



EARTHSTEWARDS

"Together We Make A Difference"

Members Newsletter

Spring 2004

GATHERING 2004 —

The time approaches when we will gather together as Earthstewards at the International Gathering, July 28th – August 1st on the wooded campus of Goucher College in Towson, Maryland near Washington, D.C., U.S.A. It will begin with an exploration of Warriorship/Partnership/Leadership co-facilitated by Dirk and Jane Velten, followed by our traditional "Open Space" in which we'll co-create the content and activities of the Gathering, drawing upon the passions, convictions and skills within our group. Saturday evening will include a full-moon visit to the monuments area of Washington and a Closing Circle will follow Sunday lunch.



An optional Essential Peacemaking/Women & Men workshop, facilitated by Martin Dronsfield, Ursel Kammann, Jane and Dirk Velten begins Sunday evening and ends Tuesday night, with departures from the college after Wednesday's breakfast. If you did not receive registration materials, please contact Dianne Adams at 703-548-4552/email: dieppler@aol.com OR Juanita Ruth One at 410-243-8375/email: juanitaruthone@juno.com OR go to the Earthstewards website at www.earthstewards.org and click on the Gathering 2004 link to find information about accommodations, transportation, payment etc. Registration by May 15th gives you the best price. See you there!

Flying Between Trapezes

By Veronique Kilian

This story is about flying between trapezes, as Ibrahim Issa and I experienced when we left the workshop that was given after the Gathering 2003. Flying between trapezes was a theme in the workshop called "Gathering the Wisdom of Warriors of the Heart."

I'd like to share with you how Ibrahim and I travelled home, and how we received a picture of angels who travelled between trapezes...

August 10th, at 8.15 in the morning we took a cab to the Totnes Station. We wanted to take the early train of 09.01 to London, so we would not miss our precious connection and reserved non-refundable seats from London to Brussels with the Eurostar. At Totnes station, our train was delayed, but for us that was not a problem, we would be in time. Our Eurostar would depart 16.22 p.m. Very early we arrived in London Waterloo and checked in around 14.00. We went through the entrance at the same time as 2 young boys; teenagers who obviously were travelling for holidays and were teasing each other in ways that teenagers do.

Since we were very much on time, we would only have

to wait for 2 hours. We noticed as we waited, that train after train was delayed, due to heat or technical problems. Then the announcement about our train came: our train was cancelled. And that was it. In total chaos, Ibrahim and I tried to think of what to do. I knew that according to my information, there would be no more trains that would bring us to Den Bosch, Netherlands. My mobile phone was exactly then out of batteries, the connections of the company of the pay phone card I bought was temporarily out of order, and Ibrahim had no phone.

Finally we were booked on the next train and would have to wait another 2 hours, since the train was scheduled to depart at 18.22. Of course, that train was delayed and it was not certain if it would come at all.

While we were waiting, I started to do my Facilitator's Evaluation from the Transformation Game (that I facilitated during the Gathering). The self evaluation is done with the help of the cards coming from that game. After finishing my evaluation, I gave Ibrahim the opportunity to draw an Angel card from the game, since Ibrahim was joking for some days about the word Engel - the Dutch word for Angel, exercising the typical

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PeaceTrees Bethlehem 2004 – August 9th – August 25th

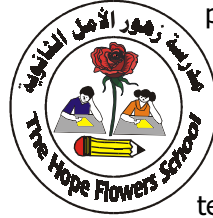
INVITATION

Dear Earthstewards and Supporters of Middle East Peace,

The Hope Flowers School of Bethlehem, Palestine and the Earthstewards Network, invite you to participate in *PeaceTrees Bethlehem 2004*. Palestinian and international participants will plant trees of peace together instead of violence, and flowers of hope instead of despair.

The program will address not only our message of peace and unity as human beings but it will also address important issues to the local community, like taking care of the ecology in the village and to be self responsible.

Before the date of start-up, our



program will begin with an *Awareness Campaign*, advertising locally with posters, on television and in newspapers. We will be educating the local community about aspects of conservation and raise awareness of our plans. The *Awareness Campaign* will run from July 9th to August 8th, 2004.

Immediately after this, we will start the *Clean and Plant Project*. This will involve cleaning a specified area of Al Khader village and planting trees and flowers in this area to create a beautiful section of road. We hope this will eventually spread to other areas of the

community. This *Clean and Plant Project* will run from August 9th to August 25th, 2004.

While both the *Awareness Campaign* and the *Clean and Plant Project* is going on, we will be conducting a *Peace Education Project* that will involve younger members of the community in peace development education, intercultural activities and other various activities.

We invite you to join us here at the Hope Flowers School on August 9th, 2004 to participate in *PeaceTrees Bethlehem*.

