

Private Retreat with Carol Lynn Pearson



Dear Friends,

For years I have traveled far and wide speaking to large audiences about issues dear to my heart. Now, in response to many requests, I'm going to reverse the pattern. Occasionally, throughout this year, I will open my home to small groups of women for private retreats designed specifically to your interests. You might choose as a theme for your retreat:

- **I Want to Write.** Bring a short piece of your writing, which we will read and critique; do writing exercises; discuss creativity and the art and craft of writing and publishing; read from various genres of my writing; create goals and make commitments.

- **The Magic and Meaning of Coincidence.** Examine the phenomenon of synchronicity, as explored in my book, *Consider the Butterfly*; talk about your synchronicities and mine; look for themes that run through our lives.
- **Personal Spirituality.** How to stay in a religion (or not) and enrich our lives with teachings and practices from other disciplines, such as meditation, inspirational reading, chakra study, energy healing; share the best things that lift and inspire us.
- **This Business of Being a Woman.** Hear my own journey; read aloud "Mother Wove the Morning" (different women reading their favorite parts); discuss a variety of "women's issues," motherhood, individuality, feminism, patriarchy, partnership, creating the lives we want to live.
- **Celebrating Mothers and Daughters.** With my daughter Emily as a special guest, we focus on the experiences she and I created in our book, *Fuzzy Red Bathrobe—Questions from the Heart for Mothers and Daughters*; get close, have fun; remember I am a writer, not a therapist. (For mothers and their adult daughters.)
- **A Walk Through Carol Lynn's Writings.** Choose your favorites of the things I have written—poems, plays, books; read selections out loud; discuss their history and their impact; hear samples of my works in progress.
- **Loving Our Gay Family and Friends.** For wives/former wives of gay men, daughters, sisters, mothers of gay men and lesbians; and lesbians. We will discuss the paradox of religion as well as many other issues on this challenging frontier.
- **Combine Some or All of the Above Topics.** Or suggest a theme you and your group want to explore.

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Gather** a group of four or more women for two days, three nights, weekend or mid-week, submit the dates of your choice.
- **Collect** and send in the participation fee (\$500 each for four; \$450 for six; inquire about larger groups).
- **Pack** your walking shoes and pajamas, leave children at home; fly or drive to my home in Walnut Creek, 24 miles east of San Francisco.
- **Keep** your beds as my guests for a couple of nights if you want to play in the city after the retreat.



*Wheat for man (D&C 89:17)
Chocolate for woman (M&M 24:7)*

WHAT I DO:

- Clean my house and make up comfy beds (double occupancy, single beds; nearby hotel available at your own expense).
- Provide pickup from BART (train, easy access from either Oakland or San Francisco airport).
- Provide healthy breakfast and lunch, snacks, herbal tea, fresh vegetable juice (dinner will be out or order in at individual expense).

FUN STUFF WE WILL FIT IN:

- Read poetry by the fire
- Tell jokes
- Sing lullabies
- Sleep late
- Eat chocolate
- Take short hikes in the lovely hills near my home
- Sit in my hot tub under the stars
- Once and for all solve the Mysteries of Life.

Contact Information

If such an experience sounds interesting to you, secure your dates by writing me at clp@clpearson.com or call 925-939-0757. Visit my website for updates and to print or e-mail copies of this flier:

www.clpearson.com

(Contact to discuss individual one on one's, couples, bringing me to your location, or other questions.)

Love and blessings,

Carol Lynn

*You can fall here.
We are a quilt set to catch you
A quilt of women's hands
Threaded by pain made useful.*

*With generations of
Comfort-making behind us
We offer this gift
Warm as grandma's feather bed
Sweet as the Heavenly Mother's
Lullaby song.*

*You can fall here.
Women's hands are strong.*

"Support Group"
Carol Lynn Pearson