

Grandmothers Circle of News

The Fruit of B's Loom - Greetings Grandmothers! from B Campbell



HO! Once again, I sit at my desk— seems this is always how I write – and yes, the cardinals are nearby. Both the male and female come to the feeder at the same time, so, I expect soon I will only see one at a time as the other will tend the nest. Clear blue skies this Easter Sunday fill my heart with abundant joy along with sunshine as late spring arrives in Tucson, about 85 degrees expected today. As I write this piece to you, **perhaps you may wonder**, “Why in the world is ‘B’ beginning with her own piece when usually it is way towards the end.???” So, I suppose I have the need to give this message now. It has been a growing feeling for me that in 2007, at the Arizona Council of Grandmothers just as Robbie Lapp “passed the torch” of newsletter Weaver to me, so now is the time for me to pass it on to another(s). This has been an awesome, awesome experience and labor of love, one, quite honestly, difficult with which to part. So Grandmothers, so dear to me, I ask that one of you or several consider my request with response. Look into your heart as I did and know the importance of the newsletter is for staying connected to other Grandmothers. I tell you the connections are growing and growing, with leaps and bounds. As the stone in the lake sends out ripples, so are Grandmother Circles, Councils and Gatherings springing up everywhere. I will await the response to the call – you may contact me directly by phone, 520-572-1470, Many Blessings, Peace and Harmony be with you as look inward and ponder this message. AHO! “B”

Caring Together.... Please, Join Us

By Joanne Reichlin

In January for my birthday, my/our friend Connie Spittler sent me a small book entitled The Great Silent Grandmother Gathering by Sharon Mehdi. Reading and pondering this book, knowing the value of women around the world, it occurred to me that this is what Grandmothers could do: mentally come together at a given time, sharing thoughts and an enfoldment of our world. Clearly, financial status, race, physical difficulties, and religious or spiritual background would not matter. Rather, as Connie wrote after we considered spirit out there into the Universe, even thought it who might feel they could no longer play a role in Grandmothers, provide a needed, trustworthy, comforting cloud of support for a fast-paced world for all creatures.



Considerations of this idea over numerous times with my friend Eleanor Gallagher involved when and how often, not suggesting specific thoughts or prayers, but rather overall thoughts and feelings of love, compassion, gratitude, civility, trust, forgiveness, hope, healing, a connection with a sense of universal energy. As of about two months now, there are four of us now connecting in this way at 7:30am to 7:45am Mondays and Thursdays: Connie in Omaha, Shayna Tovah in Cottonwood, and Eleanor and I in Tucson.

Discussion of this idea with Katherine Twinfeathers brought these words from her experience: “You can create a rolling wave of supportive energy by inviting participants to join the group at the designated time in their own time zone, which creates a continuous wave of energy around the globe for 24 hours if you have international participation.

Quantum physics has proven all of this and the Intention Experiments are also supporting the use of distance energy supporting change and healing.”I personally am strengthened in my life by the trust I have in the many Grandmothers I’ve met over the past 12 years who have displayed consistent overall trust in Source, who know the ways of the world and hold strong through them. Meeting in mental connection, with heart and soul in-

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volvement, would be an honest individual way of offering stabilizing strength of love and change as the world moves on. If you wish to join with us, please do (cont'd pg 2)

(cont'd from page 1) . If you wish to let us know of that, you may contact Eleanor (hawthornele@hotmail.com) or me (reichlinf@comcast.net or (520) 721-9320). Or we may know of your input of energy as and when we come together. Please accept my gratitude to and for each of you. ©

GRANDMOTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Weaver's Note: This is another addition to the small circles; this is an effort to send out the prayer requests to those who may wish to join the prayer circle.



OR REQUESTING PRAYER

newsletter – news like this seems to make its' way in

For GM Verlie Barton in Deming, NM: The request was sent in by Caroline Krause: Hello Sweet Grand-Mothers, Sisters...I received a call today from Verlie in Deming, asking me to send out a PRAYER request for her health. She has fought respiratory illness on and off for several years now, and it seems to have finally gotten 'the best' of her... It has taken its toll on her strength and vigor.

She really wants to fly to AL to attend the Gulf Shores Gathering in April, but is failing fast. She could not make the trip AT ALL in her current condition. Her desperation was obvious in her voice as she pleaded for Mass PRAYER and a MIRACLE. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone in your group that I may have missed above. Thank you for your PRAYERS. God Bless you all. With LOVE, Caroline

Weaver's Note: I called Grandmother Verlie a few days before this newsletter went to press; she is much improved, had attended a prayer vigil the night before (with much assistance from others) for a friend but remains quite fragile. She asked that the prayers continue and sends her love and thanks to all. ©

Peace Across the Planet April Listening 2011

Weaver's note: this peace movement activity was introduced several news-letters ago. For new readers, go to www.peaceacrosstheplant.org

Now.

