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2 Earth Renewal weekend was our first time to gather Friday evening and be in ceremony until Sunday evening, honoring all the energies that needed attention and enjoying extended time together.

3 We started Friday night with First level Moon ceremony, the first White Swan had ever conducted. It was a sweet, gentle opening for the weekend. It also was the Solstice: We were honoring the energy of the Mother's Cycles in the world and in our

11 Lives. Barry then kept the Sacred Fire all night and led us in Sunrise ceremony the next morning. The whoosh of the Father Sun energy coming when he called was wonderful! After a

light breakfast of homemade sourdough pancakes, we gathered in the garden with Theresa and Sid Allen, her son, Derek and his 3 boys, and several others to move the Turtle head and renew the blessing flags on the Earth Mound located there. Theresa led us with enthusiasm in song and prayer. It was a joy to witness her steps into leadership. We had ongoing work that day and gathered then amid snackies and drinks to make our Earth Renewal blessing feathers and tobacco ties for our homes and for the land. In mid-afternoon, we gathered at the medicine wheel to do our awakening and thank yous with cornmeal. The Rainbow Earth Healing Meditation had not been done in a

year and felt really "far out" as Sid said. Then we received the Mother blessings from each other, which always makes us laugh. The weather was cold, but not rainy. As usual, the deva was helping our experience. REMEMBER, THE ENERGY OF CEREMONY IS HEALING FOR THE EARTH AND ALL OF HER CHILDREN: US, ANIMALS, PLANTS, DEVAS, ALL OF HER CHILDREN... SHE NEEDS US TO DO CEREMONY TO HELP HER THROUGH THE CHANGES. SHE NEEDS US!!!

Later that afternoon, Mahala and Luann did an Incan Despacho ceremony for us, resulting in a beautiful sacred bundle saying "Thank You" to the land and to



"Words don't mean anything, it's how you are with all Life." —Drunvalo Malchessedek

Herbs Galore!.....continued page 3

By Bright Owl

Our local herbalist is downsizing her inventory and donated 40+ different herbs to CC. We have put them in their glass jars, on shelves in our root cel-

lar. So, we now have an herb cupboard. In addition, we have herbs growing on the land. As a result, I have made an herbal notebook with a page (or three) for each herb. I need your help to write down the medi-

nal and other uses for all these herbs. Yes, we have books and I'll be going through those, but there are herbs not in any books and uses you know of not in the experience of anyone else. Please, if you have



Men's Sweat Lodge

"Where this despair there is hope

Where there is fear there is love

Where there is anger there is peace

Where there is suffering there is the Dance."

Song— Robert Mirabel

by Britt

I just wanted to say a few words about the Men's Lodge here on the Land. We have an excellent core group of men, who make the time to come to Sweat Lodge and work on themselves. I have received so much healing and blessing from participating in this way. It is truly wonderful to be there with strong, balanced male energy, to connect with Spirit such a good way.

Our sweat leader, Derek

GrayOtter brings strong leadership to the Lodge combined with a gentle, and healing spirit.

I feel like I've grown so much here. I encourage others to look within, and to seek a balance within themselves as men. Balance is a rare find in our society, especially for men. Men are not encouraged to be nurturing, creative, or intuitive in western culture. But, we need a connection with these things to come balanced men. Why should I bother becoming a "balanced man"? I answer

this way: What warrior can fight if he is off balance?... from balance comes centeredness, and from centeredness comes a place of being in which we can access real power in our lives.

It takes courage to toss aside the macho stereotypical scripts that we're taught, and take a look at manhood with new eyes.

GrayOtter speaks about the Men's Circle

Greetings,

Looking back over the last 8 months I discover how quickly things can grow. The growth I am referring to is my own. I believe this is directly related to the commitment of everyone who has participated in the men lodge over this period. Eight months ago or so Richard felt a strong pull towards building some type of men's circle. He contacted me and asked if I was interested in participating in this. I was. Creator spirit gives us what we need and I needed this whether I knew it or not.

The first couple of lodges we talked about community and what that meant to us. Of course it meant something different to all of us. The underlying principle of community was however similar between us. Somehow living with the sense of being connected being a part of something greater than us.

