



**Ex-Voto Retablo:
Paint Your Miracle Story
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Dear participants:

In this class, you will explore the history of the Mexican ex-voto painting tradition, past and present, and learn to create a painting on a metal panel to tell a personal story of healing, transformation, and gratitude. Your painting does not have to be religious; it can focus on something that is important to you. Because an ex-voto is not based on something copied, you will have free reign in your creativity. All levels of artistic skills are welcomed in this course, just bring a story or two to share and let the time and sacred space at Ghost Ranch inspire you!

Please bring suitable gear for your stay in the high desert, including sturdy boots or walking shoes, layers of clothes for varied temperatures, rain gear, hat, sunscreen, small backpack, water bottle, headlamp or flashlight, smock, or an old oversize shirt to wear while painting (accidents happen!). Walking poles can be helpful, but not required. While the Trading Post at Ghost Ranch has some first aid and personal items, remember to pack any medications you may need while here as we are remote, and the pharmacy/stores are a fair distance. Enclosed is a list of items I would like for you to bring to personalize and enhance your artmaking and writing experience.

When you arrive on Sunday, there will be a short orientation in the evening, including introductions and a walk to our classroom. For many this is a travel day, I promise not to keep you long. I want you to be well-rested for class on Monday morning. We'll meet for class every morning from 9 AM to 12PM and in the evening from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The classroom will be available to you 24/7 for working outside of class time.

There will be some downtime each day for other activities such as the Ghost Ranch Tour, swimming, massage, horseback riding, kayaking on Abiquiu Lake, hiking, walking the labyrinth, or simply sit in an Adirondack chair and take in the scenery!

I look forward to meeting you and working together to create a safe and creative experience for you to enjoy. Hopefully you will leave with a renewed and invigorated spirit and art and stories to share with family and friends.

Safe travels! If you have questions, feel free to contact us.

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Recommended art materials to have on hand:

Journal for writing and sketching/planning

Favorite writing, drawing, and coloring pencils/pens/markers

Fine tip black permanent marker (Sharpie)

Ruler

OPTIONAL *

*Personal paint brushes for painting with acrylic paints (class brushes will be available)

*Personal photos or printed images for inspiration and for copying

*Any kind of art materials you'd like to use to enhance your creative experience while at Ghost Ranch

*Optional books to borrow from your library (I'll have them on hand too):

https://www.amazon.com/Mexican-Retablos-Gloria-Fraser-Giffords/dp/0826313698/ref=sr_1_3?crd=1V1593M9GXQ9S&keywords=retablos+book&qid=1649370350&srefix=retablo%2Caps%2C120&sr=8-3

https://www.amazon.com/Miracles-Border-Retablos-Mexican-Migrants/dp/0816514976/ref=sr_1_10?crd=2NAKK7FMQ6YTW&keywords=retablos+book&qid=1649370511&srefix=retablos+book%2Caps%2C205&sr=8-10

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