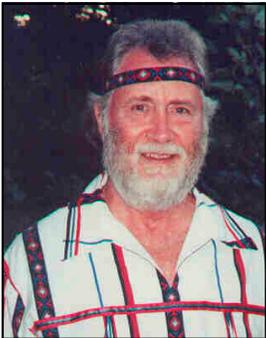


Drum Dance

October 3 - 5



Perry Robinson
Drum Dance Chief

As Drum Dance Chief, I call the Dancers together and lead the dance. Those who show up, then, create the Drum Dance in our midst. The Drummers, the Dancers, the Fire Keepers, the Kitchen Angels, the Chief, and the other Support Staff, yielding to the supportive Presence of Spirit, co-create the Dance. The Dance always comes; we are changed; we are filled.

Like all mystical experiences, words fail to describe the Drum Dance in a definitive way. When Joseph Rael, Beautiful Painted Arrow, led the first Drum Dance here in 1994, a vision came to me, which has been growing and guiding my life ever since. I will always be grateful to Joseph for all that he has done for so many of us in bringing the dances

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The Men's Hollow Bone Dance

September 12-15

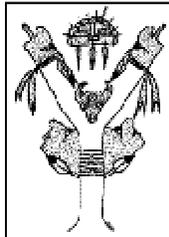
Steve Citty is Dance Chief.

The Hollow Bone Dance is simple in form. Dancers, tree, whistles, dance skirts and fire.

Like the sacred Sun-Moon Dance, the Hollow Bone Dance is about bringing peace to the land through fasting, prayer and movement. It is danced as a blessing to Mother Earth and dance of dedicating ourselves to the service of the People.

It is also about gaining personal inspiration, breaking out of the stuck places in our lives, and moving into alignment with

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Corn Harvest Dance

October 24 - 26

by Chief FireBear

Information about having a Corn Harvest Dance was given to me at my 4th Web of Life Dance.

A vision: War arrows were being shot into the sky. As the arrows neared the apex, they turned into corn arrows and fell into the Earth as planted corn. The Energy of this Dance deals with Harvesting that which we have planted as well as transforming negative energy into positive energy.

This year the Corn Harvest Dance will be held October 24-26, 2008 (Friday-Sunday) at the Center for Peace. It is a dance of celebration for all that you have harvested in your life in the past year: it is also a dance of intention for those things you want to harvest next year.

The drummers, fire singers, fire keepers, moon mother, and chief are all in the arbor and all dance with the dancers. Everyone fasts. It is a dance powerful in its transformational ability to break old patterns and experience joy.

This dance is different than many dances in terms of participatory interaction. Different rounds honor different aspects of our reluctance to receive abundance and love, exploration of various heart strangling and heart opening exercises, and our thanksgiving for our continued abundance.

This is the year for the Horn of Plenty to pour out onto our solar system. The cost of dances is often a big consideration-especially with all dance opportunities that are now available in the Dance Community worldwide. Although we never charge for ceremony, there are costs of production as well as on-going expenses for running the Center for Peace. At the first Corn Harvest Dance and have each year since, a basket has been placed in the center of the Dance Arbor. When the Dance starts, each dancer (including support workers/dancers)

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Events

September

September 3 - 7 pm

Drumming Circle

September 7 - Council Mtg

4pm; Fire Ceremony-6:45pm

September 12-15

Hollow Bone Dance

Sept 14 - 5:00 pm

Alliance for Spiritual Ecology

September 18 - 6:30 pm Thurs

Sweat Lodge

October

October 1- 7 pm

Drumming Circle

October 3-5,

Drum Dance

October 7- 6:45 pm

Fire Ceremony

October 11- 9:00 am

Work is Worship

October 12- 5:00 pm

Alliance for Spiritual Ecology

October 19-4:00pm

Council Meeting

October 24-26,

Corn Harvest Dance

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Drumming Circle

As most of you know, drumming is a powerful, sometimes dramatic, way to break into other levels of our mind. Sensitive instruments can measure the way that drumming affects the brain waves. That's the reason for tens of thousands of years the shaman has journeyed with the drum.

This drumming is not specifically for journeying; but you get to use it whatever way you wish – including having a good time going it!

So, on the First Wednesday of the month, bring your drum, and come join us.

All are welcome.

Perry Robinson

We are the only hands that God's got!

To paraphrase "Pray hard and pass the nails."

