

# The Wellspring

## Appalachian Chapter

American Society of Dowzers  
<http://www.wncdowers.org>

April - May 2013

*Appalachian Dowzers presents*

**Andrew Goodheart Brown**

### **The Dowser's Garden: Deepening the Connection**

Melding permaculture design principles with the intent of not only creating a healthy and abundant Garden of Eden, but also enhancing and deepening our connection to the life forces surrounding us, Andrew gives us understanding and insight into creating a Dowser's Garden and Orchard.

Andrew Goodheart Brown's credentials include: BA (Environmental Studies) from Warren Wilson College; MSc. (Sustainable Use of Natural Resources) from UW-Stevens Point; Permaculture Teacher (nationally and internationally) Consultant and Practitioner; International Consultant for Small Scale Sustainable Agriculture in developing countries; Endangered Species Observer; Field Biologist and Naturalist; Consultant for establishing and maintaining Home Orchards; Natural Foods Chef and Teacher; Southern Highland Craft Guild member; Home brewer & fermenter; Artisan bread baker, Dowser, Bee Keeper; and all around general Biophile (lover of life)...



The second part of the program will be a panel discussion and question-answering with Andrew and a few other persons knowledgeable in gardening, permaculture, beneficial landscaping, nature spirits etc. Come with all your gardening questions.

**Saturday, May 18, 2013 – 1 to 4 pm – Unity Center, Mills River, NC**

Members free • Nonmembers and guests \$10

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| 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  | Registration (books and dowsing instruments for sale)                         |
| 11:15 am - 12:45 pm | Introduction to Dowsing class with Lee Barnes (simple dowsing tools provided) |
| 11:15 am - 12:45 pm | Spiritual Dowsing class with Richard Crutchfield                              |
| 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm   | Program (snack break from 2:45 – 4:00 pm)                                     |
| 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm   | Business meeting for members with officer elections                           |

Directions: Take I-26 to Exit 40 (Airport and Rt. 280). Turn west toward the airport and Brevard. At about 1 mile past the second airport entrance, turn Right on Old Fanning Bridge Rd (green signs). Go 2 miles and the Unity Center sign and entrance will be on the left. (2041 Old Fanning Bridge Road; Mills River, NC 28759)

*President's Corner*

By Richard Cram

We are moving full speed ahead on all of our projects for this year. We are streamlining our check in procedure for our quarterly meetings to have smooth and easy sign up for members and guests. We are moving towards having a smart phone set up with our Pay Pal account to be used for those of you who want to use credit/debit cards in the purchase of dowsing supplies and books. We have lined up great speakers for the next three meetings. We will be filming each meeting and hope to have quick turnaround of dvd's for purchase either by mail or after the meeting.

We are working on plans for our South East Regional Dowzers event to happen this year if at all possible. W3ndy Owens is breaking new ground with younger folks' events that feature our chapter on hand for instruction and sales. W3ndy is asking for a couple of experienced dowzers to work the Pangea Fest music event in Rosman, near Brevard. It happens the same weekend as our May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a link to Pangea Fest:

<http://www.pureperceptionrecords.org/newreleases/welcome-to-pangea-pt-6/>

If anyone would like to volunteer for this, please contact her at 337-2577. There will be about 500 young folks and it would wonderful for us to have a booth representing our work.

I really feel that we, as a group of dedicated dowzers, we can bring our individual talents to the mainstream. Asheville/Hendersonville and surrounding areas are perfect for this to happen. Then who knows. We are developing a social media presence with new graphic designs to be used on Facebook and Google.

We always appreciate those who want to give of their time to help us achieve these goals. I would like to see a volunteer coordinator to come forth and helps us organize this important group to fully use their talents in this effort.

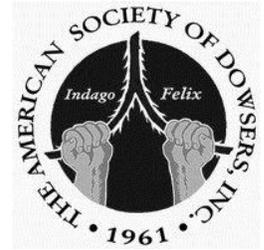
See you all at Yuroc's place for our April 13<sup>th</sup> Social.

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## *Announcements*



The American Society of Dowsers presents  
**The 2013 National Convention**  
**Dowsing the Golden Age**  
June 5 to 10, 2013 at Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT  
For details and to register, see [www.dowsers.org](http://www.dowsers.org).



### **Spring Dowser Social**

Saturday, April 13, 2013  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Crystal Creek Center, 1689 Silver Creek Road, Mill Spring NC 28756

Join with other dowsers for socializing and practice dowsing at Brian Crissey's beautiful facility in Polk County near Columbus NC. Bring something for the potluck lunch.

Directions: I-26 to exit 67. Take US 74 East towards Charlotte; take exit 163; left onto Rte 108; go 3.3 miles. Left at Rte 9 light, immediate left onto Silver Creek Road. At 1.6 mi on left, turn in at the "Crystal Creek" sign. Go through the farm gate and park in the meadow by the Center.

