

Welcome to this issue of the Regional Rep Communique! Lots of exciting things are going on within the Regional Rep Team. We've just completed a restructuring process with the Reps — allowing each to have specific areas of responsibility. We feel this will help everyone in their labyrinth work and create a connecting network for all the new and existing TLS members. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to thank each Rep for their dedication and personal commitment to the joyful work of promoting TLS and the labyrinth movement as a whole.

Resonance...

the energy of 3500+ years connecting with 3500+ years into the future

Regional Tables at 2003 Gathering in Baltimore, November 6-9

We are pleased to offer the following updates/information on the regional tables. The Labyrinth Guild of New England has volunteered to Chair the Northeast Region table, as reported by Regional Rep **Diane Terry-Kehner**. And we're excited about all the discussion going on amongst reps and their general membership planning on what will be displayed at their table. The labyrinth movement will be well represented for the members of the press who will be attending.

The purpose of these tables is to give each region the opportunity to display and inform Gathering attendees about what is going on within their regions. The location of the tables is in the main

assembly hall at the entrance to the large General Session/dining ballroom and vendor's space. We hope this will encourage mingling among members and the public when they are with us.

These region tables are for networking and providing general informational type material about labyrinths and labyrinth activities in the area.

Please note, it is not mandatory that regions display anything at their tables, nor is it mandatory that anyone sit at these tables. As it is with the rest of the Labyrinth Society, this is on a volunteer basis. (For those of you who are vendors, there will be more vendor helpers this year to allow you more time to participate in other activities.)

These tables are for networking and providing general informational type material about labyrinths and labyrinth activities in the area. They are not to be used for "sales" purposes. Activities in schools, communities, parks, hospitals, future plans, collaborations, models... all kinds of photos mounted for display would be great. A binder of labyrinth locations is another good idea. Let the creative juices flow!

Each 6' table will have an easel standing behind it with a furnished 15" x 20" full color sign for each region, depicting the geographical area and Regional Rep contact information.

There will also be a couple of chairs for any members who would like to sit and visit with passers-by. A pad will also be available for folks to leave messages for others in that region.

The Gathering Committee Team encourages the Regional Reps to contact their general membership and see what everyone would like to display. With all the labyrinth publicity/activity in this Region since the Washington Post article appeared in mid-April, this should be a highly attended gathering by the general public.

In addition to all mentioned above, it is a great way to connect with general members in the regions. Sounds like a win-win situation "all the way around."

You're Invited...

All new and existing TLS members are cordially invited to attend a Member Benefits Orientation, which will be held at the TLS Annual Gathering in Baltimore. The event will take place on Thursday, November 6, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Salon A. Topics will include the new TLS Web site, Regional Reps, and volunteer opportunities. Members will also receive a Membership Packet. After the orientation, new members will also be invited to dine together at a reserved table. For more information about the orientation, please contact:
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This picture was submitted by Alex Champion, Regional Rep for USA: West. He captured this beautiful frosty scene in early February on his property in California. If it is beginning to feel like summer where you are, maybe this will cool you off a bit.

Photo by Alex Champion

Clare Wilson: South Africa

Clare Wilson has been very busy! Here are some pictures and accompanying copy on a recent labyrinth display in a local mall near Cape Town.



The Reconciliation Labyrinth in Wynberg Park on December 16th, 2002 (National Day of Reconciliation) and also an article which I wrote in a local magazine led to further contacts with other labyrinthers... not surprising. Three of us have made a good connection now. These are Jodi (who co-runs The Labyrinth Shop here in Cape Town) and Terry (who built a Chartres derivation labyrinth in a public park in Stellenbosch and who is now increasingly approached to build other labyrinths.) The three of us together set up and manned a labyrinth stand at a four day Health and Wellbeing exposition in the Somerset Mall, in an area about 30 kms northeast of Cape Town.



The three of us, plus Terry's partner Rene, making a little closing ritual at the end of the four days. The orange bags around the outside of the labyrinth are some which I brought forward from the Reconciliation Labyrinth last year. They express the hopes of other South Africans towards Reconciliation in this country. We found working in a shopping mall

environment somewhat different and yet also that when one makes a 'connection' it doesn't really matter where one is.

Following on from here was a chance to take up a slot booked for a 'labyrinth activity' in the performance arena at the Art of Living Festival. This two day festival takes place each year in the Cape Town Civic Centre and brings together thousands of people of all sorts of interests and belief systems and alternative healing therapies. It seemed like a good opportunity for the Reconciliation Labyrinth to be danced again. And Julia Norwicki, who danced it in December (picture, upper right), agreed to bring a partner and dance it again. In order for the cloth Reconciliation Labyrinth to be danceable while laid on slippery tiles, my friends and I experienced a process of sourcing and piecing together a non-



slip base for it. But all was done in time and the dance took place and got good feedback. And we enjoyed ourselves.

Future plans? I will be involved in the preparations for a Centenary Festival for the little seaside town of Kommetjie where we live on the edge of the Cape Peninsula. My initial proposal that somehow we could use the Reconciliation Labyrinth in the festivities in October has been favourably received.

