

DEDICATING A LABYRINTH GARDEN



A REPORT FROM NORTH CAROLINA

The Dragon's Cauldron, the Reclaiming group for central North Carolina, is in the process of building a public labyrinth garden as a service to SEEDS.

SEEDS (South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces) is a Durham, North Carolina-based, multifaceted non-profit community project whose goal is to teach people to care for the Earth, themselves, and each other through a variety of garden-based programs. We are helping them build a public seven-circuit labyrinth and garden at their Leigh Farm site.

LINKS

Dragon's Cauldron: www.dragonscauldron.org

SEEDS: www.seedsnc.org/

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Teen Earth Magic

Teen Earth Magic 2010, held near Nevada City in Northern California, drew together two dozen teens and young adults along with six teachers for five days of magic and activism.

Our third annual teen retreat worked with the Pentacle of the Great Turning: Desire, Surrender, Transformation, Solidarity, and Manifestation (*see RQ#100 for an article*). Photos are posted at RQ.org

The fourth California Teen Earth Magic retreat is planned for June 2011. We welcome youth and young adults ages 13-25 (ages 19-25 will be part of a mentoring path).

Vermonters may also host a Teen Earth Magic retreat in Summer 2011.

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DANDELION GATHERING

SALEM, MISSOURI • SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2010

Early in September of 2010, dozens of Reclaiming folks will gather together at the 4th biennial Dandelion Gathering. This time Dandelion is in the heart of the Midwest at Diana's Grove, long-time host of Midwest Witchcamp.

As RQ goes to press, the 2010 Dandelion Gathering will convene at Diana's Grove in Salem, Missouri. From September 8-12, Reclaiming folks from around North America and possibly from Europe and Australia will share

stories, skills, rituals, meeting space, meals, and hopefully a lot of magic.

Dandelion is open to any who identify as being part of Reclaiming.

As part of the Gathering, the BIRCH council will meet and consider various aspects of Reclaiming.


This is the fourth Dandelion Gathering. The first was in 2004 in Texas. The 2006 Dandelion was in Massachusetts, and the 2008 gathering in California.

For more info on this and future Dandelion Gatherings, visit dandeliongathering.org



Photograph from the first Dandelion Gathering, 2004

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EUROPEAN WINTER WITCHCAMP

A REPORT FROM WINTER WITCHCAMP IN SPAIN

by *Moirá*

Imagine that you are on a plateau of a mountain with a gorgeous view down into the valley, surrounded by higher mountains, their tops covered with snow... there is a strong wind... three eagles are calling and circling around a small house made of local stone in the middle of a wild, untamed wood. You can hear laughter from inside and talk in different European languages, a mixture of Spanish, English, German, and French.

Then you enter and find about thirty people in a kitchen, which is also our dining-room, where our cook prepares one of her delicious meals and scents of fine vegetables and herbs fill the air.

A warm fire — made from wood of the forest around the hut — is burning and crackling in the stove, people are sipping on hot tea made of water from the local well, electricity comes from a battery that has to be exchanged from time to time. In order to save energy, many candles are burning.

People gesticulate wildly in order to communicate and it seems that language is not a barrier for people, whose hearts are wide open and who are really longing to understand each other. And if they want to say, “I like you,” and don’t know how to say it in English or Spanish, they just look you deeply in the eyes, smile, hug, and give you an enthusiastic kiss.

Later they will put their sleeping bags on the floor and be satisfied with the little space in the dorm-room above

— which you can reach if you climb the narrow wooden staircase — that is also our room for path-work and rituals. The people who have come are not here in order to enjoy a lot of luxury and comfort, but simplicity, precious wilderness, and community with other folks from Eastern, Southern, Western, and Northern Europe who are interested in goddess-spirituality, magic, witchcraft, and Reclaiming-culture. And even people who have slept at another place with more comfort the night before say that they want to

“SOMOS UN CIRCULO, DENTRO DE UN CIRCULO, SIN PRINCIPIO, Y SIN FINAL”

— *Spanish version of “We are a circle, within a circle...”*

stay and sleep here in this tiny room today as they love it — although it is almost bursting from all the mattresses, sleeping-bags, and people that it hosts already.

If you want to join us at this wild and enchanted place and really enjoy yourself you have to let go of some things: your need for privacy — as you will be together with others for day and night; your need for long showers — as you have to share the water and tiny bathroom with more than a dozen sisters and brothers; and especially your need for punctuality — as the Spanish people follow their own rhythms and instincts.

Sunshine is dearly needed, as someone has called a lot of rain during the evening-ritual with her intense shamanic songs and drumming that ended up in a rain and hail-storm — unusual in this area, where there had been no rain for months.

People step outside in the morning and hold a sun-dance. It works well and the sun comes out, cheered by all with laughter, songs, and gratitude. And as this spontaneous magic flows, even the Northern Europeans among us (from Germany and our beloved Witches from England and Scotland) — we who are used to schedules and timetables — find it easier to let go and follow the flow.

If you like meetings where things are co-created, open for spontaneity, embracing and balancing different cultures, if you like people who are a little chaotic, open, lovely, who have lots of humour and the ability to let go of their own habits and cultural concepts — this might just be the right place for you.

A big thanksgiving to all who made this wonderful event happen, and to all those dedicated people who contributed a lot of time and energy to it. Camp was completely filled, we could cover all costs, and even have some seed-money for next year.

First of all I want to give many heartfelt thanks to Morgaine, my beloved sister, co-teacher, and organizer who kept in touch with all the participants from the different countries and answered tons of emails and telephone-calls. Blessed be your spider-qualities, your endurance and patience.

Many thanks also to Peti and Vicente for all your great support before and during camp. Your happiness, songs and practical skills of caring for the money-stuff, driving the mini-van, collecting fire-wood, putting up the tipi, cooking and caring for Morgaine’s

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