The time is now

because your breath is now.

Everything that is happening within you and all around you reveals the pure miracle of life.

Do you feel it?

Touch my heart. Touch my body. Touch my words.

They are the gifts of our being-ness joined in such completeness that we speak the same language-- the language of loving peace.

You are in a body now

(even if you do not remember it always). You are here and now (even if you do not fully acknowledge it).

You are peace embodied

(even if you do not always act upon it).

Being alive

being in a body now

proves that you are a miracle of transformation.

(Karleena and the Shiva Lingam at her home in Tucson –2009)

I am here to show you that--

to say that in our shared language.

Let us act upon the miracle



When the Grandmothers speak, the world will heal.

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Celebrations of Life



Grandmother Fran (Schneeweiss) Weissenberg 95, died Nov. 6, 2010

Grandmother Nancy Masland, Tucson AZ Remembers Grandmother Fran

Fran was amazing in all dimensions: she arrived at Grandmothers with all 'guns loaded' and took us by storm, wonderfully. Her book was spread out, graciously given, and her energy was electric and memorable. We loved her and her, us! The void with her passing is huge; we miss her.

Grandmother Bobbie Goodman, Tucson AZ Remembers Grandmother Fran

I think Fran attended three GM Gatherings and she kept us all laughing as she had on her "Bucket List" to be a standup comedian...this she successfully completed at the Gatherings. She inspired many by publishing her second book at age 90 and showing all how to live a full life.

Grandmother B Campbell, Tucson AZ Remembers Grandmother Fran

As with many of the Grandmothers, I never physically met her but had telephone contact with her through the Circle of News. I spoke with Grandmother Fran in early 2010 briefly regarding her subscription, inquiring whether she was in need of scholarship. She laughed heartily and said on no, that she had simply forgotten to mail it in. Not knowing her nor she me, we had a good chat in which she told me about her book, "The Streets are Paved with Gold," which was published when she was 75, and won an award from the Association of Jewish Libraries. What a Grandmother!

Grandmother Mary Ellen Rockwell

Transitioned March 15, 2010

Please Note: In honoring Grandmother Mary Ellen, remembrances or words of celebration will be received for the next newsletter. At this time, Grandmother Terry Bourne wants each to know that many grandmothers were in attendance with Mary Ellen, especially our dear Mazie Dalby, until time drew nigh for only family to be with her and assist her. She is at peace now and pain free.

Robbie Lapp's daughter-in-law

Nancy Napp

Transitioned on Sunday March 27th at her home in Parkdale, Oregon

A Memorial Weekend Celebration of Nancy Napp's life and work is being planned for June. If you are interested in attending, please contact nancenapp@gmail.com. If you wish to make a contribution in lieu of

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flowers or gifts please make one to the Gorge Ecology Institute - Nancy Napp Restoration, PO Box 1104, 203 Second St, Hood River, OR 97031, (541) 387-2274, info@gorgeecology.org



News from the Councils



Weaver's Note: This Council was formerly known as the Texoma Council and had an Intention of meeting for five years. At the end of the last Gathering, there was an emergence that this council would continue but was unclear until recently how that would manifest itself. So, the following represents that manifestation.

Dreamweavers Council of Grandmothers Gathering June 15-18, 2011

Housing at Comfort Inn Suites, 515 Auto Mall Dr; Ceremonies at the home of Nonine Anderson, 1315 W. Calle Arizona, 85705, phone: 520-888-1762 for more information.

"When the Grandmothers Speak, the Earth Will Heal!" The balance of Yin and Yang brings transformation. Our Earth has Yang energy out of control and Yin energy impotent, this must be corrected!!! '13 Grandmothers of the Star Lodges... We have come to help bring the balance and offer Yang Energy "The Clock of Comfort." This is Divine Feminine Sacred Energy TimeDO NOT FRET!

THEME: EMERGENCE=to show fully, NOW! COLORS: black and white.



