



VISION and HISTORY of REDSUN

Patty Meyer became interested in Labyrinths in 1997 after seeing an article in a local newspaper about one constructed on canvas that was available to walk at a Catholic church in Missoula. She never visited that particular one, but a friend told her about an experience she and her young daughter had in walking one. Patty searched for information on the internet and was immediately drawn to the pattern, especially the Chartres 11 circuit pattern, learning that it could be used as a walking meditation had appealed to her. Some of the books she researched were; Sig Lonegrens, "*Labyrinths - Ancient Myths & Modern Uses*" and Dr. Lauren Artress, "*Walking a Sacred Path*". Patty and her husband, Helmut, decided they would build one in the field on their property! In the fall of 1998 Patty also took an adult education class, "*The Artist's Way*", and building a labyrinth was her project, though no one had any idea of the undertaking.

Helmut and Patty spent two years constructing the **Redsun Labyrinth** using fieldstones and many hours of hard work. It was first made available to the public on **New Year's Eve 2000**. Much to their surprise, over 300 people came from all over western Montana to participate in that magical moment. A path lined by tiny white lights led to the 108' labyrinth which was surrounded by luminary. A steady stream of people came from sundown until midnight and even continued the following day.

Since that time, **Redsun Labyrinth** has been available to the public for individuals and groups. There have been a variety of events such as the Chalice of Repose, Dancers of Universal Peace, Qigong classes, birthday and wedding celebrations. There are approximately 2,000 people that visit the labyrinth annually.

Patty saw the labyrinth as *a place of possibilities*, unique to the individual and what they believe, a place to celebrate the rituals in our lives and a special place to reconnect with the earth. The labyrinth is *sacred space*, a place to travel inward to make new discoveries about the self and the soul.

Her vision lives on in the hearts of all who visit and share this extraordinary place.

In loving memory – Patty passed away in January of 2015