We have been very blessed here at the Center for Peace with a beautiful piece of property and the prosperity to maintain tools that are essential in its upkeep. We have also always been blessed with enough helping hands to get the necessary work done.

Sometimes this phrase "Work is worship" is misunderstood as being a way of getting free "slave" labor. When work is looked at as a joyous way to use the body, the mind and the Spirit that God has given us to provide comfort for our friends and Family, Work truly can be a form of worship.

There are many ways to be in community and this is one that benefits our Spiritual home. So come on out! There is plenty to do, from dusting the gift shop shelves to cleaning the kitchen, preparing lunch for the outside crew. Our beautiful meadow needs mowing and looking after, firewood cut and split.

Directions: From SEVIERVILLE

Go toward Knoxville on Chapman Highway [US441/US411].

7.0 miles from the Junction of Hwy 66 Turn Left onto Sugar Loaf Road.

Go 1.6 miles to Graves-Delozier Road.

Right up Hill, stay to the Right,

CENTER FOR PEACE on Right at top of hill.

Directions: From KNOXVILLE

Go toward Sevierville on Chapman Highway [US441].

From the Henley Street Bridge go 11.3 miles to the junction of US 411 (Maryville Highway)

Continue on US 441/US 411 4.8 miles

Turn Right onto Sugar Loaf Road.

Go 1.6 miles to Graves-Delozier Road.

Right up Hill, stay to the Right, CENTER FOR PEACE on Right at top of hill.

here to the Center for Peace. I am now humbly grateful to be leading this Dance in the heritage which he left with us.

Last year, with one registered dancer [!], we had one of the most extraordinary experiences I have ever had in this dance. Knowing that there are no accidents, during the Sweat Lodge prior to the Dance, we asked what form the Dance might take with one dancer. We heard; we followed what we heard; and we were "blown away" by the Dance! I think everyone involved left that Dance with a sense of trust and grace, and with a desire that others had had the benefit of what we experienced.

This year, Spirit Of Life In All Things has guided me to offer the Drum Dance as a Give-Away. It is my desire that all, who wish to be involved in the Drum Dance here, shall feel at liberty to show up and that each contribute to the Dance what Spirit suggests. For me, as Dance Chief, this is an offering of this Dance into Spirit, knowing that Spirit will accomplish in and through this Dance, that which is good for the People.

We shall ask during the Sweat Lodge about the Dance and follow what is given.

"The Drum will call you!" If you feel the call of the Drum, come; come to the Dance.

For information or if you need answers to questions, call Perry [865 428-3070] or Drum Dance Coordinator, Marcus We-
seman [865-463-1002 (evening) and 576-3420 (daytime)].

If you would like to be included in our email list, go to our website

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And click on "email list". Then simply add your name.

Journey for the One! Available Now

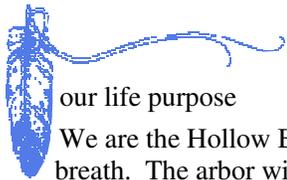
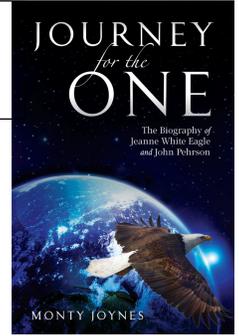
The book is HERE! The Center gift shop will have autographed copies available very soon (early September). Nan and I got a copy from Jeanne & John this past weekend when we were in Ireland and it is a beautiful book. Check it out it may have your name and story in it.

The publication of Journey For The One: The Biography of Jeanne White Eagle and John Pehrson by author Monty Joynes. Jeanne and John's spiritual journey that has resulted in the "For The One" Dances is also our story.

This is an incredible opportunity to get a first edition of a book that will soon be on everyone's "Must Read" list.

Monty Joynes has written books about the making of the movies "Conversations With God" by Neale Donald Walsch.; and "The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield."

The price is \$18.95. All Underwriter copies are autographed by Jeanne, John, and Monty.



Men's Hollow Bone Dance

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our life purpose

We are the Hollow Bone through which Spirit moves as breath. The arbor with the central tree is a representation of the world (matter) and the dance is movement. The three are Wah Ma Chi, the act of creator creating.

The Hollow Bone Dance is danced with no drumming, no singing, and very little support from outside the dance arbor. This encourages the dancers to learn to depend on others who are dancing the dance of life with them in the time they are dancing. .

A dance for men to recognize the ways in which men are like one another and to remember that we as men are here to serve, the Hollow Bone is open to all men who seek the inspiration to live a life of greater spiritual awareness and service.