To me, over time our different ideas became the unique gifts we all brought to circle. My own perception of community has changed as a result of this. I would like to invite all of you who are reading this or someone you know to come and enrich this experience of community. Ours is a rainbow lodge, we have taken the traditional elements taught to us by Bright Owl and tried to open our hearts and to let Spirit direct us. We do not focus on teaching; our emphasis is on sharing, healing and empowering. Ultimately, the lodge is a spiritual tool to help us get out of our own way. We work on getting EGO out of the way and allowing our higher selves to be heard.

May the blessings of Creator be upon you, and your heart full of joy.

Peace.....GrayOtter

"The Earth and myself are of one mind"

—Chief Joseph

"... all things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man ... the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports."

-Chief Seattle, Dwamish - 1786-1866

THE LOOKING HORSE CHRISTMAS STORY, 2005

A GIFT HORSE BY THE NAME OF GLADYS (LOOKING HORSE)

By Helen Dusek

"Everything arrived! We had lots of fun! Again, let everyone know we all said THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!"

With these words, Gladys Looking Horse put the punctuation marks on two months of whirlwind activity. To tell you the truth, when Bright Owl gave me the honor of the Looking Horse Christmas Gifting just before the Naraya Dance, I harbored some skepticism that we could accomplish hunting, gath-

ering, wrapping and shipping Christmas for so many kids (37!!) in so little time. But then Mahala signed on as co-coordinator. And my friend Lovisa at AAA became Assistant Extraordinaire.... I named them Mon Generales. Then, Bright Owl and I called in the energies of ease and abundance, placing this request into the arms of the Tree of Life at Naraya for Spirit to take care of. We both took a deep breath, and let go.

And so it was done. Just as we asked. **Only better!** It turns out that our idea of

Abundance was totally amplified by the Vision of Some One Else's.

That hours were spent by many hands to bring this together is an understatement. But what fun we had! My garage, which had been a holding area for donations all year, became a staging area. The laundry room churned constantly. Tables were set up first to sort clothes by gender and size, then to label, fold and box. Presents were wrapped, boxes prepared for shipping. Oh, thank you, Lovisa, for the laughter that rose above this clatter!

And the phone lines buzzed, gathering in those who wanted to participate. Mahala, it turns out, knows EVERYONE! The Circles within Circles that connect us all, combined to give of themselves from all over this land! Gladys suggested that this year we consider gifting the older children with gift cards to Penny's, K-Mart or Wal-Mart and phone cards. (They're in remote Eagle Butte which makes ex-

changing anything nearly a 100 mile round trip.) What a great idea for all this turned out to be! Not only did we save on shipping costs, but the kids got to pick out exactly what they wanted. Those of us who enjoy the shopping experience weren't left out of the loop either. The younger children were each given warm winter clothing, coats, hats, gloves and OF COURSE toys! This year brings 3 new babies, too. Lots of shopping ops.

The Stargazer's Pipe Circle gifted a washing machine. *"...I think I could guess what's in the blanket. A washing machine! THANKS! Greatly appreciated!! At one time I had the money to purchase one but when my mom passed away, it went for funeral cost, my next hopes of getting one is after I pay off the funeral debt.. So I thank you all from the bottom of my heart, THANKS AGAIN!"* Cont. —>

At Chaneeg Chaneesch we came together on Elder's Boxing Day from both sides

Herbs Galore! Cont...

knowledge and interest, take the time when you come to the land, to look at the book and write what you can. This is a good Community resource! Please help use these herbs that were given to us in a good way.



Wonderful Herbs

Solstice Prayer

Oh our Mother the Earth, oh our Father the Sky,
Your children are we, and with tired backs
We bring you the gifts that you love.
Then weave for us a garment of brightness;
May the warp be the white light of morning,
May the weft be the red light of evening,
May the boarder be the standing rainbow.

Thus weave for us a garment of brightness
That we may walk fittingly where birds sing,
That we may walk fittingly where grass is green,
Oh our Mother the Earth, oh our Father the Sky!
—author unknown

CONT...THE LOOKING HORSE CHRISTMAS STORY, 2005

A GIFT HORSE BY THE NAME OF GLADYS (LOOKING HORSE)

**“Winds of change are blowing you home — Be a feather.”
—the Grandmothers**

of the mountains, from the islands, from the city, from the Four Directions, to wrap presents and bake cookies to add to the boxes. It was an afternoon full of fun and friends.

It was alllllllll good! AND it was good for all! That’s my kinda Circle!

