

PEACE IN MOTION NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011



We're home a few weeks now, after our trip to Portugal. We enjoy being home, working in the garden (Ariëne) and finishing a book on stories about friendship for the 2012 promotion week of the book (Wali). The garden is finding its shape and we used the good weather to do a lot of work. A local will come to level out part of the meadow, so we can turn it in to a veggie and flower garden. The rest of the meadow we gave to the neighbor for the time being. He is using it for his horses, so we get to see them every day we're home!

In between the work we try to have a good time and take our rest. The season was intense with a lot of traveling and working in the Khankah in between.

Before we go any further, we first of all want to thank everyone from the depth of our hearts for the positive response to our sponsor request towards the dance floor. Many people send us money or good wishes and we feel blessed by all. We actually received even more than the three thousand euro we aimed for to make the dance floor a reality. We'll need the extra, as Wali's tennis arm (from constructing and later painting the ceiling in the dance space) makes it impossible to do the work planned, so we have to hire a professional to do this work for us. The wooden floor is ordered and will arrive early July. We'll have to see if we have the money for the porch in front of the dance hall, as – like last year – the camps are slowly attracting people, if at all. But the floor will come and we can start in September.

How can we express our gratitude?

Most of all by making good use of the Khankah. We already had planned the first events like the guitar training and the Zen & Zikr, our form of sesshin, and now also have penciled in part of 2012. We're looking forward to our first retreat here (Samark Pentecost Retreat May 24 – 28, possibly around a theme of Rumi) and the first summer week (July 21 – 28, dedicated to the Little Prince). See the end of this Newsletter for the full program.

Next by this newsletter that we, as usual, send to our students, but this time also to all that received our request and supported us. We posted this letter on our website, so all can read it again and enjoy the pictures of Khankah Samark in different stages of transformation.

If all of this is new to you (we didn't send out our request widely) but you want to help us out and have your energy in the Khankah, the lines are still open. For sending a possible gift, please visit our website for the sponsor letter. As it has pictures of the Khankah in different stages of transformation, you can surf there anyway to have a look:

www.peaceinmotion.info/docs/2011_sponsor_letter.pdf

Please realize that every gift, no matter how small, is important to us, as – beyond money – the positive energy of all donations strengthens us and makes the Khankah move in the direction we envision, so it can become a place for retreat, deepening and joy for all.

For let's not forget: Joy is the natural stage of the heart!

Please see on the next page our **THANK YOU COLLAGE** in many languages to express that the Khankah is not only open for all traditions, but also that we hope for many events to have an international character. Let's travel in the inner and the outer! International events can build bridges as they help to overcome our customs that seem so normal to us, but actually are peculiar to every nation. As Rumi says (Mathnavi III, 534-535):

*Travel so you can grow,
As the moon by traveling becomes splendid
And the pawn on the chess board can become a noble queen.*

So thank you and hope to see you in Khankah Samark!

June 2011,
Wali & Ariëne



Thank you
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Xie
Khawp khun
Yum
Salamat
Jospas
Spacibo
Arigato
Mahalo
Obrigada

Muchas Gracias



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DANKSCHEEN



As most of our readers have heard, Kamae passed away early this spring. In Riga, we heard the news of her funeral and fortunately were able to arrange a flight to Edinburgh to attend her cremation. She had visited us several times in Bilthoven and we have fond memories of her. Some of them you can find on the Memorial site for deceased members of our larger Inayati family: http://remembrance.sufipaths.net/?page_id=772.

As she had a strong death wish, we were grateful for her that her prayers to leave this world were heard. She'll live on in our hearts and in the hearts of others that knew her and in the legacy of SAM that she and her then-husband Saadi helped spread around the globe.

Here's a picture of her as a young woman. We printed it out and it now stands in one of our bedrooms, dedicated to the female divine. Next to it in the bedroom is a picture of Noor-u-nissa Khan, aka Madeleine. The picture of this oldest child of Hazrat Inayat Khan, who died while serving the cause of peace in the French resistance, was given to us after Kamae's cremation.

THE WORKSHOPS

We hear people like to read of our travels, here's a short recap of what we did since the Winter Retreat. As said, we visited Riga. It was lovely seeing our friends again, as we hadn't been

in Riga since the Summer Camp three years ago.

We met Addik who sells beautiful wooden spoons for a living. He used to come to the very first Winter Retreat in Estonia, back in 2001. Most of the wood he simply finds in the forest. The form inspires him to some of his creations, although he also makes 'normal' spoons. Needles to say we took some home for our Khankah, as things for the kitchen are our favorite souvenirs.



newspaper article of our workshop. In Russian, so most of you – like us – will only be able to enjoy the photo.

The theme of Zikr is dear to us and we're looking forward to deepen it in a retreat model one day, possibly in Khankah Samark, as we decided to take the theme of 'Healing' for our next EU Winter Retreat instead.