For information on dancing the Hollow Bone Dance contact: Chief: Steve Citty (865) 212-4800



Native Nurturing Overnight Coming November 8

A weekend retreat for parents and their children
Teachings of the Old Way

The children will learn about Ceremony, Drumming, the Four Directions, Story Telling, and Chanting.

On Saturday morning there will be a Children's Sweat Lodge, Give Away and Feast Enjoyable, helpful learning for the young and old

Cost: \$50 per child or \$100 per family group

Nan Citty 865-405-6809 or

Katy Koontz 865-693-9845

Book Review

The Spontaneous Healing of Belief-- Shattering the Paradigm of False Limits

by Gregg Braden

Gregg Braden has a deserved reputation as one of the current masters of New Age thought, with books such as *Awakening to Zero Point* and *Walking Between the Worlds*. I wish I could as unreservedly acclaim his newest book *The Spontaneous Healing of Belief--Shattering the Paradigm of False Limits*. There is some real meat here, it's just hidden in sections that left me thinking "where are you going here, Gregg?"

When a writer tackles a subject that is as complex as quantum physics, there has to be a build up to the subject with some basic data and some of the information has been presented in other books he has written. So the early chapters can be excused for being somewhat rehashed. Then his computer analogy kicks in, "thoughts are computer commands, emotion starts the work and feelings/beliefs are the completion code." This seemed to me to be the explanation of the success or failure of manifestation teachings such as *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne.

Chapter Three digs into subconscious thought with some really interesting ways to bring our early childhood training to the forefront of the conscious mind and the ways in which a person's belief structures their world. There is a long story about meeting a man with Jesus' stigmata, which I could not help thinking he put in just because it is a great story rather than it's relevance to the chapter.

Lest you believe that I really disliked this book, I now want to say that I really

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We are located on sixteen acres in Seymour, TN, in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Our facilities include a Peace Sound Chamber (a building used for chanting, ceremonies, and vision quests), a sweat lodge, a medicine wheel, dance arbor, open meadow, some peaceful woods and a gift shop.

appreciated where the author went in the chapter about "good and evil" and the overall safety of the world I live in. It all comes down to what "I" believe about myself and the worldview that I embrace. Truly, people whose views are "at the core of our being that life is a rare and precious gift" lead different lives than those who believe that the world is a dangerous place.

After several meaty chapters about how to identify and heal personal beliefs, the author returns to the computer analogy and posits in the last chapter "would we know if we were living in a computer simulation?" Shades of the movie *The Matrix*! One review of the book I read on Amazon.com said that it could have benefited from some judicious help from an editor. I concur. There is some good stuff here, you just have to mine to find it!

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Internet Musings

Our own Reverend Rose (Cheryl Patterson) has a blog spot on the internet! "All Things Spiritual" can be found at:
www.CRosenotes.blogspot.com

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Corn Harvest Dance

goes to the basket. And places their "harvest" of money, gifts or IOU's for money, services, or goods in the basket.

Different rounds honor different aspects of our reluctance to receive abundance and love, exploration of various heart strangling and heart opening exercises, and our thanksgiving for our continued abundance.

The energy of the gift is part of your dance and your harvest for the next year. At the end of the Dance you will be given another opportunity to go to the basket. At this time you may place additional "seeds" of money or exchange anything you placed at the beginning. This is an opportunity to see what your mind does with monetary/gifts and allows you to set your own price based on your financial situation. **This will enable any person to dance without money being the deciding factor.** Normally the fee for a dance of this duration would be \$350.00.

"We will give thanks for the harvests in our lives.

We will celebrate our successes.
We will remember our blessings.
We will dance in the Harvest Moonlight amid the autumn palette of the Mountains
In an ancient corn field
Remembering the Harvests."

Joseph Rael relates, "*People who dance the Corn Dance are harvesters of beauty for all life.*" "*The Corn Harvest Dance is a celebration of everything we have cultivated in life, such as life, love, and song.*"

You may wear whatever costumes/regalia that express your joy. Please bring/make an animal mask and bring 5# of cornmeal or dried corn. We will have a giveaway at the end at the Dance after the feast. Bring a tent, bedding and personal items for camping in the meadow.

If you are called, **please come dance the Corn Harvest** with us- there is no age limit- (please call the chief and discuss the presence of children under 12).

If you have any questions concerning this dance, call FireBear at 865-933-9327.