Note: The Council is looking forward to a Valley Buffet on Friday on Friday, June 18th with welcome to husbands, partners and families from the area. Come and enjoy Good food, Good fun, and Good friends. Come in costume if you like... We Are!! The Divine Nine will be sharing "Why Grandmothers Drum". Contact Nonine for ticket info. **Also, ALL Grandmothers in the Tucson area are invited (registration unnecessary) to the ceremonies of full moon and fire, etc. Just bring yourself, perhaps your drum or other musical instrument and a chair!**

Gulf Coast Gathering 2012

Visitation Monastery in Mobile AL. Details to be announced.

**Arizona Gathering
October 12, 2011
Kenyon Ranch (previously called Pocket Sanctuary)**

Dear Ones,

When the Grandmothers speak, the world will heal.

On Saturday, January 8, 2011, eleven Grandmothers sat in circle to begin planning the 2011 Grandmother Gathering. We had reviewed the last Gathering and prepared to begin the process of choosing the 2011 topic when the unbelievable message came of the shocking Tucson tragedy of the shooting of Gabrielle Giffords and 18 others that had just occurred. We held hands in Circle and prayed ...and wept...and prayed some more. Later we sat again in Sacred Circle and the topic emerged –
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The Luminous Thread,



inspired by William Stafford's poem

“The Way It Is”:

*There's a thread you follow. It goes among
things that change. But it doesn't change.
People wonder about what you are pursuing.
You have to explain about the thread.
But it is hard for others to see.
While you hold it you can't get lost.
Tragedies happen, people get hurt
or die, and you suffer and get old.
Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.
You don't ever let go of the thread.*

We felt the hand of Divine guidance that day and know that even now our next AZ Council of Grandmothers 2011 Gathering is being shaped into a container to hold the Energy and Vision that is needed in these times. So please join with us as we return to a favorite site in southern Arizona – We will start our program on Sunday morning October 9, 2011 and continue until mid-day on Wednesday October 12, 2011. Our mission: For the Grandmothers to Speak and Heal this planet. As many of you know, this Gathering fills quickly and for the past four years we have had to put some of our most beloved Grandmothers on a long waiting list. So please register early even though it may seem like October is a long time away! With Love and living in Hope & Wonder,

AZ Planning Circle

for more information ,contact Shelly Jurmain, Weaver, at (520) 751-3879 or e-mail or E-mail: sjurmain@comcast.net

Gathering for Gitchigaaming (Lake Superior) Madeline Island, LaPointe, WI August 11-14, 2011



Grandmothers, IT IS TIME!

Grandmothers, it is time to gather: The women, as "keepers of the waters," are gathering again at Moningwanekaaning-minis (Madeline Island near Bayfield, WI) **August 11-14, 2011, Thursday-Sunday to appreciate Lake Superior!** Won't you come **again** to this sacred island, in the largest lake on earth that holds 10% of the world's surface fresh water- Gitchigaaming (Lake Superior)? She will benefit from our prayers and

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be influenced by our gifts of appreciation. We are gathering on Madeline Island for this great lake, won't you come?

There is an indigenous saying, "When the Grandmothers speak, the earth will heal!" **Grandmothers, it is time to speak:** Nimaamaaki (mother earth) is listening. Gitchigaaming (Lake Superior) is listening. It is time to speak your prayers of love to the water, to sing your songs of appreciation for this Great Lake, (cont'd page 6)

(cont'd from page 5) to give your gifts to the spirit of this water, and to hold the vision of a clean healthy Gitchigaaming (Lake Superior) for the future generations. Your prayers, songs, ceremony, and visioning will make an impact on the health of the Lake and the water within you.

Grandmothers, it is time to come together: We ask that **YOU**, women of all four directions, from near or distant lands, all nations, all beliefs, all races, all backgrounds come together as **ONE** to strengthen our prayers, to expand the beauty of all our gifts, and to amplify the voice of our songs in appreciation for this Great Lake, Gitchigaaming. We are the ones who must come together now, to remember the spirit of Lake Superior, to love her as she loves us, to encourage the voices of the Grandmothers to speak, to pray, and to give thanks together. **We are the ones we have been waiting for.**

Note: "Grandmother" is a fondness term for any woman over the age of 50 with or without children. (Younger women are also welcome and may be called on to support the grandmothers.) **For more information email ggg2010LN@yahoo.com or call 218-879-2288** Note: Last year, grandmothers came from 12 states, 6 tribes, the International Council of 13 Indi-genous Grandmothers (Margaret Behan), and Josephine Mandamin from Thunder Bay, (and they are being invited again). Even more grandmothers are coming this year including from Peru, Scotland, California, Mexico, Canada and elsewhere. The Gathering will fill up quickly-maximum 50. We hope you will come. Please see attached registration forms.....**Miigwich! (Thank you)**