Cost: The cost for each participant (August 9-25) is \$500 and includes accommodations for 17 days, traditional Palestinian meals, trainings in nonviolence, and two field trips.

Scholarships: We are also planning to provide scholarships for those who cannot afford their travel costs and their participation fees. Therefore, your donations are highly appreciated.

Registration: For registration please contact Ibrahim Issa at the school hopeflowers@palnet.com

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We very much hope that you can join us for this special occasion and continue to support our quest for peace in the Middle East.

Yours truly,
Ibrahim Issa, Project Coordinator

Trapezes . . .

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Dutch 'ng' sound in the word and pronouncing it in funny ways. Ibrahim's card was the angel of Faith (with a picture of angels who fly from one trapeze to another...).

After a while, our train started boarding. We left after 19.00 to Brussels, to arrive there around 23.00. Our connection to Antwerpen was held, and we took this train. I knew that according to the information I had, that after this there would be no more trains. In Antwerpen we had to wait for an

hour, with some other passengers that got stuck, while taxis would be arranged to take us to Roosendaal. It happened that the teenagers had to go to a city near Den Bosch where the brother of one of them would pick them up - since no Dutch railways or taxis would be waiting to pick up passengers there. We were given a ride by the brother and brought home by car, arriving at about 04.00. We made it!



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European members, please contact your country coordinator

The Edge

International School for Leadership and Spirituality

The Edge — Summer School — August 1-7, 2004

Do you want to make a difference in the world? If you are interested in one or more of the following questions, then the summer school may be just the thing for you.

- How can I remain a constant apprentice in the school of life?
- How can I develop and expand my sense of autonomy, freedom and responsibility?
- How can I be a spiritual warrior?
- How can I fully claim my manhood/womanhood and become a warrior of the heart?
- How can I develop my capacity and ability for personal leadership?

The Transformation Game

- We will use a large-scale and expanded version of the Transformation Game specially designed for this summer school-week.
- Working in teams around a path on the floor, we will explore both personal and collective intentions related to the questions above.
- The Game offers a playful yet substantial way of understanding and transforming key life issues. You can recognise and build on strengths, review and resolve challenges, and discover and integrate new directions.
- You will need to exercise initiative and imagination, share on a deeply personal level and make your own choices and decisions – just like life!
- This experience is a powerful springboard for growth and development and a wonderful opportunity to make a quantum leap in your life's journey.

Some other aspects of the week

- The week will be opened with a keynote lecture about Living on the Edge
- This week will involve some hard work, and when one works hard one has to relax hard. So there will also be leisure time. Time to walk in the beautiful nature, to enjoy the wonderful entertainment planned for some of the evenings, and time to sit in the sunshine with a drink, or have a chat.
- A piano is available for those who wish to make music. Please bring your own instruments too!
- And of course a party at the end to celebrate all our hard working and learnings.

Where?

The event will be held on Den Alerdinck estate, near Zwolle, in the facilities of the School www.theedge.nu. Beautiful gardens and the surrounding nature invite you to wander and relax. You will be lodged in simple and

comfortable single or double rooms, each with its own shower and toilet. It's a great place to both work and relax. The setting invites your insights and will inspire you to deepen your understanding of yourself and others.

Your Staff

The Transformation Game will be facilitated by Judy McAllister and Mary Inglis, teachers at The Edge and experienced game guides. Although Judy's first and foremost passion is working with people, she also served as a focalizer (read CEO) of the Findhorn Foundation. Mary is a co-developer of various forms of the Transformation Game and is at present managing director and a trainer of Innerlinks UK (the former Game Office).

The week will be chaired by the dean of The Edge, Erik van Praag, who also will deliver the keynote lecture.

Practicalities

The working language for the week will be English. The fees for the week (which include room, board coffee and tea) are € 3000 for corporate participants, and € 1500 for private participants or participants from not-for-profit organizations. Partners of corporate participants pay 1500 euro. A 10% discount is offered to all Earthstewards and also to groups or teams of 2-10 persons. For even larger teams, prices can be negotiated.

Registration and Information

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1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005

Jeannette Regan would like to draw Earthstewards' attention to an innovative peace and gender project launched in Switzerland, which will collectively nominate 1000 women for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005, document the work and strategies of these women of peace, and scientifically verify their accomplishments as an impetus for future peace efforts and policy making. www.1000peacewomen.org

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Yes Signature _____

I am willing to serve as a host to other Earthstewards if they are traveling in my area.

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(Photos will be returned to you. Photos can also be scanned and emailed to webmaster@earthstewards.org Please designate "For Directory".)

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~ Send no later than May 15th to be included ~

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