This isn’t to say that we didn’t incur shipping costs. The four pallets of presents, clothing, toys, baby furniture and accessories and a washing machine (almost 60 BIG boxes packed full of goodies weighing in at over 1,000

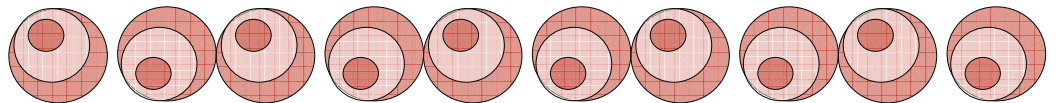
of what was coming along with the advice to duck and prepare for incoming:

“...WOW! That’s a lot of stuff! ...I’m going to take some time off work to show the shipping company where we live or they’ll get lost. Were all waiting...and excited!”

Weather and the remote area stalled the shipment for a few days. We all inhaled in anticipation. Then, at last the pallets arrived:

“We sorted thru everything and away they went, I and the girls had

walked thru the snow. Those who survived have become those who now live. Last year on The Ride, their sleeping bags were lost. We have sent 21 new sleeping bags to replace those lost. *“This year we didn’t go on it because of our mourning process (we stay put for a year). Last year my children lost a brother (June) and their grandma (Sept.) so we’ll be home most of the time, pretty much stay away from gatherings. Usually when the riders come thru I would take mom [Cecilia Look-*



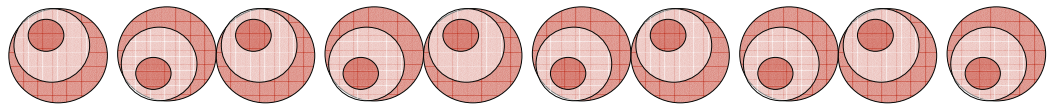
pounds) cost a pretty penny. Check it out on the Chaneeg Chaneesch website soon along with Elder Boxing Day photos.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~owlchild/>

My company and an anonymous donor with a huge heart took care of these costs. This same person

fun digging, I got some nice dress clothes!! Tell everyone we sure appreciate everything for the bottom of our hearts... What we can't use will go to others. Everything is where it's suppose to be and the washer is getting installed today....THANKS!!!”

ing Horse] over and watch them ride out but, I felt that this year I would honor her and feed them breakfast instead... about 16 adults and 20 kids arranging from 8 to 18, I was the only cook too, start at 6:30 am finished at 7:30 just in time to make it to



had a new computer built to specs and shipped to the Looking Horse kids. Remembering that it was Christmas, she included all kinds of game software in addition to the learning tools.

Christmas and the shipment deadline got closer and closer. So she wouldn’t be taken totally by surprise, I sent Gladys photos

We’re not quite finished yet. Each year over Christmas, many people assemble for The Ride to Wounded Knee and a ceremony to remember, honor the Ancestors who were forced on a long journey to the reservation seven generations ago. In the heart of winter without sufficient blankets, clothing, food or night time shelter they

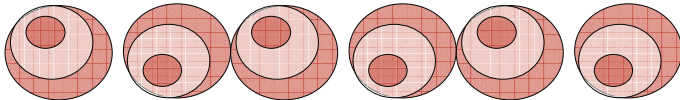
work!!! My mom was a strong supporter of the ride never missed going down to Wounded Knee every year, I know because I and the kids take her. So since we missed the ride. I’ll give them to riders as a give away at her memorial give-away that we’ll have in Sept...”

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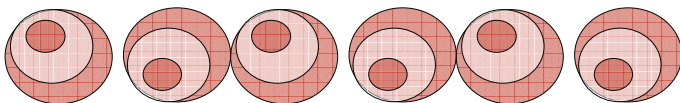
A GIFT HORSE BY THE NAME OF GLADYS (LOOKING HORSE)

Many of you remember Cecilia Looking Horse, mother of Arvol Looking Horse, Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Woman Pipe, Gladys and their siblings, a grandmother and great grandmother to many. This is their first Christmas without her. Gladys, who worked beside Cecilia, now shoulders what Cecilia Looking Horse did within family and community.

We are also taking steps to assist with Cecilia's funeral costs. *"This responsibility has been left with me,*



when my dad passed he left me with the honor of his bills, and also delegated some land so I wouldn't leave too. They... left me with the honor to pay her bills... It's all been a learning experience; I'm thankful for all that I learned...."



There's more, too, but we'll save that for another time. A bag hangs near the altar at Chaneeg Chaneesch to support the ongoing work we do with the Looking Horse Family. One purpose of this fund is to assist with Elder heating costs. And as needs arise thru the year, we help in meeting them. Donations are always welcomed and ac-

cepted with gratitude.

