

Grandmothers Circle of News

Weaver's Note: This Circle of News seems to have created itself with a focus on Grandmothers (and others) across the globe coming together in mass prayer for the healing of Mother Earth. This includes in particular our Precious Waters. Some prayers are specifically to stop the bleeding in the Gulf of Mexico. Others are for Global Waters – all waters are connected, one way or another. In addition, in past newsletters there has been an effort to provide pieces specific to ceremony. The Water Blessing from Alabama not only shares the blessing but also gives a detailed method of ceremony.

Gulf Coast Council Water Ceremony

From Janine Raby and Terry Bourne

Following the call to help heal the Gulf of Mexico, grandmothers residing along the coast from Pensacola to Mobile gathered at the home of Janine Raby in Fairhope, AL, on July 24. The evening began with a potluck dinner.



After eating and socializing, the showers cleared, and the grandmothers filed silently into the garden, where they were smudged by Stevi Gaston and Judy McKee, using sage and the Council's bundle fans.



Smudging

Upon entering the garden, the grandmothers sat in a circle around a concrete fountain with candles lit at the four cardinal points.



A seashore motif altar decorated with candles, water, and shells was placed in a south-facing wisteria arbor.

The Council's feather bundle was placed in an east-facing confederate jasmine arbor. Mary Ellen Rockwell offered the Invocation: We call upon the Council of Heaven,
Nature Intelligence, Mother Earth, the dolphins and whales and all sea beings of the Light to assist in calming the oceans of this world,
to assist in stopping "the bleeding of Grandmother Earth,"
to assist all the sea creatures who have experienced distress,
to stabilize the ocean bed of the Earth plane,
primarily in the Gulf of Mexico. We connect through the Unity Grid of Light,
the Crystalline Grid of Light

within and around this Earth plane to all the Lightworkers and beings of Light along this grid. We assist through the flame of unconditional love in creating a vortex of Light within and around this area. We are the heartbeat of this Earth, one with Mother Earth, one with all life. We trust and surrender to all that Is, knowing the difference I make as part of this collective of Light. We are the magnificence of creation through service in love, bringing about changes to this Earth plane for all Life to live in harmony, peace, abundance, and love.

Terry Bourne then stated our intention: to integrate with and offer our sacred energies to assist all the invisible ones on a spiritual level through subtle activism. Helen Herring read her poem "Honoring the Gulf," and we sang Terry's "Water Blessing Song:"
Humbly we gather here to honor and to heal you
Humbly we circle here to honor and to heal you
Water Spirits hear our prayers flowing and growing.
Water Spirits hear our prayers flowing to the Gulf.
Our prayers of love and gratitude are flowing and growing.
Our prayers of love and gratitude are flowing to the Gulf.
Water Spirits feel our love flowing and growing.
Water Spirits feel our love flowing to the Gulf.

We began the integration by offering gratitude to the Creator

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When the Grandmothers speak, the world will heal.

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or the water on our planet and asking forgiveness for our wasteful ways of this precious resource. We invoked the spirit of transformation upon the water held in two goblets. Each grandmother then anointed her solar plexus to transform anger and grief to peace and joy, her heart to be open to receiving and giving love and gratitude, and her third eye to hold a clear vision of restoration. We sat in deep meditation.

Terry then led us to sit in silence for seven minutes to focus on the task of recognizing and strengthening our own sacred connection to become a conduit between the spiritual world with Earth and the water itself. After the bell rang, we sat silence again for seven minutes, our task this time to hold an image of affected areas *in their perfection*, when healing had taken place. We tuned into the template of wholeness held by the water consciousness, and held the joy and beauty of that template forming a matrix around which healing can take place. We closed with a chant from Terry in honor of All Our Relations:

Sing a song of gratitude,
sing a song of love.
sing a song of sacred waters,
sing a song of hope.
sing a song of clean waters,
sing a song of joy,
sing a song of gratitude,
sing a song of love. Aho, aho.