My particular interest is to do with the youth. Kommetjie, like all communities in South Africa, continues to show scar tissue from years of being divided from it's neighbors by apartheid. Knowing this, the festival organisers have included many opportunities for children from neighbouring areas to join into the festivities, inviting dance and other types of contributions. I am hoping that there will be some sort of ritual (using the labyrinth)



in which there can be joint contributions by youth, all in the same event, alongside their group productions. So, we'll see. We will have the first of the meetings in a week or two with the first of the interested parties."

NOTE: Somehow, it seems this will be a tremendous success for all, too.

More Regional Happenings

Susan McKee, USA: Mountain

Susan held a labyrinth walk and Centering Prayer piece for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held in Denver, Colorado during the week of May 26th. This is their national gathering which occurs every other year.

Susan set up a Chartres style labyrinth for the conference attendees much like she does for her monthly walks at St. John's Cathedral in downtown Denver.

One walker wrote in the Reflections Journal, "My first labyrinth walk! It far exceeded my expectations of being cleansed, forgiven and restored. Praise be to God!"

Matthew Gallelli, USA: Northeast

Matthew and Harriette Royer (TLS Recording Secretary) along with Hallie Sawyers and Kay Whipple have regular labyrinth walks, workshops and special events.

They combine the labyrinth with spirit coaching, aromatherapy, journaling, affirmations, Reiki, chakra work and other healing tools.

Their workshops/walks/seminars are usually based in or around the Rochester, NY area, where both Matthew and Harriette live.

As we all know, the labyrinth is a complement to most all other healing modalities and can be used in a variety of ways. Matthew and Harriette are offering some examples for many in that region.

There will be a reception honoring the 365 Club members at the TLS 2003 Gathering in Baltimore. It will be on Saturday from 5-6 pm in Salon A.

Rachel Roggel: Israel

In Rachel's words:

"Here are the first public bricklabyrinths in Israel, located in the city of Rehovot, where I live. I designed the labyrinths to occupy the front grounds of the 90-year-old building dedicated to the performing arts.

Each labyrinth is 10 yards in diameter, and is made of 2.5" x 2.5" violet and white bricks. The work was concluded

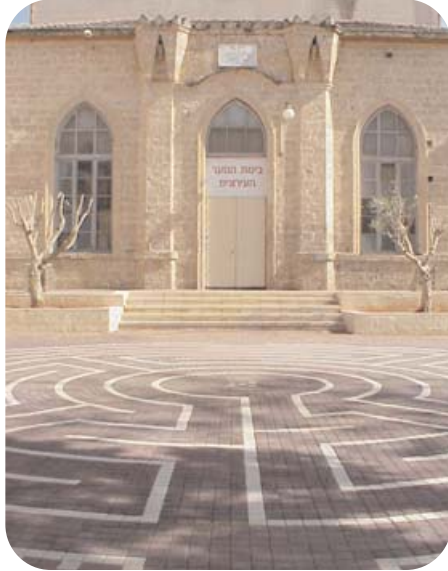


Photo by Rachel Roggel



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on May 6th, 2003 for Israel's 55th Independence Day.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the Washington Post copy. (A copy of the recent article was mailed to Rachel.) The new website is wonderful! I'll join the "labyrinth in schools" group – I spoke with two school principals that are located 5 minutes walk from the labyrinths. One actually has a fence with the labyrinth and is now celebrating 110 years.

I'm also a guide in the city gallery. I have been asked a couple of times to exhibit but didn't have the time... but want to offer an exhibit about labyrinths... and then there is the hospital next to us... and then the park in our neighbourhood that the municipality already agreed to trim the hedge to plan... need to plan it to fit 4 trees... many plans!"

John Ridder, USA: Central

John was busy over the Memorial Day weekend and enjoying his passion of labyrinths with assistants Dhyana Raynor and Gail Fisher. There were many retreat attendees also helping with the creation of a new Chartres style labyrinth in their community.

Labyrinth Building Retreat
at Dancing Peacock Paradise,
Ft. McCoy, Florida

***"Touch the earth with your feet,
touch the holy with our heart ..."***

They measured and laid out a 50-foot sand and stone Chartres-style labyrinth on the lakeview slope in the woods above the Gazebo at Beauty Lake. Everyone had the benefit of John's experience, wisdom, and stories as he guided them all in manifesting a local labyrinth.

The mornings were spent measuring, marking, and outlining the labyrinth. Afternoons were free for relaxing, socializing and lakefront activities. Saturday evening they shared music, spiritual practices, and dancing. Sounds like a great time was had by all! This is John in the center of the newly created labyrinth.



Photo by Gail Fisher



Photo by Sue Anne Foster

Photo submitted by Alex Champion (walking): "It's a small earthwork we made in a day at the first labyrinth gathering in St Louis, 1998. Robert Ferre was a tremendous help in arranging materials, labor and permission to do the earthwork where we were staying. Marty Cain and John Wayne Blessingame are on the right and Sandra Wasko-Flood on the left. Also Annette Reynolds is next to Sandra with her back turned towards me."

