

2007 Annual Gathering News

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Dear TLS Members & Friends,

Register Now to Save \$100 and Get the Best Lodging Selection



Early Bird discount ends August 15th and there are a limited number of rooms available at the Unity Hotel. Register by August 15th and take advantage of the \$100 Early Bird discount savings on registrations.

More details and links to additional information follow in the articles below. Links that will take you directly to specific topics can be clicked from the 'In This Issue' section to the left.

See you in November!

Blessings along the colorful path to a wonderful Gathering,

Randy & Pamela Fillmore
 Co-Chairs 2007 TLS Annual Gathering

Workshops and Presentations Announced

The Proposal Selection Committee has done an outstanding job in selecting 24 workshops that are fresh and exciting that offer something for every level of experience. Detailed descriptions are now online at [Schedule of Events, Speakers & Workshops](#).

Don't miss the panel discussions; "Labyrinths and Dowsing" and "Opening the Door To Experience The Labyrinth" featuring Robert Ferré, Rev Dr Lauren Artress, Sig Lonegren, among others. Healing drummer Toby Christensen will speak to "The Heartbeat of the Labyrinth" and facilitate a luminary labyrinth with drum circle.

Help Create the Gathering Labyrinth

Arrive early on Thursday and join Chuck Hunner in creating a masking tape labyrinth that will be the centerpiece of our opening and closing ceremonies and Saturday evening's luminary walk and drum circle. Chuck will begin at 1:00 pm on Thursday November 8th to facilitate the labyrinth creation. If you can't arrive early, there will be a later opportunity to add color to the labyrinth.

Familiar Favorites and Traditions

We welcome the return of Jon Appleton of England to lead the Appleton Dance. There will be a Welcoming Circle opening ceremony, a familiar closing ceremony, and G/Joan Guilfoyle will lead "Morning Movement" each day.

Labyrinths On The Grounds

Unity Village has a wonderful abundance of open space that allows for the creation of many outdoor labyrinths. Try your favorite pattern, a new design, or build one of everything! Want to walk a Chartres then turn around and walk an eleven circuit Classical for subjective comparison? Great, let's do it! Want to try your hand at reproducing the Amiens or the Boldern pattern?

Crow Mitchell is coordinating all outdoor labyrinths and can help you learn the geometry and build your tool kit. Contact her via phone (512) 292-6335 or [email](#) to reserve outdoor space or learn more about laying out the temporary labyrinths at Gathering.

Airport Shuttle Information

For those flying to Gathering, we are offering airport shuttle service from Kansas City International Airport (MCI) to Unity Village for \$50 roundtrip. When completing your Gathering Registration, include the fee for "Roundtrip Airport Shuttle Transportation To Unity Village." You will then be contacted prior to Gathering for your flight information so shuttle arrangements can be made.

Pre-Gathering Workshop

G/Joan Guilfoyle is offering a Pre-Gathering workshop on Thursday, November 8th beginning at 1:00 pm, "First Step: A Body & Soul-Centered Transition Into Gathering". Registration for this workshop should be made on the Gathering Registration Form. Additional information is available on the TLS web site at [Pre-Gathering Workshop](#).



Post-Gathering Workshop

Toby Evans is offering a Post-Gathering workshop, "Where Do You Go From Here? The Rainbow Bridge - Connecting Possibilities" at the Prairie Labyrinth from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sunday, November 11th. The TLS web site has more information about how Toby's workshop facilitates the transition from Gathering to what lies ahead. Learn more at [Post-Gathering Workshop](#).



Lodging

Several different lodging options are available, and can be somewhat confusing. In order to make the best choice from the available options, the following is provided to help in your selection. All rooms come with linens, pillows, towels, hairdryers, steamers, and phones.



The Unity Hotel is a new facility that opened in November 2006, and provides the finest amenities. Each Unity Hotel room offers two luxury queen beds, shower with tub and is located in the same building as most events and workshops.