As the light receded, the moon rose from behind a stand of tall pine trees. We took a little time to pass the talking stick. All this was witnessed by dragonflies and numerous birds, among others. A drumming circle concluded the evening.
The Gulf Coast Council of

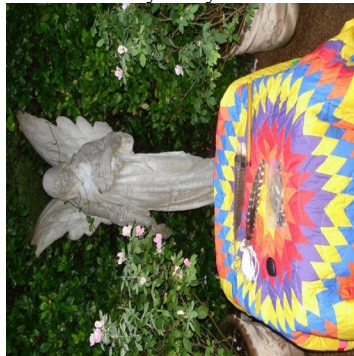
Grandmothers would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all those who joined us in spirit, from all across the country, to send positive energy to help heal our beloved Gulf. Those of you that informed us of your intentions were acknowledged in an announcement prior to the water ceremony. All efforts to support life in and around the Gulf is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.



Alabama Grandmothers 2010 attending Water Ceremony

The Gulf Coast Feather Bundle

by Terry Bourne



In 2004, a quilt-wrapped bundle containing a pair of water bird wing fans with fringed white leather handles that had been made by an Ojibwa elder was carried by Lorraine Norgaard from the northern waters of Lake Superior to the southern waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The sacred bundle was presented to the Gulf Coast Council with Terry Bourne agreeing to be its caretaker. That same year, a southwest desert grandmother,

Blossom Saskill, gifted to the bundle a high-flying land bird feather fan that has a quartz crystal handle. The three fans travel and rest with offerings of blue cornmeal, sage, sweet grass, cedar, tobacco, turquoise, a small flute, and a Hopi baby rattle.

Each year, the Gulf Coast Council has agreed to allow requests to be submitted to the caretaker for the ceremonial presence and use of the bundle for blessings, healings, and council. It has traveled north to the Appalachian Mountains and west to the Texas-Oklahoma plains. It has been a sacred part of many local-area healings, drumming and council circles, connecting Spirit to the hearts of many women.



Tucson Water Blessing Ceremony

by Grasshopper



Aqua Caliente Park, Tucson AZ

On July 24th at 8:00 am, nine Tucson Grandmothers met in circle at the big lake in Aqua Caliente Park, Tucson AZ. Our intention was to create ceremony and add our energy for healing the waters to the other circles, including the Gulf Coast Council, who were doing the same that day. Many grandmothers from around the country and Canada who could not be present physically were present in spirit as we sat in meditation. We were joined by our feathered friends chirping, (cont'd page 3)

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ducks quacking, and a large frog who croaked in time to the drum beat. Fish were jumping and two turtles came to shore. We began the ceremony by drumming and dancing, mending the sacred hoop. We offered prayers during the pipe ceremony and spoke to the waters, asking them what they wanted or needed, promising to do what we can to protect our environment.



"Grandmothers" Ocean Prayer

By Sharon McErlane

Today the Grandmothers woke me with this message and asked me to send it out:

"We ask you to cast,



anchor, and hold the Net of Light steady for the Gulf of Mexico," the Grandmothers said. "This crisis is affecting the entire world, and humanity is asleep. Wake up!" they cried. "Animals are dying, plants are dying, and your Mother is writhing in agony. If you hold the Net of Light steady at this time you will help stave off further catastrophe.

"You have been lulled into a false sleep," they said, "told that others (B.P.) will take care of this problem. This is not so," they said. "And this is not the time for you to fall into oblivion.

Determine now to stay awake, and once you have made that commitment, think of, cast, and hold the Net of Light. Hold it deep and hold it wide. Amplify its reach to penetrate the waters of the Gulf and dive deep beneath the crust of Mother Earth. Anchor it at

the earth's core and as you hold it there, ask it to unify with the mineral kingdom of this planet. It will do this and will harmonize with all the solid and liquid mineral states on earth-including oil and gas. The Net of Light will call these minerals back into harmony. "Whatever human beings have damaged, human beings must correct," the Grandmothers said. "This is the law. We repeat: This is the law. You cannot sit back and ask God to fix the mess humanity has created. Each of you must throw your shoulders to the wheel and work. We are asking for your help.

"First move into your heart and call on us. We will meet you there. The Net of Light is lit by the jewel of your heart," they said, "so move into this lighted place within you and open to the Net of which you are a part. Bask in its calming presence. It holds you at the same time that you hold it.

"Now think of magnifying your union with us. We, the Great Council of the Grandmothers, are with you now, and all those who work with the Net of Light are also with you. There are thousands, even millions now connected in light," they said. "Along with this union, call forth the power of the sacred places on earth. These will amplify the potency of our joint effort. Then call on the sacred beings that have come to prevent the catastrophe that threatens to overwhelm your planet. We will work together," they said, nodding slowly.