Christmas 2005 brought in over \$4,000 in cash and gifts alone. Donations included clothing, toys, and the room full of baby furniture (all of this is impossible to guess-timate, though it could easily equal that figure). We thank all who gave their time and Abundance this year: individuals, our Naraya community, groups and businesses. To name you all would make this article twice as long! Your hearts know who you are and you're in most excellent company! The response to this call was ab-

solutely overwhelming IN A VERY GOOD WAY!! ☺

Our continued prayers are with the Looking Horse family. To those I add my personal gratitude. The four pallets that traveled across the Prairie this winter for them cannot begin to balance the many Gifts

given to me during this

process. We spoke with dozens of you, taking turns with the Talking Stick. As people brought their gifts of goods and green, they shared their hearts and thus I shared their joy in manifesting **We are all Related: Mitakuye Oyasin**. All of us seek a way to give.

And this Give Away was a wondrous Gift for me. I



The Healing Time

**"Finally on my way to yes
I hump into
all the places
where I said no
to my life
all the untended wounds
the red and purple scars
those hieroglyphs of pain
carved into my skin,
my bones,
those coded messages
that send me down
the wrong street
again and again
where I find them
the old wounds
the old misdirections
and I lift them one by one
close to my heart
and I say holy
holy"**

by Pesha Joyce Gertler

“We are fortunate that at first our faith can be weak, yet we can create miracles, and as we mature spiritually, so, too, does our faith mature in the powers beyond that of physical man. It is this unwavering faith that transcends all limitation.” —Tom Brown Jr.

Off to Tracker School

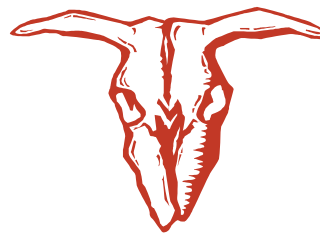
by Britt

For over a year now I've been planning and looking forward to attending Tom Brown Jr's Tracker School. Tom Brown was taught wilderness skills by a Lapan Apache Elder when he was a young boy. He also learned about the spiritual wisdom that Grandfather Stalking Wolf had to teach him.

This is a chance for me to learn to be a better caretaker of the earth, and to learn about awareness, and

living in harmony with Earth Mother. I will also be taking the Advanced Tracking class. I'm hoping to become involved with search and rescue volunteer work, so that these skills will be useful in helping people in our area.

I feel like a lot has happened to me since I joined the community here. I



know that I've received both healing and growth here, and I'm very thankful to all of the Chaneeg Chaneesch community for their loving support. They have all been my friends and teachers in such a good way.

I'm moving towards a career change when I return from the school, and ahead of me I see new opportunities opening up.

A special thank you to Ed Harkins for his help and teachings.

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here have been honoring them for thousands of years.

The frost on the blackberries on the trail to the moon circle on both nights was magical glittering lace. Saturday evening was time for our men's circle and women's circle. The men gathered in the new cabin and made prayer feathers for safe travel for our cars. They also used the herbs we had partly wildcrafted and gathered during the past year to make our unique Chaneeg Chaneesch smoke mix for the pipe carriers. While they were doing this, they share with each other their experiences of the

past year, putting the energy of men into the things they were making for the people. When I asked each of them how it went, they got really reverent looks on their faces and said it had been an excellent men's circle, with 3 generations of men participating!

Concurrently, the women were in the longhouse, grinding our ceremonial corn and passing the talking stick. It seems so simple, the concept of a talking circle. In my experience with it, it is very healing-to be heard from our hearts in the presence of loving witness, and to put our energy into the

sacred things our circle uses for ceremony was an honor.

Mahala then led the women in a 3rd level Moon ceremony. Afterwards, we shared a hot soup supper with the men before we put out all the lights and turned down the furnace so we could experience a night without Father Sun's warmth and be able to welcome him with sincere hearts in the morning.

