



SAGES IN OUR TIME: A CRONING RITUAL & RECEPTION

This is a group celebration ritual to name and honor the sage women of our community who are ready to embrace the third trimester of their life's journey.

On our journey from birth to death, we experience the various stages of life. Sadly, in our youth oriented culture, we have forgotten and negated the art of honoring and celebrating our wise women who carried the torches and paved the way for the rest of us. Let us come together in circle to name and uplift these sage wise ones among us in celebration and blessing.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 17th from 6–8pm

PLEASE NOTE: This is a “closed ritual” which means late arrivals may attend the reception, but will not be allowed to enter the circle after the ritual has started. The Reception feast will likely start about 7:30pm, immediately following the ritual.

WHERE: Gallery and Womb rooms
(The Gallery will be closed to the public in order to put on this ritual.)

WHO MAY ATTEND:
This is a Women's Mysteries ritual open to all women and girls
(Supportive men and boys are enthusiastically invited to attend the reception feast immediately following the ritual.)

COST: \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 13 and under
This cost covers the catering and ritual supplies.

Criterion for Croning:

- Any sage woman who is past childbearing age, menopausal, and 50-something or older.
- Any sage woman who is ready and willing to embrace with self-recognition her value and gifts she brings to the world. This is a personal decision and is about respecting and acknowledging our value inwardly as well as publicly. You must be ready to claim your power and your wisdom!
- Being Croned is a high honor and an auspicious occasion for all involved. Because we have a limited number of honorees, each sage woman who wants to be considered for Croning must submit her Croning Application Form by the **deadline of Saturday, March 13th**, at the festival venue's Information Desk. All applicants will be contacted by the Ritual Planning Committee with a phone call.. **For more information, please call 479-267-3163.**
- You may nominate another sage woman for this honor, but she must consent and want to be Croned. She must fill out her own application in order to be considered.

NOTE: Sage women who have already had a Croning are considered eligible for this Goddess Festival Croning Ritual.

KATHY SKAGGS of the Producer's Circle is coordinating this ritual. She is an earth spiritualist, ritual planner, amazon crone, social activist warrior woman, Sagittarian, Dragon Dancer, carpenter and remodeler, builder of urban chicken coops, singer, hand drummer, tree-hugging kayaker and all around outdoors woman.