"Think of, cast and magnify the presence of the Net of Light in the Gulf of Mexico. See, imagine or think of it holding the waters, holding the land, the plants, the sea life, and the people. "Holding them all!" they said. "The Net of Light is holding them steady; it is returning them to balance. Let

the love within your lighted heart keep pouring into the Net of Light and hold, hold, hold. Calmly and reverently watch as the light from your heart flows along the strands of the Net. It will follow your command and continuously move forth. As soon as you think of it, it will happen.

We ask you to practice this for only a few minutes at a time, but to repeat it throughout the day and night. "Net of Light will do untold good," the Grandmothers said. "We are calling you to service now. You are needed. Do not miss this opportunity. We thank you and bless you."



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Weaver's note: To learn more about the Grandmothers and the Net of Light, go to grandmothersspeak.com.

Reverence

by Joanne Reichlin

Shortly after 5 am this morning, I found myself considering the world-wide conversation via telephone among more than 17,000 people, mostly women. Featured were speakers from the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, a group I have been following since shortly after their beginning. Having just finished reading the book *Reverence* by Paul Woodruff, I understood the meaning of that feeling, that attitude. As I listened yesterday, I knew a sense of being connected with so many others, so many Grandmothers in so many

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places, and my sense of the value, wisdom, and need for me, for us, to continue to be, as one Grandmother put it, “Warriors of Light”. It consumed me then—and now.

As I write this as well as I can, I find I am most concerned to convey to others their own value in living, thinking, and being in their own setting. There is value in our living—each one of us—wherever and however we live our lives. It is the greatest gift to accept the responsibility, as older beings, for providing in our thinking, meditation, and living, a solid, steady enfoldment for Mother Earth and for opportunity now for change.

The phrase “diversity with which we walk” speared my consciousness as I experienced the many women I was sharing time and awareness with yesterday. “Forgive each other,” spoken by one Grandmother, again penetrated my heart and mind as I knew my own responsibility with others. One Grandmother spoke of the importance of “holding Love for others and for ourselves” and that wisdom, too, penetrated my being. I was fully engaged in hearing of an upcoming October conference these Grandmothers (as well as many others) will participate in, that will include the “Declaration for the Rights of the Earth” — finally, it will be declared!

I am filled with powerful gratitude that there are many, many wise women (and no doubt men as well) who continually state in their living and being a sense of—I find myself searching for a word—perhaps Light? Perhaps Energy? Perhaps, I don’t have the perfect word—but you will, some-where, as you and I live and love the sweetness of life, together. Thank you, each one of us, wherever and whoever we are. ☉



Weaver’s note: on June 19, there was a first ever Virtual Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. It was a free teleseminar event in honor of Sumer Solstice focused on prayer, healing and wisdom for the world at this time. For those unable to participate live, one may sign up and get free access to the recording. *Event*. Contact www.theshiftnetwork.com

Lake Texoma Council May 26-29, 2010.

by Nonine Anderson

As we completed our dedication to gathering for five years, we thought “finished” meant “done.” When the head of the uroborus meets its tail, a new beginning is already appearing. Where and when is yet to be determined for 2011 but already there are ideas popping like bubbles from a pipe.

Our 2010 sacred altar symbolized the transformation of old consciousness to a shift, a balance of long-awaited spiritual UNITY. The magical silence of our circle of grandmothers and grandmothers-in-waiting brought healing, a deep look into Who-We-Are, and a knowing that there is great freedom to be called forth NOW!

The Choice To “BE’ Who You Are!

Only in our “Becoming”
Can creation be set free.
This has been spoken, written,
declared, that mankind may see.

To Manifest (2008) who you are
Transforms (2010) trapped Light
called matter.
Our illusionary mind
spins up and down this ladder.

Our Activation (2009) un-mixed
Interlocking realities,
Freeing alternate time-zones,
Offering spiritual keys.

Implementation (2007) Intentions
(2006)
Have led to past – future – NOW
This linear time is through...
Old Earth cycles soon will bow.

Emerge! (2011) Come forth in
newness!
Our Radiant Self shines strong.
The sure Victory is won.
Join the celestial through...