The Sacred Fire was again kept by Barry with help from Britt, and at sunrise on Sunday morning, Britt led us in ceremony, calling once more to Father Sun and getting the whoosh of answer for

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Our First Intensive Spiritual Weekend

Thank you, Oh-Shinnah, for such a good way to honor this necessary energy. Sweat fires are more easily started these days at CHCH, because Barry and Britt have been hauling, chopping, and stacking the wood as it comes in! (recently, Tom took Barry up the road to bring home a load of newly down tree pieces, even!) Thank you to these mighty men for your care of our circle needs! As usual, we started the fire together. While the stones were basking, Derek Grey Otter fed the Dispatho to the spirits of the land, saying the prayers in the Inca way he knows to do and putting the bundle in the fire. Because there were children wanting to sweat with us, we chose to have a co-ed sweat. I love doing ceremony when I can hear the wisdom in the prayers of children!. At the end of the sweat, I was honored to be able to share my now/old Grandmother prayer pipe that my Bear Tribe brother, Mark, had made for me after I shared a vision of it with him. It was a great close to our Solstice sweat.

Hungry, tired, and elated we all trooped back then to the Long House to share our Spirit feast, our big feast,

and our Giveaway. What a lovely surprise to come back and find everything ready, lovingly prepared by two house mamas, White Swan and LuAnn.

This year was truly a community/family experience. Being in ceremony for so long a period together felt perfect, even though folks came in and went out and others came and went over the course of the 2 full days. I was totally reminded of my Earth Renewal times on Vision Mountain with SunBear and the Bear Tribe. Those memories are special to me, and the ones from this weekend will be too.

If you have a meditation or experience you would like to share with us on one of these intensive weekends, please come forward with it. One thing that worked was the way there was always something to be doing, a place to put our attention and keep the energy close that was building all weekend. Some of these things were specific to Earth Renewal. In our next weekend at Equinox, there will be space for other things – drumming? Song practice? Arts and crafts of sacred things? Options are good too.

Another thing that worked well was the people being able to come join in anytime and leave anytime they needed to. There were always enough people to have a good experience even though the faces changed! Each of us was there just as long as we needed to be, and receive exactly what we needed to receive to help and support our daily lives and our walks with Spirit.

What did I think of men leading the Men's ceremony of Sunrise? It was Right and Good. It felt very different from the times the women have led that ceremony. Yes, Father Sun will respond to anyone who calls him..... AND when the men did it, it seemed more real, more joyous. I am totally thankful we have men now willing to do this for us.

Come join us next time and all the times between and soak in the good energy, adding to the healing we do for each other, even more for the Earth Mother! How can you not??

Much love to everyone,

Grandmother Buhmuh

For Some of us, a Valentine's Day prayer:

I draw to myself my right partner, the soul whose love serves my soul's highest potential,

the soul whom my soul enhances to its highest potential.

I draw this partner to me freely and lovingly, as I am drawn to this partner.

I choose and am chosen out of pure love, pure respect and pure liberty.

I attract one who attracts me equally. I seek and am found.

We are a match made in heaven, to better this earth.

—Unknown

Classifieds and Announcements

Real Estate Property Marketing / Staging

Staging by Laura

"Everyone wins."



Laura Hawks

Laura@StagingByLaura.com



Accredited Staging Professional

??? Guess the Quote:

**"I don't think he knows about
Second Breakfast Pip."**

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Journey of the Waters has been postponed until September, contact Bright Owl for details if you are interested in participating in this amazing, life-changing journey.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Quantum Touch Class

Britt is looking for people interested in sharing his 3 hour Quantum Touch DVD course. The course will be facilitated when he returns from his class in California, probably the **2nd week in April**. Send him an email to reserve your spot, or call CC's number. email greneknyght@yahoo.com

Chaneeq Chaneesch Classifieds

Rev - Bright Owl

Consultations, Weddings, Birthings, Crossing Over Ceremonies, Coming of Age Rites, Eldering Rites, Pipe Ceremony, House Blessings, Bundles and much more!

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Mahala

Shamanic Healing, Nikken Wellness Consultant, Products for Air, Water, Sleep, Nutrition and Fitness.

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Candace Anello LMD, RC

Energize!
Massage – Energetic Body Work

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Jorgen Embreus

Real Estate Associate
Lynnwood & Beyond

Richard Kasden

Plumbing, Drywall, Electrical, Painting, Tile work and more.
Computer Services, Database Building, and Training. ***_***_****

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our classified listing are available to ANYONE who is actively participating in ceremony at CC at no charge, though donations are appreciated. Please support your local tribe and avail yourselves of our talented membership often and even frequently! This is highly recommended by your Grandmother

Authentic Brain Tanning

Leather, Elk, Deer, Tanned sheep skin. Chainsaw construction projects or other rough land needs

Barry ***_***_****

Rev - Luann 'Open Heart'

