



# Earth Center / Peace Chamber

*Foundation for Earth's Ancestral Voices*

February 2008



## Exciting Full Dance Schedule

### May 31: Long Dance

It is an ancient ritual that is danced at night. The Long Dance is a powerful vehicle of change. Your intention provides the power, nature & direction of the Dance. The dance brings to conscious levels of awareness the vibrational essences that make up God's perceptual realities.

### July 4: Sun Moon Dance

The four days of the Sun Moon Dance bring many teachings. The dance arbor is the sacred Medicine Wheel, and represents the world and the life it contains and nurtures. Through willingness to invest effort, seekers receive inspiration to live a life of greater spiritual awareness. In the dance, we work to bring

in the directional energies of the east, south, west, north, up above, and down below. The web of energy created by the dancers transforms the land, and permeates the world to bring healing.

### Aug. 29: Drum Dance

The three day Drum Dance is an opportunity to heal lineage for 7 generations both past and future. The dancers move rhythmically on their path towards "truth" represented by hanging feathers. The dancers dance the vibration of sound, bouncing back (past) and forth (future), returning to present memory. Resonating vibration of sound shifts consciousness because the energies want to dance effortlessly between the present and future in harmony.

### Aug. 1: Hochaka Dance

Hochaka is the Lakota people's word for a sacred altar or circle. Join us in creating an altar, a sacred circle to build a spiritual family. We support each other in prayer and ceremony. We will dance to our own beat of rattles and whistles. We will dance to the tree of Life. There is no drum. There is no crew, only the vibration of the group. We are collectively everything that is needed. We create through dance our commitment to the Hochaka.

**Celebrate Life!**  
Come share in Ceremony  
and Dance with Us.

*Special Thank you to all who have come in service to celebrate the dance!*

*To Sally Perry for the 9 years she graced this land to lead the Long Dance, Drum Dance & the Sun Moon Dance. For all her students she brought,*

*To Jeffrey Goldwasser for Drum Dance assistance,*

*To Patty Coleman, Sherry & Altazar Smith, Gary Hyche, Kay & Bruce Bailey, Jack Albertz, Lisa Bequillard, Maria Scalise, Charles Vaughan & Scott Kingston at the Drum,*

*To Mike Strawbridge, Thalia Morris & Sandra Grace in the kitchen,*

*To David LeClair for years at the fire and being Alpha Dog,*

*To Burt Shaffer for support and strength of a Sun Father,*

*To Brian Morris for tireless chopping wood and carrying water to tend the fires and care for the Dancers,*

*To Stephanie Dutcher for always being there for me!*



## New Sun Moon Dance Chief Dr. Jeffrey Goldwasser

We are excited to introduce Dr Jeffrey Goldwasser, the new Chief of the Sun Moon Dance. Jeffrey is no stranger to the Earth Center, Peace Chamber or the Dance. He is a 6 year Drum Dancer and a 4 year Sun Moon Dancer. He has assisted at the Drum Dance for the past four years and at the Sun Moon Dance since he finished his 4 yr. commitment. Joseph Rael blessed Jeffrey to now lead this Dance.

Jeffrey's passion is healing – healing self, family and community. He has been a chiropractor for 23 years and involved in the healing arts for 30 years. Healing for him involves not just the physical, but also the mental and spiritual levels. He believes when we change ourselves, we change the world. He currently practices in Asheville and Sylva, and has lived in the area for 8

years since moving here from Greenfield, Massachusetts. He is an International Leader in the Man-Kind Project, a non-profit educational and training organization for men. Jeffrey is a healer by profession & heart.



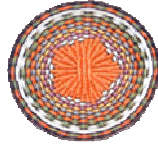
**Jeffrey is a mentor  
& teacher to many.**

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### Schedule of Events Highlights

- **March 14–16: Basic Fan Class**
- **April 4-6: Creative Fan Class**
- **April 26: Beading Class**
- **May 2-3: Lakota Elder Steve Dubray**
- **May 17: Children's Dance**
- **May 31: Long Dance**
- **June 5-8: Vision Quest**
- **June 22: Swami Parmanandji**
- **July 4-7: Sun Moon Dance**
- **August 1-3: Hochaka Dance**
- **August 8-10: Women's Rites of Passage**
- **August 29-31: Drum Dance**
- **September 26-29: Vision Quest**



## Satsung with Swami Parmanandji

Sunday Evening June 22 in the Peace Chamber 7pm



Swami Parmanand is recognized and honored in India as an enlightened Holy Man with a following of millions of people around the globe.