GRAMOTHER JOURNEYS

Weaver’s Note: Ah, sisters – yet another idea for Grandmother expression. In having the humble experience to speak with so many Grandmothers and hearing their stories, I am encouraging GM’s everywhere to write these stories – the column is to be “Grandmother Journeys”- these may be serious, fun, mysterious, or just a day in one’s life. This is the second submission of one of those journeys s by Marion Sinclair who has gone through quite an ordeal of “relocation.”

The Same Old Story – My Version

by Marion Sinclair

A couple of years ago, after a year of divesting myself of a life’s

accumulation of stuff,  I moved to California to be near family. I very soon realized it was an ill-advised move. Some people can evaluate a situation, make a decision and move on. I envy them. I have to work through it to the bitter end, which I was able to do thanks to the caring of friends who saw to it that I was safe. But one day you wake up and realize
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it's time to move on, and you are ready. That happened last November.

So how to find a location?



You have to know the precise name of the organization you are trying to reach to acquire their material. The Pima Council on Aging provides a long list of elder housing. I also tried Pima County housing Internet search, Pima Health System, Community Service, and USDA Rural Housing in Bisbee. The lists are long; just communicating with them and seeing those places that seem possible is a daunting, time-consuming task.

My choice of all, hands down, was the Council Apartments at Plumer and 10th St., for a variety of reasons. The city(Tucson) is also building housing on Broadway just west of Plumer which I'm sure will make use of the extra facilities at Council Apartments (the old Jewish Community Center). You will find the good places usually have waiting lists. Council Apartments was at least nine months.

I was getting anxious for a place and one became available in Bisbee. It's not as ideal, but it's sufficient and it's been a pleasure to renew old friendships. I moved in March and immediately applied for AHCCCS (AZ state health-care). The woman who accepted the application asked me where I'd been living. I told her I'd been house sitting or staying with friends. "Gotcha, lady," she said. "You mean you were homeless?"

I think the main reason it worked was that none of the people I stayed with treated me like a guest. They just shared their homes. Having the opportunity to live with them was a great gift, once again a great validation for the kind of

women who make up the Grandmothers Council.



News from the Councils



Texoma Council of Grandmothers

This group of Grandmothers will continue to gather although originally was planned for only five gatherings. Details will be forth coming. Contact Nonine Anderson (520)-888-1762 for more info.



Gulf Coast Gathering April 7-10, 2011 at Visitation Monastery in Mobile AL.

Details coming soon For more info, contact Carolyn Garbett 251-0945-1295 or E-mail paris98@gmail.com



Get Ready! 2010 Arizona Gathering October 21-24

Thirteen Grandmother Sisters sat in the Planning Circle.

It was as if we were members of a creative dance opening to receive the guiding theme for the 2010 October Gathering. Ideas flowed, words came and went, and music gave interludes to bring centering as the theme was given. The thirteen gathered felt the delight of recognizing a perfect and charmingly wacky theme: "Upside,

Down-side, Inside Out!" We anticipate this theme will invite exploration of our place in the world, our inner landscape and assist with guidance through this time of Change.

Now we need *you* to come, help us unfold this gift and, as in past gatherings, join in laughter, fun and deep sharing. Our Gathering will include the Full Harvest moon as we meet, returning to the wonderful Rex Ranch in southern Arizona, where we previously gathered several years ago.

Registration is now full however, We are accepting applications for the waiting list.

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Gathering for Gitchigaaming (Lake Superior)



**Madeline Island,
LaPointe, WI**

August 12-15, 2010

Grandmother's Gathering for Gitchigaaming news

by Lorraine Norrgard

Weaver'sNote: By the time subscribers received this newsletter, the gathering will have concluded. There will be full coverage in the next newsletter.

