

# Monks and Mystics Dancing in the Desert

Retreat for Body and Soul  
led by Betsey Beckman and Susanna Pain

September 30 – October 4, 2016  
Campfire in the Heart  
Alice Springs, Australia



**Betsey Beckman, MM** comes to us from the United States bearing sacred body wisdom and soulful dances. With Christine Paintner at Abbey of the Arts, she has produced a body of work exploring the artistry of Monks and Mystics, including books, CDs and DVDs. Betsey holds a Masters in Ministry, a Certificate in Movement Therapy, and is regularly featured as artist/presenter across the U.S. This is her first time down under and she is over the moon to create, play and pray in the beauty of the Oz-land desert!

**Susanna Pain** is a midwife of transformation, an InterPlay facilitator, dancer, storyteller, and priest and with extensive experience working with creative forms of spiritual and life formation. She was a founding director of InterPlay Australia

and particularly loves playing in our land's rich orange desert landscape.



**Susanna and Betsey** are delighted to have found each other! As InterPlay leaders and spiritual directors, they both are passionate about the intersection of movement and mystery, playfulness and prayerfulness, nature and soul-nourishment. They recently shared the gift of InterPlay at the World Parliament of Religions in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Dancing in the Desert

For monks and mystics throughout time, the desert has been a place for encountering the divine presence. We invite you to come to the heart of our own magnificent central desert to rest, play, reflect, and create reflective (or raucous!) ritual in community. Beside ancient red rocks, under giant river gum trees, in the sand, and around open fires we will be silent, move, make art, sing and tell stories that connect us with ourselves, each other, the spirit of the land and the divine presence infusing all.

As Susanna and Betsey are steeped in the Christian tradition, we will weave wisdom from monastic and meditative practices throughout the retreat. We are happy to welcome folks from all spiritual traditions to dance the journey with us!

“We dance to the new rhythm,  
the ancient rhythm,  
the holy rhythm ...  
We dance to bring space.  
We dance to hold hands ...  
We dance.  
We dance wild.  
We are the Holy Disorder of Dancing Monks.”

~ Joel McKerrrow



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For more information or to register:

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\$1200 all-inclusive: tuition, materials, food, and accommodation

4 nights, 4 days

early bird \$1000, deposit \$200 for others to secure a place.

Special rates negotiable for locals.

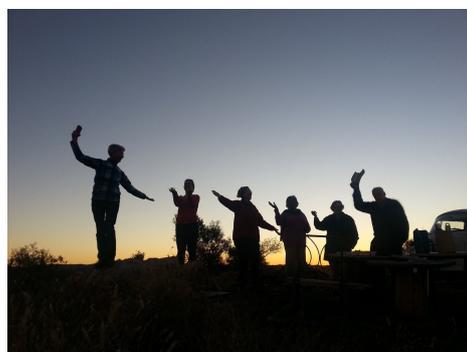
### ABOUT THE FACILITY

Campfire in the Heart is a wonderful Retreat and Conference Centre about ten minutes drive from Alice Springs. It offers a spacious Conference Room, Prayer and Meditation Space, Labyrinth with relaxing walking paths and outdoor areas. <http://campfireintheheart.com.au>

The East MacDonnell Ranges form the backdrop for this tranquil 5-acre property. The property provides quality accommodation in a quiet comfortable bush setting. Your hosts at Campfire in the Heart are Sue and David Woods. The property and facilities sensitively reflect Sue and David's welcome of guests and their care of the natural environment.

"There are places that call us to still and be ... places of reflection ... quiet, wild, timeless places that overflow the soul ... and draw us in to the silence of our own heartland. »

- Noel Davis



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