

Dear Subscriber,

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Welcome to June Labyrinth Walkers...

It's About Time



Elemental and given to us at our conception, time emerges with our birth and appears to cease with our death. Truly time marches on, though it is a relevant issue and the dimensions of it as we know it are endlessly seeking meaning and purpose of it. One thing we know for sure, it passes slowly in our youth and ever too quickly as we age. As we travel through life we become more in tune with it and aligned with our purpose and practice knowing that none of us lasts forever. It is the contributions that we make while we are here that use it up well and all the rest is but a learning experience about how we end up where we

are.

Being that June marks a mid point in our calendar, time is a relevant issue and ever our opportunity to take a look at what we have created towards our purpose in the past six months. At the mid point we can also turn to look at what is to come, planning and delicious anticipation of our expectations. Being that the labyrinth can also be a calendar instrument it seems a fitting tribute to pay tribute and attention to the details of time on the path.

"Time is the wisest counselor of all"
Pericles

June in the world

June 1st is the meteorological beginning of summer in the northern hemisphere and conversely the meteorological beginning of winter in the southern hemisphere. It is also the marker for the summer solstice that joins us on the 21st for the official calendar start of summer. In Latin translation it can be described as youth and for many summers brings with it a sort of youthful bliss, lighter and more active without our heavy garments for warmth and comfort. We remember our Fathers this month, wave our flags, celebrate school transitions and new unions. Allow the significance of mid year to be important in your



journeys ahead.

Summer Solstice



The Solstice represents the longest day of the year and the shortest night. From this point in our calendar the days become progressively shorter. Summer begins and with it there is the tending of the fields to create sustenance beyond the six months that follow. For our friends in the southern hemisphere the winter season begins. Depending upon your location, the "estival solstice" refers to the north and where we derive the term "festival", while the "hibernal solstice" that arrives in the southern hemisphere reminds us of the hibernating nature that draws us inward during the winter months. Relative to the

labyrinth it can mean your entrance or exit walk depending upon your point of view or chosen focus or a time. Consider the external celebrations and/or the internal hibernations of your walk as relative to the season and it just might yield some great insights.

Enjoy a [Video link](#) to a sand labyrinth being built for the summer solstice of 2012 in Santa Cruz California. Watch as it is built and how it begins to erode back into the sand as the light of the day passes into the next.

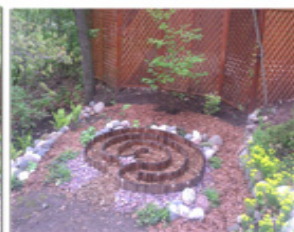
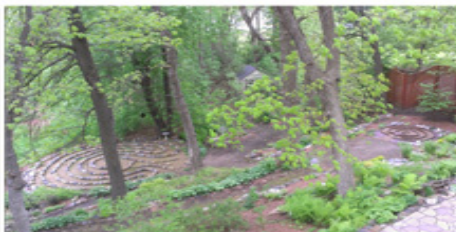
**"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity."
Henry Van Dyke**

Garden Labyrinths

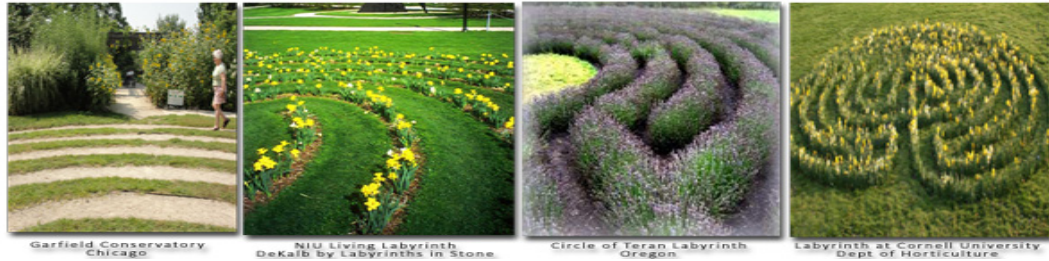


Our focus this month is on the great outdoors and the garden variety labyrinths that exist in the world. We can be genuinely impressed with the sleek stone labyrinths crafted and carved with care and intent as they set permanent markers in the world, though there is something quite significant about the labyrinth that is created as a growing and breathing monument to life in the simple backyard settings that also have a permanence about them in a different way. In travels we may have come across some of these

designs and in many there is a story that emerges flowering and blossoming like the seeds that began them. The designs are rich and cultivated and many speak of the therapeutic reflection of caring for the labyrinth in the annual planting and maintenance from spring to fall and how they also serve in the winter months to reflect the times of sowing and reaping. *The design shown was created by an artist in the Rockton, IL area. She cultivates joy in the design each year.*