The new Grandmothers Gathering for Gitchigaaming has gained momentum like a strong wave in Lake Superior! Our registration is full, with 50 grandmothers and a waiting list. Women are coming from nine states and from tribes of Ojibwe, Dakota, Cheyenne,

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Arapaho, and Cherokee to Madeline Island with the focus on the water. The International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers are sending Margaret Behan, Billings Montana, to represent them at this Gathering. It is very exciting to have such a diverse group of women coming, and I am reminded of Mary Diamond's, **"Just say yes!"**

The nine women on the planning circle have taken a great leap of faith, as none of them have been to a Grandmother Gathering or seen the Peer Spirit Circle Process in action. We have decided to do some different approaches around our theme, while maintaining the small group circles. We will be spending substantial time at Lake Superior for meditation, prayers, writing, listening and expressing appreciation to her. Another major decision is to not have an Elders Council speak to us, but speak to the public. We are having a free Inter-generational afternoon that includes a traditional feast, talking circles where each of the 13 eldest grandmothers will lead one, and the Ojibwe women from Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe will lead everyone in a water ceremony to close the public event. Children, families, teens, men, women are invited to this half day event that will connect us to the community and spread the words of the grandmothers far and wide. Some workshops include :

Mildred Schuman, an Ojibwe elder and poet, who will lead some writing work and a sunrise ceremony. Another woman, Erin Dewitt, will offer a workshop on the work of Dr. Emoto. There is so much more that I cannot include it all in this short article. We are very grateful to the Tucson

Grandmothers and Gulf Shores Grandmothers who will facilitate our small circles, and who have encouraged us throughout this process of birthing a new Gathering. We do not call ourselves a Council, just a Gathering of Grandmothers brought together by our love of Lake Superior. Remember us in your good thoughts and prayers August 12-15.

* Dr. Masaru Emoto of Japan in his book, "Healing Messages in Water" proved scientifically that molecule of polluted water when given words, songs, and thoughts of appreciation changed the molecular structure to healthy water as shown in ice crystals. It is likely you already knew this!

Aurora Borealis Gathering Minnesota, 2011



Dates and other information will be announced later. Nancy Garrity and a core group of women are planning this event. For more information, contact Nancy at 612-889-0721 or nitakik@gmail.com



Heartland Council

Is currently suspended.



The Fruit of B's Loom

Greetings
Grandmothers!
from B Campbell



HO! Once again, I sit at my desk—the sky is filled with promising rain clouds – I love the monsoon-thunder – lightning – it's like music to me. Somehow, it stirs childhood memories in me.

I did spend two precious

weeks with my mother in Houston - frail, 94 years old, blind – but still a constant blessing in my life

JudyO (O'Leary) sent a poem that reminds me of my own mother; it so touches my heart and brings many memories back to my conscious mind. (see, "The Kitchen.")

My daughter, Kelly, has celebrated one year free of breast cancer and finished the Susan G. Kommen walk in Chicago a few weeks ago. My husband, Stephen, will undergo prostate cancer surgery on September 10 – I ask that he be placed in your healing and prayer circles.

I feel I need to convey you, the readers, subscribers, Grandmothers my own awareness regarding the Circle of News. The road has and is bumpy in my own household; again this is only the second issue of the year (Sigh). Yet I know this labor of love continues to make the *Circle of News* and Grandmothers ever so near and dear to my heart. I will stick with it if you stand by me, accepting at least two issues per year. Blessing to you all. Aho!



The Kitchen JUDYO 2-21-04

Recipe cards in a red fabric covered box
Holds their signature scroll and print
Aspic Salad Mold, Caramel Filling, French dressing, Overnight Cookies, Fondant, Cherry Wink
Desserts for the icebox or the Range
Marshmallows, meringues, layers



of coconut,
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Maraschino cherries, chocolate and nuts

Courses using mushroom and celery soups

Chinese noodles and French-fried onion rings

Meatless Friday titles, Deep Sea

Delight, and Salmon loaf

Clippings from yellowed

newspapers, a cereal box and

Macaroni packages taped on index cards

There are no offerings under

"Appetizers",

Beverages" or "Frozen Foods"

American, from scratch ingredients fill the box

With one exception

"Foreign Foods", holds spaghetti

The 1925 Monarch Electric Range

Cook Book of Cookery

flashes of age,

Tattered, torn and well-turned

pages, Spotted with food in



crayon and earth colors

10 step directions for roasting and reasons

Tips on soup making, Consommé,

Mutton broth

Menus, Useful descriptions for a

303 can,

Serving dinner with a Maid in

attendance

Colored graphics of pies, cakes,

turkeys, breads

Raggedy Ann and Andy at tea

Boys and girls spreading jelly on

Fresh homemade white bread

The Icebox holds 36" blocks of Ice

A huge muscled man with tongs

Like delivery forceps

Climbs stairs and plunks it inside

Where glass bottles sit

Milk with golden cream on the top

Delivered to the back door

In Metal Baskets clanging

In the early dawn

from trucks through the alley

The cast iron stove

Devours coal and wood

48+ inches across

36+ inches deep

Visible Pipes thru the ceiling

6 giant burners,

covered and handled

Beehive pulls on the oven door

Heating for winter and

Cool summer nights

Blanching, Canning, cooking,

roasting, baking

The aroma's are so memorable

In the kitchen drawers are

implements for melon ball

scooping,

Rotary beaters, rolling pins and

potato mashers



Large slotted ladles along with an

ice pick.