In May we visited Scotland again to meet up with our old-time friend Maris. It was great see her and her two children in their new home. As we go back over fifteen years, there was a lot to share outside the workshop. Here's a picture of Ariënné, walking with Alana Maya, who happened to celebrate her birthday when we were there. As we had originally planned to visit Kamae after the workshop, we stayed a full week in Scotland. A welcome break after all the work, for the two weekends before we'd been in Haus Regenbogen and in De Weyst, where we now work twice a year. The theme there again was loosely arranged around themes of Rumi from Wali's recent book with the animal stories of the Masnavi,

retold in Dutch and with ample annotations to connect the stories to Sufi mysticism and more mainstream Islam from the time of Rumi. We're sorry only Dutch and Belgian readers are able to read it! But you can all look at the beautiful cover. More black and white illustrations are in the book itself. As you can imagine, it was sheer joy to work on this book and a dream fulfilled to be able to return to Rumi and work with his Masnavi.



In Haus Regenbogen we started our last training year, in three weekends focusing on the Aramaic Jesus. After that we've done the whole cycle twice, so time to take a step back and do something else. Of course we'll keep working in Haus Regenbogen. For 2012 a weekend is scheduled round the basic teachings of Rumi, underpinned and exemplified through Dance. For more on the schedule of upcoming events, please see the end of this Newsletter.

PORTUGAL



In June we returned to Portugal, after an absence of two years. Partly due to the flight scheme, partly because we wanted to we took our time and stayed the whole week. This gave us time to visit Lisbon, one of the most beautiful capitals of Europe, they say. We believe it! We spent a whole day just walking, visiting the flea market, browsing in little shops for things we needed for our Khankah kitchen and dining rooms. Yes, we found it. Come and have a look. No matter how

sour they were, it was great walking on the pavement, shaking a tree and casually eating the orange falling out.

But of course the reason for going was the workshop and to support the small but ever so devoted group of dancers. Organizer Anne had found a new location, high up in the mountains near Millefontes in the Alentejo south of Lisbon. On the way to the venue, we stopped to admire the decoration of all the villages for the name day of Saint Anthony. This 'favorite son of Portugal' is celebrated everywhere and all streets are colorfully adorned with colored paper, hoops and so forth. Paper? What if it rains? This is Portugal in June, so the chance is little. Besides, Santo Antonio surely will protect the party thrown especially for him!



Lovely from touristic point of view, but next time we take another date, as the competition on this weekend was heavy and the idea to work in this center and attract new people did not work. The bonus was tow new people and of course Harida and Nartan, the Argentinian – German couple who run their isolated center up in the mountains. Believe it or not, as they had lived in Holland, they even spoke Dutch! Both joined in as much as they could, completing the numbers to a nice circle.



We worked with the theme of Healing, also a new theme to us and – as said – the focus for our upcoming Moscow and EU Winter Retreat. The thread of the workshop was the Nayaz Prayer, working with subthemes from this prayer and culminating into dancing the prayer back to back with some of our new dances, related to the theme of Sufi Healing. It's still a long time to go, but we are already looking forward to the Winter Retreat to deal more fully and in depth with this theme!

At daytime we worked in a beautiful open area with the roof protecting us from the sun. In the evening we ventured towards the big dome, a gigantic structure even higher up in the mountain designed for the yearly Osho Festival. The acoustics were incredible. One six string guitar filled the whole space and our singing added to it in a sublime way and we all dived deep into the Zikr.

Yes, next time we come to Portugal, we *inshallah* will come back here.

Apart from deepening our connection with the Nayaz and the theme of Sufi Healing, we met our other goals for this trip, i.e. to entuse the local dancers to take up dance leading again. It worked for Maria, Jacqui and Anne planned a dance event for mid June and are determined to continue on the same foot. Maybe Portuguese Dora, living in Paris, will be there, for she contacted us and dearly wanted to meet peace dancers in her home country Portugal.

Training is needed, but the group is too small for a whole training week or different weekend per year.

But we try never to say never and hope for an opportunity to train the Portuguese. If not in Portugal, maybe on some other location like Southern France, where in April 2012 we'll be offering training with our friend Michel.