For 5 decades, Swami has been guiding others to their own self-realization.

He fosters hundreds of social projects through Akhand Paramdham, the non-profit organization that manages his programs.

Swamiji teaches the Vedant which believes there is just One Supreme Soul that permeates the universe, which we are all a part of. His message is simple: 'Know Thyself'... and his techniques to attaining this knowledge are as vast as the ocean.

Rare opportunity to attend a 4 Day Intensive Asheville Retreat with Swami...Call 828-713-8845

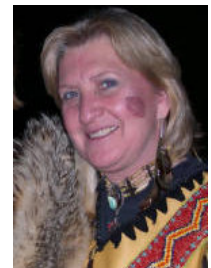


## Women's Initiation into Womanhood Ceremony "Rites of Passage" August 8-10

Angie Bear Heart will lead this ceremony handed down by Beautiful Painted Arrow to celebrate our femininity and point us with a sense of purpose and increased awareness into our life work and future development.

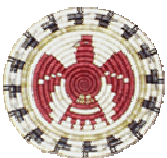
As mature females they have grown rich in experience and wisdom by living long in the world. It is a traditional way of nourishing and supporting women.

We will spend time in a creative, reflective state, drawing on our fertile senses and many modes of witnessing life around us.



We will move into celebration of our arrival at a new phase of our life.

Call for more details



## Visit with Lakota Elder Steve Dubray May 2 - May 3

I am very excited to invite you to the Mountains and visit with Steve Dubray. Steve is the son of the late Grandfather Dubray and is now filling those shoes with the humbleness of true spiritual leader.

Chief Red Cloud and other elders gave him the honor of being the Sun Dance Chief of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux). He is a Sun Dance leader, a medicine man, and one of the most caring two legged you could ever meet. He also has a sense of humor that will keep you on your toes.

Steve lives on the Pine Ridge Reservation which is one of the most poverty stricken areas in our country. Like his father, he sees himself as a common man and an instrument of the Creator.

On Friday night, we will be holding an evening to enjoy the humor, the culture and the deep wisdom that lives with-in this incredible man. He says visit because he wants to hear and get to know you also.

Saturday we will continue the visit. Bring food to share and a heart to hear the wisdom. Later in the day? sometime? Indian time? we will join in an inipi (sweat lodge) ceremony. As Steve says, "Spirit has no time so don't put me on a schedule".

Private sessions with Steve will be offered. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP for more information and to set a time. His time fills up quickly.

This is your opportunity to Sponsor or be a participant in this Gathering!

There is a suggested donation of \$20 for Friday night and a \$75 donation for Friday & Saturday. Your generous donations are appreciated and help to cover travel and other expenses for him and his son to be here. Donations also help Steve help his people. No one will be turned away for lack of money. Tobacco is an appropriate gift and anything else you would like to gift him or his son.

Please RSVP for the weekend as soon as possible. Space will be limited.

Early donations with your RSVP would help to cover his plane fare.

You can donate using your credit card on our "Donations" page of the <http://www.peacechamber.com> website.



## 2008 Calendar of Events

Note: See our web site for details and download flyers about these events [www.peacechamber.com](http://www.peacechamber.com)

### March

1 *OPEN*  
7-9 *OPEN*  
14-16 **Basic Fan Class**  
22 **Full Crow Moon Equinox Sweat**  
29-31 *OPEN*

### April

4-6 **Special Projects Fan Class**  
11-13 *OPEN*  
19 **Full Pink Moon Sweat**  
19 **Sun Moon Dance Work Day**  
26 **Beading Class**

### May

2-3 **Lakota Elder Steve DuBray**  
9-11 **Men's weekend - Wayne Cave**  
17 **Children's Dance & Ceremony**  
24 **Full Flower Moon Sweat**  
31 **LONG DANCE**

### June

5-8 **SUMMER VISION QUEST**  
13-15 *OPEN*  
19-25 **Swami Parmanand Ash. Retreat**  
21 **Full Lovers' Moon Solstice Sweat**  
22 **Swami Parmanandji Satsung**  
28-29 **Workdays prep / Sun Moon**

### July

4-7 **SUN MOON DANCE**  
11-13 *OPEN*  
18-20 *OPEN*  
19 **Full Thunder Moon Sweat**  
25-27 *OPEN*

### August

1-3 **HOCHAKA DANCE**  
8-10 **Women's Rights of Passage**  
16 **Full Green Corn Moon Sweat**  
22-24 *OPEN*  
29-31 **DRUM DANCE**

There is never a charge for the Sweat Lodge Ceremony, donations and exchange of energy are greatly appreciated.