Tools of necessity to create work,

aroma and beauty

Metal and wood timesavers

The counter, cupboards and

basement held

Mixmaster, Electric roaster oven,

deep fryer,

Waffle Iron, Pressure Cooker,

toaster

All equally honored for their

ability

To generate delicious,

quick or slow finished products

we walked with our noses in the

air

catching a waif

In Summer and autumn,

The pantry and cellar held Mason

Ball canning jars upside down,

Waiting their fill from the corner

store,

garden, canner, neighbors, markets

Preserves of fruit, apple butter,

Jams, jellies, vegetables

Topped with paraffin

labeled by hand & dated

then returned to the cool room

Cookie sheets embedded

Dark layers of baked evidence

From real sugar, cream and

buttermilk

Tins for breads and giant muffins,

along with

Multiple cake pans, round, square

and oblong

The giant wood kitchen table

sprinkled with flour for dough,

Punched, rolled, cut, shaped

Small piecrust leavings, rolled

Topped with butter, Sugar and

cinnamon, baked golden

Our after school treats taught to

my Mother

Wearing long aprons, fringed,

frilled, and laced



Covering housedresses of calico

They witnessed smells of

cinnamon, nutmeg and onions

And thanks from their family

With wash rags, flour sacks

She washed, I dried, we put away

The days labor in the kitchen of

smells,

Meal blessings, good bites and joy.

Dedicated to Helen O'Leary and

Lulu Kruse (my mother and

grandmother) Judy O'Leary



Peace Across the Planet Lingam Listening for July and August 2010

Weaver's note: this peace movement activity was introduced several news-

letters ago. For new readers, go to

www.peaceacrosstheplanet.org

Shiva Lingam Listening August 2010

Humans try so hard

to be.

Just Be

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We CrystalBeings root endlessly into the Earth Mother and we cannot help Being union. We cannot pretend that we are anything but the stewards we are.

We stand as Earth-Star roots reaching into forever Now.

All of our Beingness stretches into your doing-ness, whispering,
 "Breathe.
 Come breathe the Sun, the Moon, the Stars with us, through us.
 We are at home Now.
 Breathe.
 Breathe the impossible of your dreams into your possible of your reality this moment.
 Breathe peace and it is so."

Let go of pretending that you are anything except or doing anything except Your own special piece/peace.

This is Sacred Time.
 Whenever the Earth Mother flows from one season to another (or from one age to another) it marks gorgeous transformation that she lovingly bestows upon every Earth Mother child.

Welcome it.
 Lean into it utterly~

The creativity of Spring blooms in our bones, our blood, our dreams.
 Call out to it with the passion of all your lives and loves joined as one flower.

Two-leggeds are sacred co-creators with the Earth Mother.

Meld your heart with hers without reservation.
 Wear your glorious destiny now and share it with all Earth Mother children.



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

Weaver's Note: Karleena recently shared information for the newsletter regarding the most recent Shiva Lingam event taking place in Stonehenge. The following are some photos of that wonderful event.



Stonehenge 7/24/10



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Date for submitting materials for the next issue is **November 15, 2010**. Please attempt to limit articles to approximately **500** words. If your article exceeds this amount, contact me ("B") directly. Articles may be sent to : B Campbell, 735 W. Annandale Way, Oro Valley, AZ 85737; however, my preference when possible is by E-mail to: bluechablis@comcastl.net



Weaver's Note: The intention of this column is sharing information regarding the whereabouts of Grandmothers, events or general happenings. If you have something to share, to B Campbell, 735 W Annandale Way, Oro Valley, 8573 OR email, tobluechablis@comcast.net OR better yet, call me, (520) 572-1470 – I so love talking to Grandmothers!