The Unity Motel offers a limited number of rooms with either one queen bed or two full beds. Each motel room has a private bath (no television). The Unity Motel is less than a 2-minute walk to the Spiritual Life Center / Conference Center and dining/vendor areas.



The Cottages offer two twin beds in each bedroom that share (among 4 bedrooms per cottage) a large common bath (no television). The Cottages are less than a 2-minute walk to the Spiritual Life Center/Conference Center and dining/vendor areas.



All Gathering registrations must be accomplished through the TLS Registrar and not directly with Unity.

Early Arrival / Late Departure

Gathering Registration includes 3 nights lodging: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For those arriving early on Wednesday, November 7, and/or staying over and extra night on Sunday, November 11, those housing reservations must be made after the TLS Gathering Registrar has confirmed your Gathering reservation at Unity. The cost for additional nights is not included in the Gathering Registration. Rooms are plentiful for Wednesday, but very limited for Sunday night.

Again, reservations for either Wednesday or Sunday night must be made directly with Unity Village 1-866-34-UNITY (1-866-348-6489) after the Gathering Registrar has confirmed your Gathering reservation. Additional night lodging prices are:

- Unity Hotel Single \$76.50 / Shared \$45.00
- Unity Motel Queen Single \$43.20 / Shared \$24.30
- Motel Double Single \$55.80 / Shared \$28.80
- Cottage Single \$36.00 / Shared \$22.50

Member Images

Member images return this year as an opportunity for TLS members to share images of labyrinths and labyrinth-related art. Images need to be emailed in digital format to randy@spiritworks-va.com with a short description of the image. By submitting an image, the sender acknowledges they have the legal right or license to the images and authorize The Labyrinth Society to present the image at the Gathering.

Vendor Room / TLS Store

TLS members who have labyrinth-related products are invited to participate in the Vendor Room or the TLS Store located at the Unity Inn. The Unity Inn is a center of activity during the Gathering. All meals are served there and it is open to all of Unity Village. Additional information and form to 'register' for a vendor table or space in the TLS Store are on the website at [Vendor Room / TLS Store](#).

Silent Auction

Please consider donating items for the 2007 TLS Silent Auction. Autographed books, jewelry, artwork, and other wonderful items, labyrinth-related or not, will be gladly accepted. All proceeds from the Silent Auction support the Gathering Scholarship fund of TLS. It is through the generosity of our members that TLS is able to provide scholarships to support Gathering attendance each year.

Dan Raven coordinated the Silent Auction last year, and has volunteered again in that role for the 2007 Gathering.

Details on how to submit items for the Silent Auction are available by contacting Dan:

phone: 773-973-3590
 email: danraven@rcn.com

Or download, complete, and send the [Silent Auction Form](#).

Off-Site Lodging Availability

Optional lodging arrangements have been coordinated with several hotels within a 5-mile radius of Unity Village. Gathering participants who choose to stay off-site must register through the TLS Gathering Registrar using the Off-Site rate, then contact the selected hotel directly to make lodging reservations. Meals and access to all Gathering activities are included in the Off-Site Gathering registration prices. A listing of off-site hotels and rates is available on the TLS web site at [Lodging Options](#).

Walk-In Day Rate

For those unable to attend all Gathering activities, a daily rate that only includes Gathering activities (no meals) is being offered at \$150 for one day and \$275 for two days. Day registration must be made at the Gathering; no pre-registration is available for day-rate.

Invite A Friend

If you know of someone in your Region who has never attended a Gathering, extend a personal invitation to share the joy of labyrinth community and be part of this exciting event.

Share the News! Pass It On!

Please forward this e-newsletter to anyone who might be interested in attending. Share it with email lists or other groups and message boards with a related interest. There's a 'Forward email' link just below in the newsletter footer.

You can help promote the Gathering by contacting Kay Whipple, Public Relations Chair, 585-392-3601, or [email Kay](#) for press releases and other publicity information.

Most important of all, REGISTER TODAY! Find Registration information at: http://labyrinthociety.org/html/annual_gathering_detail.phtml?id=224&action=cat_view&cat_id=366.

See you in November!