*[The following events are not directly associated with Appalachian Chapter but may be of interest to members.]*

### **Annual Coptic Conference**

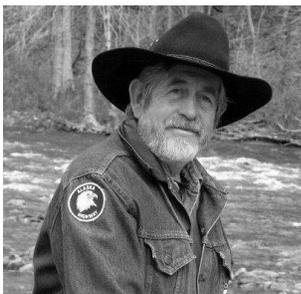
presented by  
Coptic Fellowship International and Tri-Cities Metaphysical Study Group  
April 20 & 21, 2013  
Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN  
800-465-4329 (8am to 5pm)  
COST: Free-will offering

Many of our favorite Coptic Conference speakers will be there again, including John Davis, Patti Conklin, Gisela Kroeger Hoffman and Paul Rademacher. And of course music by Armand and Angelina.



More info and to register: contact Peggy Fitzgerald (423) 477-3339 (8am to 6pm) ([www.thecopticcenter.org](http://www.thecopticcenter.org))

### **Raymon Grace Workshop**



#### **Self-empowerment seminar: stacking the deck of life in your favor with intent**

May 11 & 12, 2013, 9am to 5pm  
Quality Inn, Hendersonville (exit 49A off I-26)  
Workshop fee \$250; \$100 deposit required with registration

Raymon is well known among our chapter membership and will be the Keynote Dowser at the ASD convention in June. He has presented at App Chapter programs, most recently in September 2011.

Among other topics, Raymon will teach how to: reach Alpha Brain Frequency, reduce stress, create a better life through the power of intent, do healing work with the pendulum, change negative energy and situations to positive, receive help from the spirit world. Bring a bottle of water to be energized.

Local contact: Roy Dudgeon, [dudge@att.net](mailto:dudge@att.net), 828-458-5675

### **Third Thursday Personal Growth Forum**

#### **Sound Psychology: The Human Voice in Energetic Healing**

Damaris Drewry, Ph.D. Psychology

(Dr. Drewry spoke at the Nov. 2012 dowser meeting)

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship - Kanuga Road at Price Street, Hendersonville



#### **Labyrinth of Divine God and Goddess Meditation**

Saturday, April 20, 2013, 10 am

Crystal Visions, 5426 US Rt. 25 (687-1193)

We are called to share our healing vibration of harmonic group consciousness for the highest interest of all living beings. Bring your musical instruments and walk, sing, pray and bury seed crystals. Held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

#### **Other Events at Crystal Visions**

Crystal Visions, 5426 US Rt. 25 (687-1193)

Saturday, April 20th: The Art of Effective, Compassionate Communication. Presented by Peggy Farmer, Ph.D.

Tuesday, April 23rd: Clearing Subconscious Programs Out Of The Body, with Dr. Damaris Drewry, Ph.D.

Wednesday, April 24th: Integrating Atlantean & Lemurian Energies for a Pyramids of Light Activation within, with trans medium Brenda Lee and intuitive composer Richard Shulman

Saturday, May 11th: Annual Garden Party!

#### **Wise Woman Herbal Immersion**

with Corinna Wood, Director, Wise Woman & Red Moon Herbs

May 26-31, 2013, at Bend of Ivy Lodge in Mars Hill, NC

[www.sewisewomen.com/classes/about\\_programs.php](http://www.sewisewomen.com/classes/about_programs.php)

#### **Home and Garden Expo**

April 20-21, 10am-6pm - The Home and Garden Expo will feature products and services specific to the home building and landscaping industry, and a plant sale. Held at the WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Road, Fletcher. Admission \$5. Info: 299-7001.

#### **World Peace Meditation**

Sundays, 3 – 4 pm, free Light Center, 2190 NC Rt 9, Black Mountain, NC 28711, (828) 669-6845

## Earth Day 2013

Asheville Earth Day will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 12PM-10PM on Lexington Avenue in Asheville. The event is free. All ages are welcome!

This daylong event is focused on providing a fun, entertaining setting to educate and promote conscious awareness and green living for the families and individuals of the Asheville community. This year's event will feature an amazing array of main stage talent, arts, local food and environmental education. The family friendly event will also feature eco-friendly speakers, a Kids' Village, and an Eco-Village.



### Strive Not to Drive

Friday, April 19. Make this day a car-free day by biking, walking, carpooling or telecommuting. Sign up to participate today at [www.eco-wnc.org](http://www.eco-wnc.org)

### Join the national ASD

The Chapter encourages all local chapter members to join our parent organization. Dues are \$50 annually. You get a subscription to The American Dowser, a discount on the cost of the national convention, and a bookstore discount. Visit [www.dowers.org](http://www.dowers.org).

### New App Chapter Forum

Visit the new dowser forum at [wncdowers.org/wordpress1/](http://wncdowers.org/wordpress1/)

## *Chapter Activities*

App Chapter member Sam Richardson and Donna Askew built a temporary labyrinth for the (re)Happening, an event that features artistic creations by local artists and musicians. It was held this year at Camp Rockmont near Black Mountain on April 6.