Reiki Master
Beads & Craft Supplies

Ask Bright Owl

Mountain T-Shirts \$10 each
Ask Bright Owl for more info

Changes on the Land

by Bright Owl

Barry tells me the temperature in his native Idaho this week is in the single digits.... This as he is removing his jacket because his work on the greenhouse got him so hot... yes, love-lies, **we now have a magnificent greenhouse**, just in time for the two weeks we get of warmer weather every February... daytime temp was 52 as we began to move pots and soil and shelves into the warmer milieu of the plastic environment we now have for baby plants a bit earlier than we have been able to have before now... last year we had such lovely watermelon about 4 inches in diameter... if we start them earlier this year, it will be an earlier treat!! Construction took into account the fact that our well house had a vent for excess warm air that was venting into the wild blue until the plastic green-

house cover went over it! Good design for the environment, eh?

Britt has forged into our blackberry dominated wilderness with a machete and created a gentle meditation area around a cedar



'Green Acres is the place for me...!'

tree we didn't even know was there! It is still under construction, but on your next trip to the Grove, look for the barked path and go explore!

Remember our walking stone pathway to the back door? The rain made mud of it, and Barry put chips on the mud.... So we are enjoying a mud-free walk but I foresee a day of digging stepping stones out of

the bark this spring so we can enjoy their textures once more ... anyone want to help? We could also use help cutting blackberries out of the bushes around the house and yard area, and out of the wisteria and away from Kris's door if anyone is of a mind to be helpful with this.

Meanwhile, the gym in the barn is actually being used by Bright Owl and is available to everyone else... we now have an exercise bike, a treadmill, a bowflex, and a gazelle!! Much clearing out all over the land and in all the spaces is continuing so there is a general feeling of more space for everything. The rodies will look tremendous this year on both sides because of all the blackberry clearing Richard did while he was with us!

And the remodel project is still looking different each time you come. Over the

holidays we decided to write blessings on the pantry walls – what a delight! Many handwritings, many wonderful wishes, including a medicine wheel! Bright Owl and Barry are working on finish work in the bathroom (new shelves! Soon, molding!) then the pantry – with its new tile floor thanks to Mahala!- will receive the final touches. Then on to the kitchen!!

What a wonderful year this has been and the turn to the new one promises many more Changes, right?? It is such a joy to live here.

(Bright Owl received the full, ultimate-edition, set of Calvin and Hobbes cartoon books for X-mas)



"We are moving to a place beyond all Knowing." — Drunvalo Malchesedek

Earth Renewal Photos



Earth Renewal:
Our first
Intensive
Spiritual
Weekend...
 It was
 indescribably
 uplifting and
 powerful.

Elder Wrapping
Party: Many
hands made
light work
when it came
to wrapping it
all up to send
out to the
Looking Horse
family.

Elder Wrapping Party (see Helen's story earlier)



Cultivating Each Other in Spirit

Co-Creating a Garden

by Kim White Swan

In the years I have been coming to the land at Chaneeg Chaneesch, at every Moon Ceremony, Sweat Lodge, and Earth Renewal Ceremony I have always had a prayer tie for my garden come into my prayers. I kept thinking, "Why is it taking so long for my prayer to be answered?" "My garden is not yet how I want it to be, what's the delay!?" Now I have a new understanding: That garden prayer tie keeps on coming in because it is really a prayer about the "garden of our community" that we are co-creating when we pray together! Because of the way we pray together and flow together to learn about Nature and Earth Mother's gifts, now that prayer is answered in a way I never expected. I am supported by my conscious community and together we are becoming a garden of light beings! I know this is because of The Journey of the Waters and Changing Woman, and because of learning from Elders around the Tree of Life at Naraya Dances and allowing Spirit Guides to help me to connect to other Be-

ings that I am on a fast track to the life Creator/ Goddess wants for me.

Becoming a Pipe Carrier has brought ease to my prayers, there is now a conversation between Great Spirit and me. This is, I am sure, why the Pipe Ceremony was given to us by White Buffalo-Calf Woman. Even more, Pipe has given

for the bundles for sacred fire when clearing my yard after a storm. I am behaving in a more conscious way. Being present at Earth Renewal to move the Turtle's head around the wheel and to put my stone in the Earth Mound during ceremony in the garden at Chaneeg Chaneesch has given me a part in community. I bring home these teachings and create ripples of this energy here in my own garden. Making food for and taking part in the Spirit Feast at Earth Renewal is an activity of community.