This is an invitation for you to participate in the **First Annual**
AURORA BOREALIS GRANDMOTHERS GATHERING
May 12 – 15, 2011
Oak Ridge Retreat Center – Chaska, Minnesota

"When the Grandmothers speak, the world will heal" (Hopi Prophecy)

In 1994 Mary Diamond called 16 friends for a grandmother gathering in Arizona. They have met every year since, and the movement has spread. This year a new circle will begin in Minneapolis: the AURORA BOREALIS GRANDMOTHERS. As modeled by the ancient ways of tribal people, we will sit in circle speaking our truth to help heal ourselves and the world. We use Christina Baldwin's process of *PeerSpirit Circling* to do this. We will work within the frame-work of positive thought and follow the Four Agreements set out by Don Miguel Ruiz. Our intention is to enter into conversations about the attributes and transformational possibilities of the second half of life. We will examine the Silver Gate in our lives (facing new experiences, the unknown, adventure, creativity and grace) – the first gate described by Angeles Arrien in her work, The Second Half of Life. Our goal is to effect positive change in ourselves, leading to positive change in the larger world.

For more information call Nancy Garrity at 6612-889-0721 or Karen Chicone at 763-535-6991

Website: <http://auroraborealisgrandmothers.posterous.com> for more information about the history of the grandmothers and links to PeerSpirit Circling, etc. ©

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Weaver's Note: The intention of this column is sharing information regarding the whereabouts of Grand-mothers, events or general happen-ings. If you have something to share, to B Campbell, 735 W Annandale Way, Oro Valley, 8573 OR email, to:

bluechablis@comcast.net OR better yet, call me, (520) 572-1470 – I so love talking to Grandmothers! Here's the latest

From Kathryn Twinfeathers: I'm a grandma! El ☺eth Irene Turner yesterday, 4/10/11(Sunday) at 4:31 AZ time. She's 7 lb. 14 oz and 19 3/4" long. I got to see her for a few minutes today (cont'd page 7)

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From Robbie Lapp:

To honor the Gulf and its waters, the Mother Earth Water Walk from her to Lake Superior is beginning on April 20, the day, one year later, of the oil well explosion, April 20. From the four directions walkers are bringing ocean a bucket of ocean water back to Lake Superior. Grandmother Josephine, who has walked all the Great Lakes, was a part of the GGG in 2010 on Madeline Island. She is walking in WA now and will be in Gulfport to begin the walk there. Sitting with her, listening and speaking with her is a deep hearted experience. I am touched by time with her and commend you all to consider how you would be a part of this. Please spread the word and support the walk. 13 thankyous, Robbie

See: care2.com/causes/environment/blog/water-is-life-mother-earth-water-walk-2011/ and motherearthwaterwalk.com

GM JudyO - Marion Sinclair is coming from Bisbee on May 10th at 7Pm and will

be here in Caldwell with Judyo till June 21st. Let's Plan! Let's Party! Let's Go! Let's Do!.....

Gitchigaaming Grandmothers DVD-The Grandmothers Gathering for Gitchigaaming 2010 has recently completed a DVD that includes the messages of 13 grandmothers who spoke to the public during the Gathering on Madeline Island. The program is touching and meaningful on the Gathering theme of ap-preciation for Lake Superior and all water. Please contact Lorraine Norrgard at ggg2010LN@yahoo.com to order. The DVD will have a premiere free public showing, Duluth, MN, July 17 at Zinema 2 Theater.

GM Kit Wilson – Continues to hold her own. Contact her by email or mail.

GM Gracie Rogers continues in remission since treatment of her lymphoma approximately 9 mo ago.

Recently she had surgery on her right shoulder and is recovering from that with a week or so of PT to go. After she has completed with the recovery process of the shoulder, she plans to move to Colorado to be closer to her kids and grandkids – YOU GO GRACIE!

From JudyO -OMG! It is 5pm on Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011 in Caldwell Idaho. I just had one of those NPR Driveway Moments when the Show segment on NPR did "This I Believe" with a written and read essay by our wonderful **Grandmother Connie Spittler**. It was a beautiful piece about the sunsets on and in the Catalina Mountains and ended with Host, Bob Edwards noting the essay is published in "THIS I BELIEVE" AND commented that Connie now lives in Nebraska enjoying the sunsets over the plains. My eyes are wet thinking about her and her wonderful contribution to the Grandmothers with videos and stories in the Grandmother Circle Newsletter. What a gift to be in my car returning from the grocery store at that moment and receive Connie's wonderful words and voice. I am blessed, how about you?

