

## 13th Annual Labyrinth Society Gathering, Taos NM Oct. 20 – 24, 2011

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Taos, NM, the “land of enchantment” was the gathering place for the 13th annual Labyrinth Society gathering. The theme of the conference was, “Return from the Center: Open the Heart of Peace,” which explored ways in which labyrinth designs manifest peace, uniting all disciplines, cultures, the environment and the universe. Keynote speakers included Shamanic Medicine Woman Virginia LoneSky, Crop Circle Researcher Lucy Pringle, and Visionary Artist James Jereb, PhD, who addressed the emergence of the labyrinth as a way of creating new paths to peace, and the archetypal roles it has played in human and global transformation.



This was the 3rd conference I’ve attended, a time to renew old friendships, make new ones, and learn much more about labyrinths. I was inspired by a workshop on how labyrinths enhance family constellation work (workshop by Dorit Brauer) and to learn about “celestial labyrinths” from the work of Adrian Kezele in Croatia. The conference was mind-broadening as presentations were made about crop circles by a lovely English lady, Lucy Pringle, and about the use of labyrinths in Mayan culture, introduced by Ac Tah, a Mayan medicine man. We were treated to Native American singers and dancers, and one of the Thirteen Grandmothers, Grandmother Flordemayo created a moving opening ceremony for the conference. It’s a wonderful experience for me to attend these conferences – to be among people who love labyrinths as much (if not more) than I do, who understand what an incredible effect they have had on my life and in the lives of countless others.