European Regional Event, May 2004

Members of the European Region are planning to hold a regional event in



Photo by Jeff Saward

May of 2004. The event will be held at Braemore (pronounced "Bremmer") just south of Salisbury, England. There is a full sized Chartres type turf labyrinth there, and from what we have found out so far, there is a good meeting space and a number of places to stay. Unlike the Glastonbury Symposium, we will not be doing room reservations, but supply a list of local hotels and B&Bs to participants who sign up.

While other members of TLS would be welcome, we are focusing this one on TLS and Caerdroia people who live in the British Isles and possibly other Europeans. The four of us plan to have our next meeting in early September, and will be able to give more info at that time. We trust that it will be a good time for the folks in this region to get together and talk labyrinths!

*Sig and Karin Lonegren
Jeff and Kimberly Saward*

Meet Your Regional Reps

Mary Miller

USA: Southeast
Covers Arkansas
and North Carolina



Welcome to a new feature of the Communique. Isn't it nice to place a face with a person you've been emailing or talking on the phone with? In future issues, we will feature other reps who would like to let folks know who they are and what they do. Please submit picture in jpg format.

Mary resides in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Her background includes accounting, counseling, Christian caregiving, contemplative prayer, communications, dreams and the labyrinth.

She worked 20 years as a staff accountant for the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She practiced one year as a private practice counselor. Within St. Paul's

Episcopal Church, Mary has served as a minister and leader in the Stephen Ministry, a Christian caregiving program.

Currently she is employed as the Communications Coordinator for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Within the church, she also facilitates a weekly Contemplative Prayer Group and Dream Group.

Mary has been involved with labyrinths since 1995 when she first saw a picture and became intrigued. She received facilitator training under the Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress in 1997. At St. Paul's, Mary has guided the ministry as it has grown. In 1999, St. Paul's received its first labyrinth, a 29-foot canvas. In 2001-2002, the church expanded its building. One of the results of this building project was the laying of three labyrinths in the floor of the Parish Hall.

By 2004, she plans to have an all day labyrinth workshop up and running as well as the beginning stages of a facilitator's training program.

Notes from David Gallagher

TLS Corresponding Secretary and Acting Membership Chair

We would like to update our list of health care locations (hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities, hospice programs, etc.) where there's a labyrinth available. Both permanent installations and portables are appropriate for inclusion. If you know of such a site, please send the following information to Membership Services:

Facility or Program Name
Location (Street Address, City, State/Province, Country)
Contact Name
Contact Phone Number and Email Address (if available)

Please send this information to info@labyrinthsociety.org or postal mail to:

Membership Services
The Labyrinth Society
P.O. Box 736
Trumansburg, NY 14886

Bulk quantities of the TLS brochure are available for the asking. Just specify quantity and where they should be sent. Having them available at walks and events can spread the word about TLS and help with letting the public know that new members are welcome.

Also, the TLS 2003 Gathering flyer pdf has been changed to reflect the new time for **Jean Houston's** Keynote Address, which is now Friday morning, November 7. Ms. Houston was called to speak at a UN session in Mexico City and we are honored to accommodate this important work. **Dr. Robert Gilbert** will be speaking on "Resonance, Sacred Geometry and Labyrinths" Thursday evening after dinner. If anyone would like to receive the pdf file format, please contact vkeiser@labyrinthonline.com. It is also available for viewing/printing and downloading on the TLS website.

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 Services.

TLS Member Sponsorship of Items for 2003 Gathering in Baltimore

A proposal was made to the Executive Committee by the 2003 Gathering committee to allow TLS members to sponsor a limited number of items that would be given or a service provided to gathering attendees. The EC agreed to allow this on a trial basis this year. It will be evaluated based on member feedback, financial viability and public perception. The general concept came about through the generous offer of **Robert Ferre** and **David Tolzmann** who are sponsoring the first Speakers Reception.

One hope and intention of your 2003 Gathering committee is to give a souvenir in fun to the attendees. Another would be to partner in support of an activity or an extra service. As a non-profit organization funds are limited and used for basic administrative costs and are not available for different kinds of extras. We are thinking that some of our members might be interested in underwriting the costs by providing funding and would thereby act as sponsors.

Following is a list of the proposed items for sponsorship:

- Keychain flashlight
- Canvas tote bag and goodies
- Floral and greenery

- Upright 12"-15" square neon labyrinth on a stand
- 365 Club Reception
- Small brass bells
- Van rental
- Items for the 14 region tables:
 - Tiered business card holders
 - Easels for the individual region signage (signage furnished)

Sponsors will be able to place a logo on appropriate items and/or be identified as a sponsor in brochures or handouts and receive thanks and recognition in the program.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Gathering Co-chair **Pamela White** at pamelasgarden@hotmail.com or 410-833-5018. She will provide more information, costs, styles, sponsor limitations and more clarification via e-mail attachment or direct response.

There will be evaluation forms at the gathering with an area specifically for this topic. Out of consideration of the poor co-chair's time, please hold general comments and other feedback for the evaluation.

We hope this peaks your interest and you have fun with the concept because that is our intention.