PROGRAM SUMMER & BEYOND

- August 3 - 9** **Polish Sufi & Dance Camp (Gdansk area, Poland)**
With Wali & Ariënne, Salik & Zuleicha
Sufi practices and deepening, Dances, Meditation, Kundalini Yoga
Contact [Salik](#)
- August 12 - 19** Czech International Summer Dance Camp
With Wali & Ariënne (Germany), Lida (Czech Rep.), Prem & Sally (New Zealand) & local teachers.
Skalka u Doks (60 km North of Prague) Contact [Katka](#)
- Aug 27 - Sep 3** Mir Camp (Simeiz, Crimea, Ukraine)
Half donkey, half angel
Enjoy the fullness of the sun in late August in the Crimea with holiday facilities and a retreat program around Rumi's animal stories, exemplified through Dance.
- September 8 - 11** **Deepening the Aramaic Work** (Haus Regenbogen, DE)
Second weekend: The I am Sayings Contact [Claudia](#)
- 17** **Das Aramäische Vaterunser** (Emden, DE)
Dancing and singing the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic.
Contact [Gabi](#)

24 – 25



Play it again for SAM! (Khankah Samark, DE)

Guitar training for dance musicians, first weekend

Open tunings, strumming techniques, rhythmic patterns, playing melody in standard tuning, arranging and finding chords etc. etc. First weekend open for all! Whole course runs 4 weekends. Other dates: November 26/27, March 3/4 & May 5/6. For more info contact [Wali](#)

29 –
2 Oct

Zen & Zikr (Springhead, UK)

Dancing and meditating, dancing and meditating.

Our annual UK Sesshin in Springhead. Contact [John Rees](#)

October

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Tanztag Soest (Germany)

Feiern was uns verbindet (A Celebration of Unity)

Dance event, honoring the universality of the different traditions German spoken. Contact [Annette](#)

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Dublin Dance Day (Ireland)

Contact [Zahira Nur](#)

27 – 30



Zen & Zikr (Khankah Samark, Germany)

Come and visit Khankah Samark for Sesshin, a retreat alternating dance and meditation, partly in silence.

German/English spoken. [Info with us](#)

November

3 – 7

Russian Fall Retreat (Moscow area).

The Healing Power of the Dances.

Residential Retreat in the Moscow Area. A chosen opportunity to merge into the Russian Dance circle. Contact [Aleila](#)

12- 13

Dance Weekend Paris

Contact [Fabi](#)

19 -20

Dance Weekend Ariège

Contact [Michel](#)

26 – 27



Play it again for SAM! (Khankah Samark, Germany)

Guitar training for dance musicians, second weekend

Open for those who sign up for the whole course.

December

9 – 11

Weekend De Weyst (Handel, Netherlands, Eindhoven area) Dutch spoken

Theme to be announced. [Contact us](#)

15 -18

Deepening the Aramaic Work (Haus Regenbogen, DE)

Last weekend: the Beatitudes Contact [Claudia](#)

28 – Jan
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New Year Retreat Springhead (UK)

Contact [Janet Granger](#)

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January

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Celebrating SAM

Today we celebrate the Urs (passing) of Murshid SAM. Travelers from further away can come Friday evening.

February

- 12 **Open Dance Day Lindlar** (Oberbergisches Land)
Contact [Maria Lamsfuss](#)
- 18 – 25 **EU Winter Retreat** (Skalka ù Doks, near Prague, CZ)
Heal our bodies, Hearts and Souls
International Retreat with training facilities around the Nayaz Prayer of Hazrat Inayat Khan, Sufi Healing and the Healing Power of the Dances

March

- 3 – 4 **Play it again for SAM** (Khankah Samark, DE)
Guitar training for dance musicians, third weekend
Open for those who sign up for the whole course.



- 9 – 10 **Dance Weekend Bremen** (Germany)
Contact [Renate](#)
- 17 – 18 **Dance Weekend New Castle on Thyme** (England)
Contact [Janet](#)
- 24 **Dance Day La Verna** (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
The Aramaic Work. Contact [La Verna](#)

April

- 2 - 9 **The Unity of Religious Ideals.** (Ariège, France) with Michel Dumoutet
DUP Training week with walks, dances etc. around the major themes of the traditions, focusing on one tradition per day.
Contact [Michel](#)
- 19 -22 **Haus Regenbogen Weekend** (Eifel,DE)
The Steps of the Derwish. Introduction in the teachings of Rumi through dance etc. Contact [Claudia](#)
- 27 – 29 **Weekend De Weyst** (NL)
Theme to be announced

May

- 5 – 6 **Play it again for SAM** (Khankah Samark, DE).
Guitar training for dance musicians, closing weekend
Open for those who sign up for the whole course



- 18 – 20 **Weekend Perm (Russia)**
After many years we return to Perm on the edge of Europe
Theme to be announced.
Contact [Sveta](#)

- 24 – 28 **SAMARK Pentecost Retreat : Rumi's ladder**
Retreat focusing on Rumi, discovering our mineral, vegetable, animal and personal self and beyond. With Song & Dance etc.

For your agenda:

July 21 – 28 SAMARK Summer Week: *The Little Prince*

The Little Prince will guide us in discovering more about our own 'inner planet & asteroid population'.
With Song & Dance, Nature, Sharing etc.
Limited spacew, so please book in time.





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