

# Labyrinths Matter - Newsletter

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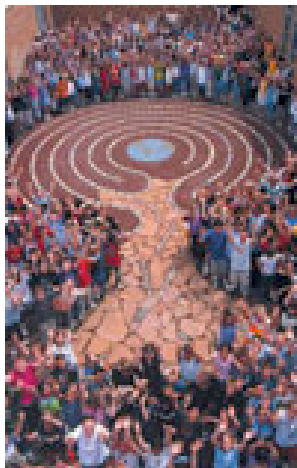
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*"The labyrinth is an archetype of transformation.*

*Its transcendent nature knows no boundaries, crossing time and cultures with ease.*

*The labyrinth serves as a bridge from the mundane to the divine. It serves us well."*

*Kimberly Lowelle  
Saward, Ph.D., TLS President*



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Welcome to the Newsletter

This quarterly newsletter, established in April 2007, has input from the labyrinth community and is produced as a resource for people across different levels of labyrinth knowledge to :-

- provide a forum for sharing the labyrinth journey and as a stimulus to hold annual labyrinth gatherings in Australia.
- promote the labyrinth as a tool to be used for the health and well-being of individuals and communities. It is also hopes to foster interest in labyrinth research.
- enlist TLS volunteers to develop resources and labyrinth networks at National, State and Local levels.
- stimulate interest in having accredited labyrinth facilitator training with the view to have a system for accessible and affordable train the trainer programs in Australia.
- stimulate listings of labyrinths on the Worldwide Labyrinth Locator.

Enjoy  
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## Inaugural Labyrinth Gathering in Australia.

A meeting convened by Rev Libby Delbridge, was held in the Augustine Centre Hawthorn on Friday 7th March 2008. It was attended by Elizabeth Cerda-Pavia, Merran Macs, Lorraine & Geoff Rodda, Siobhan Christian, Libby's friend Joyce? Christina Green, Sue and Michael Oakley. Apologies Peta Verrocchi, Caroline NanCarrow, Junita Vallak, Lou Schultz, Julia Peddie, Cathy Connelly .

As you can imagine lots and lots of labyrinth sharing and networking took place. Discussion focussed on the Gathering location being held at either Eltham or Amberley depending on the numbers. The format of the Gathering to focus on labyrinth sharing and networking. (This could provide opportunities for people in geographical areas to develop networks.) Junitta's suggestion was to have a map of labyrinths to visit after the Gathering. Libby envisaged an organic process to creating a labyrinth movement across Australia.

**The next meeting** 6.00 pm Friday 2nd May 2008 at the Augustine Centre. If you are not able to attend but wish to have some input Email: [Lorraine\\_lgrodda@primus.com.au](mailto:Lorraine_lgrodda@primus.com.au)

**Note:** We appreciate you may not be certain you can attend the proposed Gathering in Oct 2008. However, we will need some idea of how many people are interested in attending so we can do the planning. Please let us know

- if you wish to join the planning Group.
- if your interested a Victorian Gathering
- if you have ideas for the Gathering.

## Stepping out of the labyrinth maze!

People coming together at the workshop and the training felt a need to have an ongoing structure that could enable them to step out of the labyrinth maze and come together in a visible labyrinth pathway. This concept has been given a significant boost as Veriditas and The Labyrinth Society have appointed Lorraine Rodda as their representatives in Australia.

## What are your ideas about a Labyrinth Network in Australia?

## Workshop and Facilitator Training

There was a fantastic attendance at the lectures, with 42 people attending the Workshop and 23 people undertaking Facilitator Training. Siobhan Christian will write an article for the June newsletter and I am sure our readers would enjoy hearing from other participants too.

One outcome of the facilitator training is that participants with Veriditas Accreditation, can within a year of the training, undertake an Advanced Facilitators Training Course. This enables facilitators to support an apprenticeship facilitator training system. Hopefully, resulting in accessible and affordable "Train the Trainer Programs" in Australia.



The Augustine Centre was a great setting for the workshop and training; and especially being able to walk the very large Chartres Labyrinth. The labyrinth was loaned to the Centre by Ani & Arnie Wierenga of Oakleigh.



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## The Sounds of Sacred Space.

The Geoff Wood Interview with Lauren Artress was to be on Radio National (AM 621 at 7.35pm , Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Friday 14 March 2008). Somehow this was not recorded so check it again next week. Click the following link for the interview. **The Sounds of Sacred Space** . . . Medieval cathedrals did more than simply inspire awe. They acted as superb resonating spaces to enhance the power of the liturgy and the human voice. In fact, sacred spaces from many traditions have acted in just this way . . .

## Stoking the Fires Of Creativity

### Abbotsford Convent -

### 1 St Helliers Rd Abbotsford- Melway 44 G5

The Abbotsford Convent Foundation, A Not For Profit Organisation, has an extensive Wellness Centre and a role in developing the arts, culture and education. Lauren Artress will dedicate the labyrinth site and conduct a day long workshop "Stoking the Fires of Creativity " on Easter Monday – March 24 in the Refectory from 9.30am – 5.00pm. \$100 (includes tea and simple lunch). Bring a notebook.

**Bookings** 0419 444 808

Creating the Labyrinth in this environment is a wonderful initiative and will take a lot of work and resources!. Anyone interested in helping can call Jo Mott on 0407 106 612.

<http://www.abbotsfordconvent.com.au/wellbeing>

**Links to Labyrinth Networks. These links are provide as a resource and are a regular feature of the newsletter.**

- **Building Labyrinths** Robert Ferre  
<http://www.labyrinth-enterprises.com/>
- **Dowsing Labyrinths** Sig Lonegren  
[www.geomancy.org/sacred-space/labyrinths/about-labyrinths/locating-and-building/index.html](http://www.geomancy.org/sacred-space/labyrinths/about-labyrinths/locating-and-building/index.html)
- **Veriditas Facilitator Training**  
<http://www.veriditas.net/>

- **Australian Labyrinth Network**  
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[http://www.labyrinthlinkaustralia.org/about\\_us.htm](http://www.labyrinthlinkaustralia.org/about_us.htm)
- **Worldwide Labyrinth Locator**  
<http://www.veriditas.labyrinthsociety.org>
- **The Labyrinth Society, Inc**  
<http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/>
- **Labyrinth Society Annual Gathering**  
[http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/annual\\_gathering.phtml](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/annual_gathering.phtml)
- **Become a Region Representative of the Labyrinth Society**  
<http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/communiques.html>
- **Join the Membership to the Labyrinth Society**  
<http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/membership.phtml>
- **Art Line Across America**  
<http://www.theartline.org/about.html>
- **Images for printed materials and finger labyrinths etc**  
[http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/about\\_labyrinths.html#](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/about_labyrinths.html#)
- **Labyrinths in schools**  
[http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/in\\_schools.html](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/html/in_schools.html)

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