



**Sarah Livia Brightwood** is currently President of Rancho La Puerta and continues to care for the 80 acres of gardens at Rancho La Puerta, which she created and nourished over the past 30 years. Sarah stewards a 2,000-acre conservation area, manages a diverse organic farm and developed “Las Piedras,” an environmental education center in Tecate. As President of Fundación La Puerta, her vision to restore the Tecate River transformed the heart of the city of Tecate. In 2007 she designed and opened La Cocina Que Canta, a culinary center and cooking school to teach commitment to healthy eating and to embrace the joy of harvesting and cooking in community. She is the daughter of philosopher and visionary Edmond Bordeaux Szekely and community organizer and philanthropist Deborah Szekely, the founders of Rancho La Puerta.