

We hope this issue of the *Communique* finds you all in a peaceful place.

Depending on whether you are receiving this through email in a pdf format or in hard copy form via snail mail, the Presenter Proposal Application form is attached or enclosed. For those of you interested in presenting at the 2003 TLS Gathering, please fill out and return needed information to **Kathy Spaar**, Co-Chair.

Message from the 2003 Gathering Committee

Dear Members,
Greetings from your 2003 Gathering committee. We are working hard to bring you an outstanding event this year. As you all know by now, the theme this year is **Resonance... the energy of 3500+ years connecting with 3500+ years into the future.** Besides the fun regional outreach opportunities through your "show and tell" tables there are some other creative, inspiring and fulfilling opportunities.

Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, where your Gathering will be held, provides a large area for display tables next to the large General Session/dining ballroom and vendors' hall. This beautiful space will be dedicated to some of your labyrinths and related activities or programs from each region. There is ample room for several outdoor labyrinths, as well as very nice areas throughout the meeting rooms in the Inn. You will have a "quiet room" open 24 hours a day with labyrinths to walk and have quiet time for reflection and peace. The message desk, coat check and volunteer staffed information area is centrally located. Pre- and Post-Gathering activities are being finalized, including coach or self-directed tours of local and DC/VA labyrinths, equine labyrinths and a shuttle to a nearby private school, chapel and garden labyrinth.

Thursday evening, after the fun of members finding their region and meeting other neighbors, the Gathering will begin with the greeting by our

President, **Helen Curry**. And then the joy of having **Lauren Artress** introduce Jean Houston as the Keynote Speaker.

Friday will get your blood moving with a morning keynote by **Robert Gilbert**. Followed by a day of workshops, presentations with time to reflect, shop, eat and mingle in a warm and inviting facility.

We are bringing back the popular "panel discussion" feature. On Saturday, November 8, the public will join us to interact with three different moderated panels: Labyrinths in Schools, Labyrinths in Traditional Medicine and Labyrinths in Traditional Religion. Three keynote speakers, workshops and presentations fill the day and evening.

At this fifth anniversary of The Labyrinth Society, we take the opportunity to honor our founders and celebrate the transition as TLS President, **Helen Curry** gives over the reigns of a growing and committed organization that has as a mission statement: **To support those who create, maintain, and use labyrinths and to serve the global community by providing education, networking, and opportunities to experience transformation.**

As time goes by your committee feels humbled by the mission we all hold in our hearts to bring peace and understanding in this world of ours through something so simple, so lasting, so universal as a labyrinth.

With fondest regards, Co-chairs,
Pamela White and Kathy Spaar
and your 2003 Gathering Committee
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TLS Labyrinths in Schools Group

In response to the desire of many TLS members currently or wishing to work with labyrinths in schools, the "Labyrinths in Schools Group" was organized last fall and we now have 46 members. Through email we have exchanged some exciting and thought-provoking reports of labyrinth activities with chil-

dren – even some wonderful pictures! (See below.) We are all finding it helpful to be able to learn from one another and to support each other in this rewarding labyrinth work. If you would like to join us, contact **Marge McCarthy** at bobmarge@newmexico.com.

School Labyrinth Pojoaque, New Mexico

Planning for this new elementary school labyrinth started last fall, with discussions among teachers, a presentation to the staff and dowsing of the area. This is the eighth labyrinth built in an elementary school in the Santa Fe area.



Some of the great new ideas that came out of building this labyrinth are: involve the maintenance staff from the beginning (they came to my staff presentation), involve the families by having them paint stones to be a part of the labyrinth, honoring family members or expressing sentiments. Posters were made for "Labyrinth Day" to put around the school and many curriculum ideas were developed: practicing letter writing by inviting parents to the "Labyrinth Day"; a mathematics lesson by estimating the distance of the walk; essay writing on labyrinths, etc.