W3ndy Owens and friends try the labyrinth at the (re)Happening.

## *Accessing Your Intuition – Tree Communication*

*This is the sixth topic in a series about how to access your intuition. There are a few principles that are common to all these methods, which will help you connect to the source:*

- 1. Be calm and receptive to guidance and information*
- 2. Be in the moment as much as possible, free from interference and distractions.*
- 3. If there is an issue or question that you have been concerned about, state the question to the Universe and let it go for now.*
- 4. Release any expectations about the answer.*
- 5. Maintain respect for the source of information, trust in its value, and be appreciative.*

### **Introduction**

By Paul Bennett, Wellspring Editor

Trees are one of the oldest life forms on the planet. Even the tree species we are familiar with today go back thousands of years, possibly millions. Why did trees come to be, in the first place? I think it is no accident that trees are symmetrical and beautiful. Every part of a tree is functional and at the same time there is beauty in the functionality. They add beauty to the planet, give us wood, provide shade, stabilize the soil, and create oxygen so we might live – the ultimate in multitasking. They make food for wildlife and people, in the form of fruits and nuts.



The Tree has always been symbolic of life and wisdom. The Tree of Knowledge is an archetype for the intellectual, while the Tree of Life represents emotions and energy. The World Tree is an important symbol in many old cultures, such as the Mayans.

Trees have consciousness, but it is much different from our consciousness. It is old, large, simple, and much more emotional than intellectual. Trees have much to give us and much to tell us, in the form of an ancient kind of wisdom. To receive the gift of wisdom from trees we need to be aware of what tree consciousness is like. Because it is so different

from ours, communication with trees is not something that comes naturally to us. But it can happen. Trees communicate at the emotional level mostly. Our intuition is the tool we use to translate tree language into a message that has meaning for us. Intuition is how we connect emotion and intellect.

When I built my house in Massachusetts in the 80's, there was a large white pine at the place where the house "wanted to be", on the crest of a small hill. It was the largest tree in that area. I decided to try to ask the tree's permission to cut it down and use its wood in the house. I went into a trance-like state and focused on the tree's awareness. After a few times of trying that without really sensing anything, I tried it again and suddenly felt a strong influx of energy, like a lightning bolt but not as strong as lightning of course. It was a sudden very brief jolt. It was so powerful that it was hard to tell if there was a message in it, but in some sense it felt like a "yes". The pine tree was cut and its wood used for posts and beams in the house.

I don't think tree communication needs to take that form necessarily. If we take time to visit trees regularly and be aware of them, we can receive meaningful messages, using our intuition to help translate. Trees can also channel messages from higher beings, such as the archangels. With the help of a pendulum you can ask yes/no questions and get answers from the appropriate source. You don't even

have to direct questions to a particular source of information, and you don't even need a specific question in mind: just ask if anyone has a message for you. Dowse the answer to that (almost always yes), then dowse what the message is, using a "twenty questions" kind of process coupled with your intuition. If you are especially sensitive you might be able to hear the message directly.

### **Working with the Spirits of Trees**

by Raven Emrys (from ravenemrys.hubpages.com)

Have you ever noticed that when you go into the forest or a peaceful park, how you feel relaxed, calm, refreshed and renewed? This is the gift of the Tree Spirits who are surrounding you; and they emanate vibrations of peace and serenity, sharing with us their highly evolved consciousness, out of love.

Trees are, simply put, remarkable beings! They are ageless, patient, strong, serene, loving, giving, nurturing and kind.

You can talk to trees and they can talk to you. You can also enlist their aid and their incredible strength - and most importantly, you can help them in return. Please bear in mind that when communing with Tree Spirits, one must sincerely put their heart and soul into the prayer for it to be heard - this is the language the trees understand.



Be a tree hugger! You will become aware of the flow of energy between Heaven and Earth. That is the Energy of the Universe, coursing through the tree. Trees also help to balance our own energy. For example, let's say that you are what some might call a "spacey" person, or that you "aren't very well grounded".... being with trees can get you grounded and in touch with the stabilizing energies of Mama Earth. Or if you are considered too mundane, too practical, and would like to be more intuitive, psychic, and free flowing - trees can grant you celestial, spiritual energy.

Talk to a tree like a dear and precious friend. Open your heart and listen to what the tree has to say to you. Be open to hearing the tree's voice, however it should choose to speak to you - in your mind, heart or inner eye. This may not be as easy as you might think at first. It could take a week or more - or even months before you can hear what they are saying, but don't give up! The trees want to communicate with us, and a faithful effort on the part of humans is usually rewarded. Keep any question you have simple and to the point. Speak honestly from your heart. And remember, you don't always need to ask a question to receive a tree's gift - sometimes it is just good to be thankful.



It is always proper to leave a gift for the trees that you develop relationships with. Be mindful that the tree you choose to work and commune with is symbolic of *all* trees. Traditionally, Native Americans gift trees with cornmeal, because cornmeal is sacred to them. You decide what is a relevant gift for you to leave for the tree.

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