

# Newsletter

Labyrinth Network Northwest

November 2007



## ***Robert Ferré Facilitator Training a September Success Story***

From the minute Robert Ferré walked into Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in Portland, with a smile and a rolling suitcase, we were smitten. Here is a man who loves what he does and exudes passion for labyrinths and authenticity for the path of life. So many people wanted to take his weekend Labyrinth Facilitator Training (September 21-23, 2007) that another date was chosen to offer those who didn't make the 30 person limit this time around. **Mark your calendars now: April 25-27, 2008 at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin, Oregon.**

Nearly a hundred people attended Robert's Friday night lecture on "The Labyrinth as a Path for Healing and Well Being." Robert spoke with his signature mix of anecdote, personal history and historical fact. Ferré's expertise is clearly in the design and building of labyrinths and we were offered many superb slides of labyrinths.

Robert Ferré within the context of his Labyrinth Enterprises has had a hand in the creation of over a thousand labyrinths, temporary and permanent, all over the world. In addition to his prolific labyrinth-making, Robert has traveled extensively speaking, writing, and holding workshops on the labyrinth and how it might be used in our troubled times. He is also one of the founders of The Labyrinth Society, which has grown into a strong international organization.

Following the lecture, Grace Memorial hosted a warm reception. There was a Labyrinth Marketplace and a candlelight labyrinth walk with two labyrinths available for walking, one silent and one with harp music by Licia Claire Seaman.

Saturday morning, a bit bleary eyed from our late night celebration, we gathered to begin our training. Over the course of the next two days we learned about the labyrinth revival, the qualities of a facilitator, sacred geometry (which we learned came *before* algebra), classical, Chartres, and contemporary labyrinths, labyrinths in schools, hospitals, and institutions—and how to work *with* these organizations, labyrinth rituals and ceremonies, and much, much more. We got down on our knees to learn to make masking tape labyrinths—both simple and complex—in a short period time.





Saturday evening, the Autumn Equinox, was another highlight of the weekend. Under a clear, cool sky, we had a delightful and delicious dinner outside on the covered patio at Pat Reser's home and a candlelight Labyrinth walk at dusk through Pat's gorgeous backyard Labyrinth with rocks and lush vegetation, flowers and herbal scents. The walk was accompanied by the late summer/early fall sounds of Licia Seaman's gongs, bells and marimba. It

was the enchanted kind of walk that leaves the walkers subdued and thoughtful with not much to say aside from an offering of profound thanks to the hostess.

After services at Grace Memorial on Sunday morning, Ferré offered a short forum on "Labyrinths: Spiritual Tools in an Age of Science and Commerce" in which he amplified the long history between the seeming opposites of faith and reason. "Science answers the 'what' and 'how', but it can't answer the 'why'." The labyrinth takes us into that rich world of the invisible and spiritual.

All in all it was a multidimensional time, with helpful resources (we each received a 3-ring binder chock full of information and ideas), and great people. In fact, many of the participants are already thinking about returning for the next Facilitator Training in April of 2008—*because we want to continue to nourish ourselves and grow in our ability to reach even more people and the world, with the healing and peace-making of the labyrinth.*

Eunice Schroeder and DC Donohue

Additional Photos are available at [www.labyrinthnetworknorthwest.org](http://www.labyrinthnetworknorthwest.org)

#### Kudos to Committee

The entire weekend with Robert Ferre was the result of much hard work by the planning committee:

Kay Kinneavy, Linda Dodds, Ann Schneider, Pat Reser, Janet Goetze, John Wolf, DC Donohue, Eunice Schroeder, Crystal Dawn Walker, and our wonderful Excellent Registrar, Sharlene Inglis

#### Pre-register Now For

Robert Ferre's  
Workshop April 25-27  
At Legacy Meridian Park Hospital  
Tualatin, Oregon

You can reserve space in the April workshop by sending a \$50 deposit to  
Sharlene Inglis  
17178 SW Eldorado Drive  
Tigard, OR 97224

### ***Special Offer***

#### ***For Members Of Labyrinth Network Northwest Reduced Price On Sacred Dance Class***

If you'd like to learn more about Dance and the Labyrinth before January meeting of Labyrinth Network Northwest, you are invited to attend a class "DANCES OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS" with Jane Rickenbaugh, Suzanne Cerddeu, and Susanna Lundgren at Trinity Cathedral in Portland. Classes meet every Tuesday beginning October 16 (see [flyer](#)).

If you are unable to attend the whole series of 8 classes, you can register for individual classes. The Center for Spiritual Development is offering a special discount for members of Labyrinth Network Northwest. Cost is \$10 per class or \$9 for members of Labyrinth Network Northwest. Be sure to indicate that you're a member of LNN to get the reduced rate. ([registration form](#))

Information is available on our website  
<http://www.labyrinthnetworknorthwest.org/>



### ***Parkrose Community Peace Labyrinth***



One of Portland's newest labyrinths is being built near Parkrose High School. Designed by a trio of students, The Parkrose Community Peace Labyrinth is being built by students and other volunteers from the community. The labyrinth is being cut into the sod in a field behind Parkrose High School.





The path of the labyrinth is being lined with stones decorated by students.

Groundskeeper Sharon DeWitt, inspired by the Olympic Peace Labyrinth and a labyrinths she had experienced on a beach in Florida led the effort to transform this piece of land into a place of peace and tranquility where the people of the neighborhood can get away from the pressures of everyday life.



The public is welcome to come and walk the labyrinth which is located near Northeast 115th Avenue and Shaver Street.