Perry's Ponderings

"The Fall"

By Perry Robinson

This is an election year; and the political rhetoric is heating up. I hope I do not get as caught up in the "importance" of this election as I did in 2004. [My only excuse is that my brain got badly shook up in our "accident" in May, 2004, when our van rolled completely over and spun completely around on the free-way.] It is not that national, state, and local issues are not important. It is just that the ultimate solutions to national, state, and local issues are not in politics – or religion, for that matter. Ultimate solutions come, when citizens are informed and are moved to act upon their deepest integrity.

With a few brilliant exceptions, politics [mostly ideology and theory, often based in misinformation] and religion [mostly second-hand spirituality and dogma] have more often shown themselves to offer side tracks for the process of true change. This is the "gospel according to Perry". One brilliant exception was the formation of this nation with its Constitution [much of it, I have been told, borrowed from the wisdom of the Iroquois Federation].

So, I encourage all citizens to vote, to follow the heart in doing so, and then proceed to be a citizen living from the deepest possible place of integrity.

Integrity: the maddening thing about integrity is that it is entirely personal. Political parties, religious institutions, gurus, spiritual teachers, – not even Perry Robinson – cannot define for you what makes up your integrity. The only point at which I have a right to question your integrity is, when it starts overflowing into and interfering with my – or other people's – sacred space.

I like to think of this season as a time of reassessment and recommitment. We are entering into the fall season, the time of the harvest, the ingathering, the maturing of what was planted and has grown through the summer season. There is a lot here for us to look at and pray about.

Going around the sacred circle, the child was born [east, spring], grew up from childhood into young adulthood [south, summer], and matured [west, fall], fulfilling the hopes, dreams, and mindsets adopted in the early years. If you are an adult now and desire to understand why your life has emerged in its present form, you have an opportunity to look back over your childhood and youthful years and check out the quality of your thoughts, emotions, and ideas; for they were the precise creators of your present life! What you see is what you get, when you plant those seeds!

If I do not like what I am experiencing right now, I can either do nothing, and remain as I am; or I can change my intent, begin declaring my new intent, and change my life. The power of the sacred dances is in that they help us to speed up that process – if I desire to do so.

This is not spiritual "woowoo" stuff, you know! When I have a health challenge, I begin immediately to look for those earlier thoughts, emotions, mindsets, and values, in the pursuit of which I manifested this health condition. No one did it to me. I am not the victim of germs or accidents; I am only the victim of my own form

of craziness. When I accept responsibility for my own craziness and assume response ability for corrective behavior, the condition begins improving. It has no choice; because my body is an artifact totally controlled by my consciousness – conscious, subconscious, and superconscious [noticed that last word is not "acceptable" to the computer dictionary].

Likewise, when I feel depressed or anxious, I begin to look for the thoughts, emotions, and mindsets that are involved. It works, when I work it. When I ignore it, nothing works very well.

Therein lies the point of this writing. Everyone who reads this article is a person who knows a good deal about self, the nature of the world, and the power and potential of human beings. One of the hidden traps of the commercial society in which we live is that we accept the idea that everything that we desire is outside our self; and, if we desire it, we must pay the price to get it.

Spiritually, that means that people, without thinking about it, act as if their spiritual awakening comes from "purchasing" the teachings of the right people, reading the right books, doing the things that someone [whom we paid for their wisdom] said we must do.

All the while EVERYTHING that you need for spiritual awakening is already inside you, waiting for you to accept it and live it.

The best things in life ARE STILL free; for we still live in the Garden of Eden, full to overflowing with Love, Wisdom, Grace, Power, and all Good Things!

Churches, spiritual organizations, spiritual teachers, gurus, and masters help us to remember who WE ARE, what our power is, our true worth and beauty. If the Center for Peace offers anything to anyone, that is it. That help in memory is important and is worth something and worth supporting; AND the worth, beauty, power, and wisdom are already in you. Whatever love, whatever wisdom, whatever grace or healing you seek is already within you. That is the reason, then, that you can recognize what is yours to take and work with at any given time from among the things that spiritual teachers offer up to your memory.

Of course, you know all of that; I'm just reminding you. The "reason for this season" in this nation and world's history is that it offers us all an opportunity to be who we are in our fullness and to act in all things with as much integrity as we can remember!