## Summer and Fall Vision Quest

Since the beginning of this cycle of time, humanity has returned to nature to connect with spirit and to seek answers to problems. There is something about being alone in the wilderness that brings us closer, makes us more aware of the 4 elements and our connection to a the creational source. We go to seek truth - divine realization - just as many of the ancient prophets did in their time.

It is a time of internal transformation and renewal. It is a period of solitude in which we seek an inner revelation ... a vision which grants profound meaning and direction to our life.

Please contact us if your inner being is searching for such an experience and exploration into yourself.

**Summer Quest: June 5-8**  
**Fall Quest: September 26-29**

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Download informational brochure on our website [Download page www.peacechamber.com](http://www.peacechamber.com)



## Ceremonial Fan Making Classes taught by Zoe

Zoe has over 20 years experience making fans and has many tricks and techniques to make a beautiful and strong fan. Her initial training to make fans came from an Shawnee elder who was one of the leading fan makers in the country. She takes great care and love in crafting each one. Her fans have been commissioned by people all over the world. You will learn her trade secrets!

**The Basis Class** ... Student will make a smudge fan in order to learn all the basic steps to take home and apply to own creations. (limit - 8 students)

**Creative Class** ... In this class, students will work, using their own feathers, to design a special creation with Zoe's expert guidance. (limit - 4 students)



Students from the Winter Class



The Foundation For Earth's Ancestral Voices is a Federal Tax Exempt Organization which maintains the Peace Chamber.

The Earth Center, home of Earth's Ancestral Voices (EAV), sits on 8 acres of land surrounded by an additional 40 acres of privately owned land in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. It is located in Swannanoa, just outside of Asheville. The main focal point is an acoustical 36 X 24 foot elliptical dome, which is 18 feet high in the center. The Swannanoa Peace

Chamber is the 18th chamber and started construction in 1990. There are over 60 chambers scattered around the world. The Chamber vision is one of Pueblo Ute Shaman named Joseph Rael. The United Nation supports this project due to its unilateral contribution towards peace on the planet.

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The doors are always open and we look forward to your visits. Contact Zoe if you would like to visit.



Visit and join the Foundation Meet-up site for up-to-date Calendar of events.  
<http://spiritualism.meetup.com/274/>

Funds are needed for maintenance of power, road, land taxes, and port-a-john. Also there are projects to beautify and make the chamber more accessible we wish to accomplish.

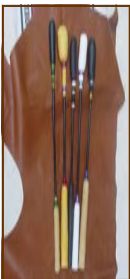
Project cost constitute volunteer labor to complete. Not only are funds in need, but Labors of Love contributions. Let us know if you want to help. Donations are appreciated both from us and future generation to enjoy this sacred space for quiet meditation & chants.

The projects estimated costs are:

1. Establish Camping Areas	\$2000.00
2. Face rock the outside Porch	1500.00
3. Radiant Floor Heat	4000.00
4. Tile floor	2500.00
5. Bring water to the site	6000.00
6. Build Compost Toilets	800.00
Total Funds Needed.....	\$16,800.00
Monthly Maintenance Cost:	\$170.00

**Donations are appreciated now & for future generation to enjoy this sacred space for quiet meditation & chants.**

## Earth Center Trading Post



Wolf Medicine PowWow style Drum Sticks: \$25  
The Wolf was the first singer and each beater is packed with Wolf wool donated by Wolf Creek Habitat and Rescue.



Custom Order Ceremonial Fans  
Each Fan is lovingly crafted by Zoe Bryant with prayers. She uses your special feathers the fans creation.



Turkey Bone Whistles: \$35  
(orders of 6 or more \$25 ea.)



Special order Medicine Bags, Beaded or Plain for your personal sacred items.



Zoe's Jellies & Jams made with pure Mountain berries.



Sacred Chanunpa Hand Crafted by Zoe  
*call for details.*

Introducing Octagon Barrel Native style Flutes by Brian Morris ShadowWalker



*They say the flute is an extension of the soul. Within its melodies, stories are told, and emotions are shared."*



Many who have visited us know Brian's magical touch with the fire energy and the dancers know his haunting night flute serenades. Brian's Octagon Barrel Flutes are crafted in native & exotic woods.

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