with Jeff's work in teaching and learning and constructing meaning through the Scottish Storyline method and Sally's work in education and community and lifelong learning.

**Taking Your Inner Work into the Outer World** offers a space where we can explore our own most profound questions at the heart of our many roles, at home and at work, from family member to community member, including the important role of citizen on the planet. Participants can explore what it means to have a sense of place. The facilitators create a safe place for participants to slow down and listen to their own hearts and inner wisdom in a quiet, focused and disciplined space where the noise around us – and within us – can subside.

***The most common way people give up their power  
is by thinking they don't have any.***

***--- Alice Walker***



In large group, small group, and solitary settings, we are invited to reclaim our own power by exploring the intersection of our personal, professional, and political lives, uncovering our own stories, as well as gaining insights from poetry, music and various wisdom traditions and the beautiful nature around us..

***There is a vitality, a life force, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and (will) be lost. The world will not have it. It is not your business to determine how good it is, nor how valuable it is, nor how it compares with other expressions. It is your business to keep it yours, clearly and directly, to keep the channel open.***

**--Martha Graham in a letter to Agnes DeMille**

This retreat is for anyone seeking ways to live an undivided life, to live with wholeness. It is for those who care about their community, their planet, and are seeking a place for personal renewal. It is for those who are troubled by injustice and violence and are struggling with their own sense of powerlessness. It is for those who, in Parker Palmer's phrase, are experiencing "the politics of the broken-hearted," facing the seeming divisiveness in our democracy, and looking for ways of responding that are creative and life-giving.

## RETREAT LEADERSHIP

**Jeff Creswell** has been teaching elementary school children and presenting workshops for educators around the world for over thirty years. He has worked with teachers using the Storyline method since it was first brought to the United States from Scotland in 1990. He is the author of a book on the method published by Heinemann Books, *Creating Worlds, Constructing Meaning: The Scottish Storyline Method*. He first participated in a series of Courage to Teach retreats in 1999 and became a national facilitator in 2001. He has worked with teachers, school administrators, clergy and lay leaders, and cross professional groups.

**Sally Z. Hare** is a teacher and a learner and a student of community. She earned her doctorate at the University of South Carolina and has completed post-doctoral work in settings as diverse as the Harvard University Leadership Institute, the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, and the Institute of Noetic Science's Healing Arts of Bali. She is president of still learning, inc. and Singleton Distinguished Professor Emerita at Coastal Carolina University, where she served for many years as Dean of the Graduate School and Continuing Education and founding director of the Center for Education and Community. During her Kellogg fellowship in the early 90's, Sally had the chance to meet Parker Palmer as she was exploring the concept of community. Parker invited her to work with him as he created The Courage to Teach. Since that time, she has worked with the national Center for Courage & Renewal and facilitated COURAGE TO TEACH® and COURAGE TO LEAD® and CIRCLE of TRUST programs in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Oregon, and Kansas, as well as Australia and Canada, and leads circle of trust retreats with educators, physicians, community and non-profit leaders and other professionals.

## ABOUT still learning, inc.

still learning, inc., is about renewing what we do by reclaiming who we are, in the world of work, the world of parenting, the world of family, the world of leadership. We are dedicated to the lifelong learning of teachers, educators, parents, business and other leaders through renewal programs in workshop and retreat settings all over the country. For more information, see [www.stilllearning.org](http://www.stilllearning.org)

## WHEN and WHERE

**The setting for the retreat** will be the amazing Zapata Ranch in Mosca, Colorado, <http://www.zranch.org/index.cfm?id=67c8f9db-d1c8-4c6b-62e3094336bbd0&home.html>

**The mission of the ranch** is to create a working ranching model that views the ranch as an ecological resource base that supports a complementary mix of activities emphasizing sustainability, innovative management, and diversification as the keys to economic and ecological viability.

We encourage you to come early and stay late to enjoy all the ranch has to offer. The retreat will begin at 4 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd, and end with the mid-day meal on Friday, April 5, 2013. Participants may take advantage of several optional field trips and opportunities to ride horseback and explore the ranch. More information will be available soon. Check this website or e-mail [couragetoteach@sc.rr.com](mailto:couragetoteach@sc.rr.com).

Participants may choose to fly to the Alamosa airport, half four form the ranch – or may want to fly into Albuquerque, Denver, or Colorado Springs in order to drive some of the beautiful area. The ranch is four hours drive from Denver or Albuquerque or three hours from Colorado Springs.



## **COST**

Space is limited to 24 participants. Programs typically fill well before the deadline. The registration fee for this retreat is \$889 and includes EVERYTHING: all retreat fees, materials, large double rooms (a few singles available for an additional \$150 for the two nights) single room with private half-bath, and all meals. Please mail your check to

still learning, inc, with the attached registration form to Dr. Sally Z. Hare, still learning, inc, p o box 14028, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

**Register by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to take advantage of the early discount fee of \$799. Just indicate on registration form that you have met the qualifying deadline.**

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES for RETREAT ATTENDEES**  
**Tuesday, April 2, full day or half day: Working ranch**  
**Wednesday, sunrise in the desert**  
**Wednesday morning horseback ride**  
**Friday afternoon: TBA**  
**Saturday morning: TBA**

**For further information, please contact**  
**Dr. Sally Z. Hare, 843-238-9291, [couragetoteach@sc.rr.com](mailto:couragetoteach@sc.rr.com)**  
**or Jeff Creswell, [creswell@me.com](mailto:creswell@me.com)**

**CIRCLE OF TRUST RETREAT APPLICATION**  
***The Journey Toward An Undivided Life:***  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: H/W/C \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal statement:** To help us discern how participating will both serve you and allow us to better plan the program, please include a personal statement (not more than two pages) with your registration:

- How you learned about this circle of trust retreat;
- Why you are interested in participating, and how you hope to benefit personally and/or professionally.
- The questions you are holding about reconnecting role and soul.

**Program costs:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$889. My check made to *still learning, inc* is enclosed  
with this registration form and my personal statement  
\_\_\_\_\_ Optional activities

**Special Dietary Needs:**

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If you have any other special needs, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can do our best to accommodate you.

**To register send the registration form, personal statement, and your check payable to still learning, inc., to:**

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