The images above come from Mary's gardens and depict a growth from a curiosity to a creativity and there is still room for more. What does your garden include? Enjoy these labyrinths that become a part of the landscape, the ones that become a centerpiece and the ones that are a combination of attention and collaboration with the great outdoors. The Garfield Park Conservatory nests a labyrinth inside their botanical settings and the Living Labyrinth at Northern Illinois University was a project that became a major collaboration of departments and individuals from our Labyrinth Society.



The Circle of Teran labyrinth is a labor of love dedicated to the loss of a son, planting lavender each year the parents feel it is growing the love. At Cornell University students of the Horticulture department are growing many things on campus and the labyrinth's representation is communication of its importance. Gardening, cultivation and dedication create the purpose and time that yields more of a labyrinth by what is put into it. Those who have nurtured a labyrinth in their back yard or in community know much about this.

“The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.”
Bertrand Russell

Midyear questions

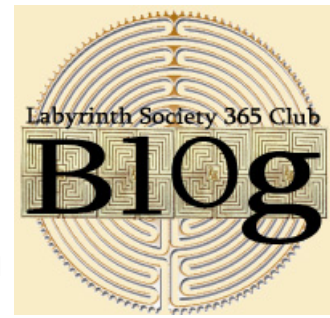


As we approach the midpoint of our year we thought it a good time to begin letting you know that we will be forming a survey to help us continue the year and plan ideas and actions for next year regarding what would be most helpful, useful and purposeful for this daily walking club. Your insights and helpful notes are giving us some clues, though we don't hear from that many and to know when and if we are on target, we thought to ask a moment of your time to check in. We won't be launching our survey until the fall and will also have it available at the annual gathering for those who are joining us on Vancouver Island. This is just a first notice of our intention so that you will begin to think now about what would be most helpful to you and for the good of all. As always, we are most appreciative of your sharing and stories!

“Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday”
Unknown

Blog Updates

In the month of May we found we weren't as present in the blog as we would have liked offering daily thoughts and/or images to reflect upon. That we chose the concept of Presence to be our theme for the month shows us just how fleeting it can be and the reality of the walk to be in presence in each moment. The idea was not about perfection, only about what it means, defining it in a way that makes it easier and meaningful to find more of it in each day. We walk each day, though in reflecting out loud each day in the blog, we found it wasn't only about our specific journey... it is the collective journey we would like to hear more about. So do please send your stories from the path that are reflective of our months theme. Commenting with your story is the easiest way to make use of the blog and to share in making this a worthwhile adventure for all.



We are being asked for images, and link backs to other sites in the blog. We are refraining from connecting to other sites to keep our group purpose in tact, though once on the web, we are open to interest from others. Regarding photos, you will find that the majority of the posts do have reference to where the images portray links or photo credits. We submit many images we have created or taken photos of ourselves so don't tend to credit them and there are the occasional mishaps where it has been an oversight. Our intentions are well meaning and we ask that you continue to help us by letting us know where we have made error, though do please balance out your corrections with a story you can share too and we will be so much more delighted for your genuine care.

[Enjoy our blog!](#)

News and updates



The Gathering is coming...We'll be there! Look for your Invitation to the 365 Club reception and a daily walk each day to be posted as we get nearer the September date for Vancouver Island. The [registration is now open](#) and registrars are waiting to hear of your attendance.

We hope the idea of time permeates and percolates discussions and ideas in your walk this month. May you wave your flags proudly, embrace the solstice and celebrate Fathers eagerly this month. We continue to walk and send abundant well being to all who choose to take the walk daily. May your steps be in tune with the time you take and may it all be blessed in Kairos time... which is always the right time!



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