Here's the latest:

GM Kit Wilson says to tell every one she is very grateful for all of the Grandmother energy coming her way and appreciates it. She says nothing has changed in her condition other than the "unwanted visitor" remains with her. Kit continues to work, seeing clients as before, goes to the gym regularly and continues to travel. Kit does appreciate the Grandmother energy but asks to please limit contact via cards and E-mail - kitw@cox.net or 3907 E Camp-bell, Phoenix, AZ 85018

GM Gracie Rogers has completed her treatment for lymphoma. In a recent conversation, Gracie shared that she had finally "turned the corner" regaining some energy and strength since chemo and radiation, And is in **full** remission. She deeply appreciates the love and prayers she receives from the Grandmothers and sends peace and joy back to each one. GM Gracie is open to whatever communication you may like: 630-510-8940,
 E: rogersmg@sbcglobal.net or 2320Westminster St, Wheaton, IL 60189
GM Nancy Ross has a new mailing address: 6255 Los Rubies Park.Circle, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

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GM Alix Stefan has a new

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GM Connie Spittler has moved

back to Nebraska from Tucson.

Her new info: 1631 S 143 Plaza,

Omaha NE 68146; phone: 420-

330-4755; conspittler@live.com

GM Marion Sinclair now has a

home: 520-432-3603

GM Gracie Rogers shares this information:

The 18th Prayer Vigil for the Earth

Dear Grandmother Sisters,

As you may remember, this is the prayer vigil I volunteered with when I lived in Virginia. It is truly a wonderful event so I share this with you just in case it calls to your heart. It's calling to mine so I'll put it out there and see what Source sends back.

Much love,

Gracie

From: oneprayer4@aol.com

Dear Prayer Vigil Family and Friends,

The 18th Prayer Vigil for the Earth is proud to announce its partnership with Turtle Women Rising for an **October 8 – 11, 2010** gathering next to the Washington Monument on 15th Street and Constitution Ave. **This joint venture replaces the originally scheduled Labor Day weekend Prayer Vigil.**

The gathering focuses on co-creating a place, our peace village, where the assembled multi-faith, multi-cultural community can share harmony with self, each other, and our Earth. May Peace Prevail on Earth and may all the children of all the species for all time know respect and love.

We first met Turtle Women Rising and its founder, Eli Painted

Crow, the week before the 2008 Prayer Vigil. They had created a four day and night peace celebration near the Washington Monument, anchored by their magnificent earth drum. The drum beat is a form of expression that allows our spirits to speak to each other's heart. Turtle Women Rising knows that peace cannot be given; it must be created in the hearts of the living, and the drum is one vehicle for making such connections.

Turtle Women Rising shares an alliance and purpose with the work of the International Council of 13Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, many of whom shared their collective wisdom and ceremonies during their 2008 gathering.

The Prayer Vigil community shares in their vision for speaking to each other's hearts and holding the energy of peace. With that, we invited Turtle Women Rising to join us the following week during the 2008 Prayer Vigil. Many of you may recall drumming on their earth drum and the power that was elicited. Two of the 13 grandmothers joined us that Saturday morning with their very powerful prayers and ceremony.

We are thrilled to share and co-create the 2010 Prayer Vigil for the Earth with Turtle Women Rising and the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. Please join us for this extraordinary event.

Among other offerings, planned for activities include: Native American Sunrise Ceremonies, The Turtle Women Rising Earth Drum, The 13 Indigenous Grandmothers with their teachings and ceremony, Children Singing Peace, Honoring John Lennon's Dream of Peace on his 70th birthday, Oct. 9, Honoring Those Who Serve, Shumei Taiko

Drums, and numerous other activities. Please join us in prayer for our Earth community wherever you are. For more information, please visit the following websites:

Prayer Vigil for the Earth:

www.oneprayer.org



Turtle Women Rising:

www.turtlewomenrising.com



13 Indigenous Grandmothers:
www.grandmotherscouncil.com

From The Prayer Vigil for the Earth and Turtle Women Rising

WITHOUT WIND



Without wind:

No kite flying,

No boat sailing,

No dandelion down dancing,

No gulls gliding,

No cooling breezes,

No blizzard blasts,

No hurricanes or tornadoes

No moving clouds,

No weather,

No breath of life!

Hannah Rees 2010

When the Grandmothers speak, the world will heal.