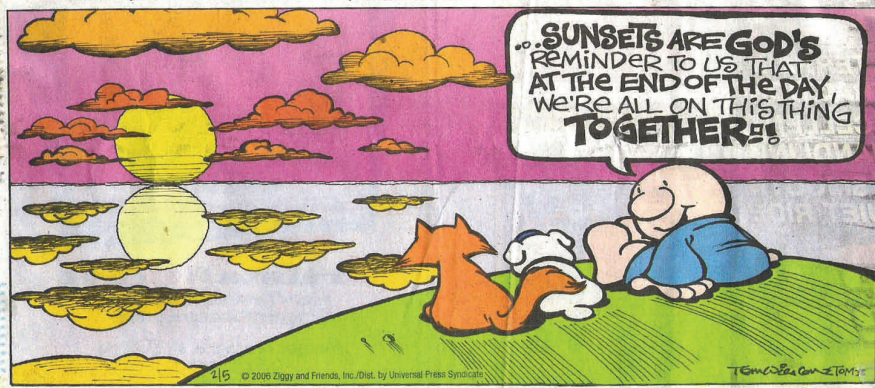
I have come to know this: that we care for each other, we feed each other, we will be there for each other when troubles come, we do the work of healing one another, physically and in prayer. That is our "garden of community". So, now I know that the prayer tie for my garden will always be there, each time I make ties. I won't stress about what's the delay anymore. It's not like I keep praying and not getting the right answer: Creator knows the answers! It is good to have a re-occurring prayer for the garden. WE are the plants in this garden and we want to continue to plant more seeds, grow a strong root system and become light Beings together!

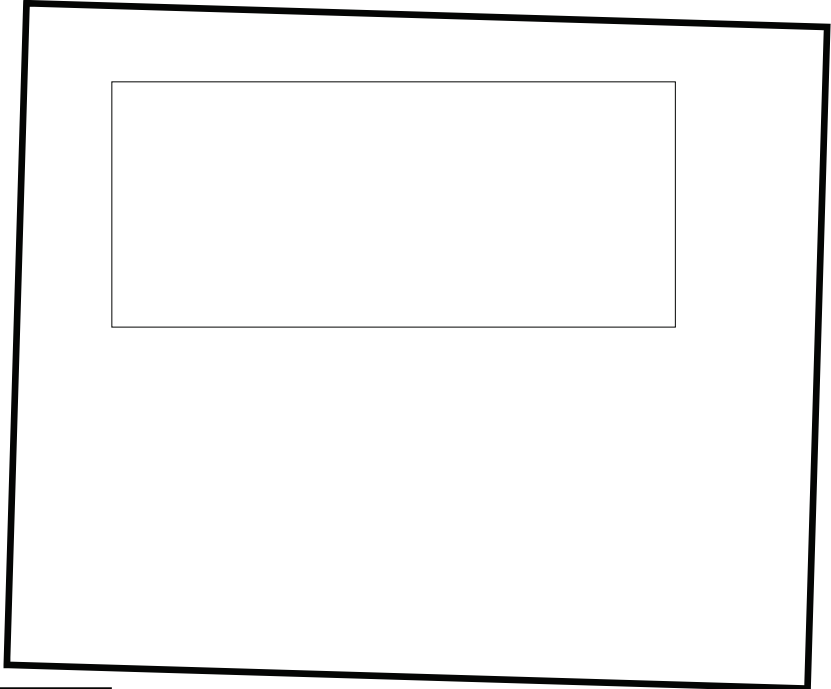


me a part in community. Members of our community have actually called on me to bring my Pipe to smoke prayers for gratitude and needs. And also, being gifted with leading 1st Level Moon Ceremony has brought me closer to Goddess, connecting to Her through the Earth. Even more, it has given me a part in this community. I remember to save dry sticks of various sizes

ZIGGY/ by Tom Wilson

Feb. 5, 2006





We're on the Web!
<http://home.earthlink.net/~owlchild>

WINTER-

Cleansing , renewal, purity on our path with Spirit

We clean out what needs to leave,

We make stronger what works, and

We get ready to walk our path in the warmth of

SPRING

Clarity, wisdom, illumination...

The energy of new beginnings, of

early childhood, of budding plants,

of affirming potential with

action...



**Blackie Girl, Walking the
Lonely Road of Winter (photo
by Mahala)**