GM Catherine Lohr aka "Grasshopper" has moved from to Tucson to New Mexico. New Info: P.O. Box 162, Magdalena, NM 87825 505-504-4841; lohr2011@gmail.com Hwy 169, mile marker #1, Magdalena

ANOTHER ADDITION TO NL: CELEBRATION OF AGING!

Weaver's note: now accepting birthday announcements from self or others for GM's stepping into or already in the elder circle– include picture if possible!



GRANDMOTHER FEIDA SPAETH



GRANDMOTHER MARION SINCLAIR



GRANDMOTHER PATRIKA MURPHY

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...walking yet another year with Grandmother Earth around Grandfather Sun! AHO!

Voices in the Night

by Katherine Lohr, "Grasshopper"

Maybe we can walk along the shore and let the waves swirl around our feet,
 Maybe as we walk, we can reach out, touch hands and let our souls meet
 Maybe as we walk and talk we will come to see,
 that we are one yet separate, made individually
 Maybe as we walk and talk we will come to know
 that I am you and you are me simply playing a different role.



Joke from JUDYO-I came across this joke and thought it might bring some smiles.....this is hilarious!! DEATH: While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)



**Four things you can't recover: The stone.....after the throw. The word.....after it's said..
 The occasion.....after it's missed. The time.....after it's gone.**

Gulf Coast Council Gathering Reports, April 2011

By Carolyn Garbett

By the first of April I was getting very tired of the whole thing...that happens every year as the time for the Gathering approaches. We have sat in planning meetings, had the many phone calls, emails and the endless reminder lists of what to remember to bring.

Then April 6th arrived and we traveled to that sacred place that was created at the monastery. There 38 women contemplated Turtle, its connection to our inner lives and our outside connections. I have a whole new understanding of Turtle Medicine and intend to incorporate that into my daily life.

The Gathering for me is always magical; that is the only way I can explain what happens. We have fire and water ceremonies, discussions, workshops, pretty good food, and wisdom from the Elders. Of course, my favorite ceremony is the Giveaway and most especially the stories that come with the items. Each year the stories take on a certain energy and by the time it is finished we are all astonished.

Helen Herring introduced me to the Grandmothers in 2003. This was my 9th Gulf Coast Gathering and for me each gathering is a whole new introduction to thoughts that probably would have passed me by had I not been blessed to meet the wonderful, beautiful women called Grandmothers.

By Janine Raby and Mary Enfinger

On the first evening of the 2011 Gathering, an Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water Ceremony was held outdoors. The song "The Earth is Our Mother" played as the Grandmothers were seated in a circle around a fire pit and were called to service to help heal Mother Earth. The Grandmothers were reminded of the many changes to Mother Earth since our last Gathering.....tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and an oil spill in the Gulf. As a result of the Gulf spill, a group of our sisters in the West (San Diego), the Women of Ancient Wisdom, created prayer flags and prayer sticks that were infused with their prayers and good (cont'd page 9)

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intentions for healing Mother Earth and the Gulf. These were handed out to the Grandmothers as they entered the circle. Each member of the circle came forward, voiced her own intention, and placed the flags and sticks in the sacred fire. The transformative power of the sacred fire was asked to release into the Universe the prayers and intentions, to be lifted up as smoke, carried by the winds to the Creator. As the fire consumed the prayer sticks, we continued with an ancient Turtle Story. The ashes from the prayer sticks were carefully collected and will be given to the Gulf of Mexico in another small ceremony in May.

After that, Grandmothers came forward with offerings of earth and water brought from homes and around the world. The water came from glacier melts, rivers, creeks, ponds, and springs including the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, Caribbean Sea, Turkey, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico. The earth came from gardens, beaches, farms, and yards in Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Normandy (France), Sherwood Forest (England) and included frankincense and myrrh resins. Each Grandmother left with a packet of soil and a small vial of water to use in blessing their homes upon their return. When the Grandmothers speak the Earth will heal.



ALABAMA GRANDMOTHERS HAVING FUN!!!! (cont'd page 10)

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AND JUST HOW MUCH FUN CAN THEY HAVE? YOU DECIDE!



Sole2soul Walk Across America

by Kathie Murtey

Something amazing is happening! Women everywhere are waking up to realize that the world is in urgent need of women's leadership and feminine qualities. We know that what is needed now is women's full participation and contribution in guiding our future together on this planet.