The actual day of building was incredibly exciting as the entire school of 600 children had been anticipating it for weeks. I had done a presentation the week before to all of the classes – two at a time – and they had been collecting stones for a long time (more had to be purchased). In order to be sure that



interest to the entire general membership, Gathering info, how members/ reps are connecting within the regions and what types of things they are doing as a group within that region, some updated reports from Board Chairs... information the entire membership can glean from... on a timely basis and to compliment the TLS official newsletter.

with letting the public know that new members are welcome.

Also, the **TLS Gathering flyer** which was sent out a couple of months ago can spark some interest in attending the 2003 Gathering in Baltimore. If anyone would like to receive the pdf file format or a poster-size version (11" x 17" or 15" x 20") in pdf format as well, please contact **Vicki Keiser** laughndeer@mindspring.com.

Please notify us with changes of email or postal address.

These can be sent directly to David tlsinformation@aol.com or a TLS Regional Rep for updating of their files and to forward on to Membership.

Upcoming TLS Spring Board Meeting April 11-13, Chicago, Illinois, Sonlife Conference Center. Members are always welcome to attend as observers. Also, all Board Minutes are available to members on request.

Second Annual Labyrinth Festival of New England

Saturday, May 31, 2003
Sponsored by the Labyrinth Guild of New England and Regis College in Weston, MA. Many TLS members and Regional Reps are participating in this labyrinth event. Among them are **Robert Ferre**, as Keynote Speaker; TLS President, **Helen Curry**; Regional Reps, **John Ridder**, **Virginia LoneSky**; and member, **Greg Coleman**. There are many other noted labyrinth enthusiasts including musicians, Jim Guinness (woodwinds) and Christine Tullis (celtic harp.) Internationally known artist **Eleanor Wiley** will be there conducting a prayer bead workshop and slide presentation. Space does not allow listing all participants, but please visit www.labyrinthguild.org to get more information or write **Barbara Ducharme**, P.O. Box 196, Sudbury, MA 01776.

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each class would have some space to place stones, we divided the labyrinth (like cutting a pie!) into the number of classes and moved around the circle as each class came in the course of the day. We had laid out the labyrinth the day before (7-circuit modified Chartres) with the entrance lines and the labryses marked by surveyor flags and tape. All the circuits were made by having a rope with the circuits marked by ribbons and we just moved it around the circle as the children placed their stones. It was truly a day to be remembered!
Marge McCarthy, Mountain Region

Silent Auction Reminder

It's not too early to begin thinking about what items you would like to donate to the 2003 Silent Auction. Last year in Sacramento, we had a wonderful selection of labyrinth and other related items... weekend get-aways, tapestries, exquisite jewelry and much more! Please contact **Carol House**, this year's Silent Auction Chair, willow@emanse.com or write her at 45 Unneberg Ave., Succasunna, NJ 07876.

Clarification

The *Regional Rep Communique* was not designed for posting local types of labyrinth activities... the Events page of the website is used for those types of postings along with other labyrinth events. We're looking more for regional types of information/connecting types of articles that would be of benefit/

We do not mean to "downplay" the importance of local labyrinth activities... they are the backbone of this organization, occurring in increasing numbers all over the globe. There is simply not enough room to list all of the local activities (a few of the reps are sending out regular emails letting members in their region know of these types of gatherings)... connecting members and introducing others to the labyrinth.

World Trade Center Memorial Labyrinth Project

Connie Fenty's original design for the Common Ground Labyrinth(c) based on the Vesica Pisces symbol was selected by the WTC Memorial Labyrinth Committee "...to be presented along with the Classical 7-circuit and the Chartres labyrinths. The proposal is going to present the concept of the labyrinth and will showcase all three designs," says **Helen Curry**, one of the committee members. The labyrinth design can be viewed on Connie's website: www.yournatureconnection.com.

Notes from David Gallagher

TLS Corresponding Secretary and Acting Membership Chair
Bulk quantities of the **TLS brochure** are available for the asking. Just specify quantity and where they should be sent. They are currently being reprinted, with minor changes. Having them available at walks and events can spread the word about TLS and help