This is 2008, only four years from 2012, when we shall have an opportunity, I believe, to pass through a great shift in consciousness. It is time for the ingathering of all the grandest wisdom we are willing to remember. It is time for a great forgiveness [like separating the grain from the weeds] of all the stupid things we as human beings have been doing for tens of thousands of years. It is time for the Light of Creator, forever seeded in the human heart, to mature into its most brilliant forms. It is time for us all in a vast "ho'oponopono" to speak into the universe, "I'm sorry; I love you!"

[If you don't recognize "ho-oponopono", I'll be offering a workshop on Huna again one of these days!]

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Core Activities

Sweat Lodges

Sept. 18: 7pm Thurs., Sept. 27-10am

A sweat lodge, or a stone people's lodge, can be an intensely rewarding experience. By entering the mother's womb (the



lodge) we seek purification and a deeper spiritual awareness through prayer. The steam, heat, and darkness help hold our prayers and add to our personal introspection. The pourer (leader of the lodge), with help from the fire tender, strives to hold a place of safety and security while setting the intent of the lodge. The medicine of the pourer and of each participant helps to enrich the lessons of the lodge.

Times for Saturday sweats reflect the approximate time the fire will be started. Times for Thursday sweats reflect the approximate earliest time participants will enter the lodge. We suggest participants arrive early to gain the full benefit.

Bring two towels, modest clothes for the sweat (clothes you don't mind getting dirty), change of clothes (for afterwards), food (for the feast), and a flashlight (for evening sweats). Gifting the Center, the lodge, the fire tender, and/or the leader is appropriate but not required.

Donations appreciated

For more information, call the Center (865) 428-3070

Council Meeting

—See calendar

This is the gathering of the board of directors to discuss new ideas, future projects, and events. Feel free to come with suggestions and comments.

Sept. 7: 4pm, - visitors welcome

Oct. 19: 4pm, - visitors welcome

For more information, call the Center at (865) 428-3070.

Alliance for Spiritual Ecology

— See calendar for dates

The Alliance for Spiritual Ecology is an alliance among humans and between the human and elemental kingdoms.

Peter Calhoun describes in [Soul on Fire](#) how simple ceremonies by only a few people, can accomplish the seemingly impossible.

The purpose of this Alliance is to begin locally and expand to a world-wide group of people dedicated to protect both the sacred sites of Earth and environmentally sensitive areas

The Alliance is also established to heal areas that have been abused and brought into unbalance; and areas stricken by drought and excessive rainfall.

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For more information, call Al Fletcher

Drumming Circle

— First Wednesday of each month.

7 pm

Drumming is a powerful, sometimes dramatic, way to break into other levels of our mind. Sensitive instruments can measure the way that drumming affects the brain waves. That's the reason for tens of thousands of years the shaman has journeyed with the drum.

This drumming is not specifically for journeying; but you get to use it whatever way you wish – including having a good time doing it!

So, on the First Wednesday of the month, bring your drum, and come join us.

Work is Worship

Oct 11 @ 9am

Preparation for Dance
Lunch provided.



Steve Citty (865) 212-4800 or Perry Robinson (865) 428-3070

Chanting in the Chamber

The Peace Sound Chamber is available for chanting, vision quests, ceremonies of all types.

You are encouraged to come to the chamber and chant, drum, meditate or simply sit (the chamber Spirits love it); please check first that there is not something already scheduled.



Fire Ceremony

— 7th of each month, 7 pm

This ceremony came from a vision Joseph Rael had in 1984. Its purpose is to heal and purify both the planet's physical oceans and the oceans of cosmic thought. Through healing our own confusion, Joseph was told by Oceanus (creator spirit of the ocean), we can heal the confusion of the physical world.



At 7 pm local time, fire elders light ceremonial fires at each of the Peace Sound Chambers around the world. Those present watch the fire in silence until it burns out, giving to it what we want to transmute in our lives and staying open to the messages and teachings it brings. All are welcome. We suggest you arrive around 6:45 pm.

Donations appreciated

For more information, call Katy Koontz at (865) 693-9845.

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September,-October 2008

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Children's Overnight

We offer many opportunities, such as:

- Visionary dances
- Sweat lodges
- Fire ceremonies
- Chanting/drumming gatherings
- Young people's ceremonies and activities
- Core shamanism
- Huna shamanism
- Vision quests
- Firewalks
- Teachings on drumming and working with fire
- Workshops on various topics like numerology, fire walking, Druidic traditions, sound healing and chanting, shamanic studies, and many more
- Book groups
- Ceremonies of initiation
- Supporting ceremonies in the local, regional, and international communities
- A safe, family-like environment to grow in

For more information, call
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