

## The Labyrinth Society Newsletter

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### Dear Friends,

We've had a lot of rain (and snow) in our little corner of England this spring, giving us an endless succession of grey days and sticky mud. Today the sun is shining and it finally smells like Real Spring. In my mind's eye, I am seeing England's turf labyrinths getting their annual haircuts, and I'm envisioning people all over the northern hemisphere doing the same for their own local labyrinths... And, of course, that connects us to our southern hemisphere counterparts who are out tidying their labyrinths prior to putting them to bed for their cold season!

The spiral of seasons is a familiar one to us all, and I enjoy the traditions that I sense here, where we can read old parish records of money spent for labyrinth maintenance or reports of community celebrations held on or near the village labyrinth. And regardless of the weather, the same is true for TLS... We experience a real upsurge of energy as the board meets for its spring meeting, final preparations are made to open registration for the Fall Gathering, and ongoing projects move toward fruition. This year is no different -- and I want to thank everyone who is working hard to help TLS grow and thrive in our mission of support for labyrinths and their makers, tenders, and walkers around the globe.

Blessings!

Kimberly

### International Labyrinth Community:

#### TLS Requests YOUR Input on Sharing Labyrinth Expertise!

The TLS Website redesign is underway and Education Outreach is a large and dynamic component of the site, offering resources to those initiating labyrinth projects and installations in their areas of the world. Because we serve the global community, we want to include international perspectives within the resources offered on the web site. Specifically, we need members of TLS located outside the U.S. who are interested in writing text for web pages covering the following areas:

- Labyrinths in Schools
- Labyrinths in Hospitals/Medical Settings
- Labyrinths in Public Spaces - city and town parks and recreational areas
- Labyrinths in Prisons
- Labyrinths in Retreat Centers/Spas
- Labyrinths in Churches
- Labyrinths for Kids
- Labyrinths in the Arts
- Other labyrinth use not mentioned above

These pages can be brief. Please cover the following topic areas and anything else you feel is pertinent:

- Benefits: for the organization, community, or group as well the individual(s)
- Important information/guidance for people and organizations who want to approach their organization in the above-listed areas about incorporating the use or installation of labyrinths

A sample page can be sent to you upon request. Bilingual articles are welcome but one of the languages needs to be English. If you agree to write content for any of these categories, you would be specifically credited as the writer, with a link to your website and/or email provided at the base of the web page. If you are interested in helping out, please [contact Hallie Sawyers](#), TLS Educational Outreach Chair at 585-967-0009 or [educationoutreach@labyrinthociety.org](mailto:educationoutreach@labyrinthociety.org).



### Labyrinth Pathways Submissions Needed

The 2nd edition of Labyrinth Pathways, the journal produced by Jeff Seward on behalf of the Labyrinth Society, is just about to start production. At this stage there are several articles in hand and the winners of the 2007 TLS writing contest are slated for inclusion, but there is still space for further submissions. If you have poetry, short essays, stories, articles that you would like to submit for consideration, [contact Jeff](#) for details and submission guidelines. We are also seeking line drawings and illustrations.



### TLS Forum News

Your TLS Forum is a good way to let others in your Society know about labyrinth events that you are putting on. Regions can tell all of us about a gathering they are planning; you might be planning a workshop on how to use a labyrinth, or maybe you want to construct one in a public park, and you need volunteers with strong backs - all of these are good reasons to let all of us know what you are up to!

Also, our Forum is a great place to trade ideas on specific areas of interest as far as labyrinths are concerned. For example, Neal Harris has a thread going about using labyrinths to work with children with ADHD. It is clear that this topic is of great interest to many of you - over 275 people have read at least parts of this thread, but sadly, only four people have contributed to the conversation. It is always important for you to add your two cents - even if you don't know anything about the topic, but want to ask a question.

Our Forum is presently the best way for Members of TLS to communicate with each other in-between Gatherings or Regional meetings. Please check it out - especially if you haven't been there for a while. See you at <http://labyrinthociety.org/forums/index.php>!

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