Women everywhere are feeling a deep resources and credentials to transform known such a powerful and collective future!



call to action... to use their freedom, their passion, their themselves and this world. Never before has the world concentrated surge of women's potential to shape our

We are just such a group of women

and men who are answering that call by walking across

America to bring attention to this understanding: that women are essential to the survival of this planet. We are stepping up, stepping out, stepping beyond. sole2soulWalk is a 7-month walk across the U.S. for the purpose of listening to the heartbeat of women everywhere, holding conversations along the way, talking about what matters, empowering and supporting each other to do what is needed, to living together that are happy and healthy.

create new ways of

Our walk began in Oceanside, CA on March 8, International Women's Day, Washington D.C. on September 21, International Peace Day.



and ends in

We would very much like to come together with groups and organizations in exchange stories and explore ways that we might support one another in our sustain a healthy world and (cont'd page 11)

your area to commitment to

quality of life for all. We would also love your hospitality in any way, shape or form! Our route and progress is available at www.women-walk-the-land.com If this interests or excites you, let's begin the conversation! I look forward to hearing from you. Contact me at 949-495-0470 or kjmurtey@aol.com

~When Women Rise, All Humanity is Lifted~



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FEAR

by Betsy Sise, 1984

Fear is a thought that attacks without warning
 And I, thinking it real,
 Go on red alert
 Fencing stiffly
 Swinging too hard and missing
 Getting over engaged.
 Fear laughs and walks off
 While I stand panting and tense

**“A Message from the Hopi Elders”**

Sunday, March 13, 2011 9:46 a.m.

(Submitted by Grandmother Gracie Rodgers)

"You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour. Now you must go back and tell the people that this is The Hour. Here are the things that must be considered: Where are you living? What are you doing? What are your relationships? Are you in right relation? Where is your water? Know our garden. It is time to speak your Truth. Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader. This could be a good time! There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift, that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and will suffer greatly, know the river has its destination The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water And I say, see who is in there with you and celebrate this time in history, we are to take nothing personal. Least of all ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt. The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather ourselves! Banish the word "struggle" from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. **We are the ones we have been waiting for!"**

- Oraibi,

Arizona, Hopi Nation

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Date for submitting materials for the next issue is **June 30, 2011**. Please attempt to limit articles to approximately **500** words. If your article exceeds this amount, contact me ("B") directly. Articles may be sent to: bluechablis@comcast.net or B Campbell, 735 W. Annandale Way, Oro Valley, AZ 85737; however, my preference when possible is by E-mail.

(This is pending, possible new Weaver of the Circle of News.)



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The Wisdom of the Grandmothers

The International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers offered a six-week telephone course on The Wisdom of the Grandmothers beginning in February, organized through the Shift Network (the shiftnetwork.com). About 700 people from 17 countries joined the conversation, including two Grandmothers from our councils, Robbie Lapp and Joanne Reichlin. These are their reports.



Robbie Lapp

One session focused on ancestors. Grandmother Beatrice Long Visitor Holy Dance shared, "Our people know that the land and the language are one. If we lose one or the other, we are no longer who we say we are." She spoke of greeting the day at morning sun with a drink of water and thanks, just as the bird does by swallowing and raising her head to the sky in gratitude.

Grandmother Margaret Behan, who was at the Grandmothers Gathering for Gitchigaaming, asks us to pick up a rock and pray as knowledge comes through that way. May we use power in such a way to harmonize the earth.

The moderator then requested that three of us listening press #1 on our phones to offer a closing. A beautiful prayer is offered, the grandmothers' song comes to my heart and mind, and I press #1 and hear the moderator say, "Roberto" in Spanish. Singing starts from me anyway and I hear the song on my computer. Part of my gulps and my lungs and larynx keep on singing,

"Grandmothers, Grandmothers in the ancient stones, Grandmothers, Grandmothers carried in our bones, Grandmothers, Grandmothers ancient, wise and true, Grandmothers, Grandmothers, we honor you."

When it is done, I remember and thank Grandmother Terry Bourne, through whom the song came.

More surprise of spirit and synchronicity came when Grandmother Joanne Reichlin e-mailed and shared that she heard the call and our song. She shared copies of the notes she took of all six sessions. Profound reflections and conceptions ripple on.

Joanne Reichlin

During one session, listening to a Grandmother bless those of us online, I found myself profoundly moved, sitting in my living room, phone in hand, closing my eyes and accepting this blessing from a woman who carried her children on her back out of Tibet and now cares for our world. It made me realize more than ever my own responsibility to enfold The World as well as My World.



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