

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Fifteen years ago, following a dream, my husband Daniel was guided to create a line of vibrational remedies similar in nature to flower essences, but with the vibration of wild animals rather than flowers. He had used flower essences in the past, and had made some animal essences for our own use, but the guidance was clear in directing him to take the wonderful gifts of the animals to the next level by introducing them to the world. In that moment Wild Earth Animal Essences was born. Little did we know that 15 years later they would be sold in over 20 countries around the world, and that his workshop schedule would take him from Norway to Argentina, from the Czech Republic to the UK, and many countries in between.

Our family is excited to once again be offering this Wild Earth Animal Essence Workshop in our home community. While Daniel has taught this workshop many times around the world, May of 2008 was the first time he led this workshop in the USA. This provided Gabriel and I a unique opportunity to finally be part of one of Daniel's Seminars. We traveled as a family to Sturbridge, Massachusetts where Gabriel and I were thrilled to experience Daniel's work in a new way. It was such a powerful experience for our family, and when we returned home we decided as a to host a workshop close to home so that our friends and community could share in the gifts these wonderful animals have to offer in this unique way. We have since hosted this workshop two times in Virginia and we have loved doing it so much we have decided to offer it again!! We invite you to join in this playful weekend of exploration and growth.

This workshop is an experience that allows one to deepen one's connection with oneself in powerful ways, allowing access to one's creativity and playful child, while receiving support and guidance from the animals on personal questions and unresolved issues. The animals serve as tool and a gift to assist in whatever realms you feel called to explore. The mixture of left brain teaching about the gifts of specific animals, along with the right brain meditations and guided journeys allows for an integrated understanding of oneself and the animals.

While at the workshop in MA and then again in Charlottesville, VA it was powerful to witness first-hand the many layers of experiences that people have at these workshops. The rooms have been filled with a wonderful mix of people from essence practitioners, to members of a shamanic journey group, to animal communicators, counselors, a nurse practitioner, a cranial sacral worker, as well as individuals who simply wanted to learn more about the essences and their own connection with the animals in a personal way.

Moving through the two days of the workshop we listen to Daniel lecture about the animals as he shares stories of personal encounters and the teachings he has learned from the animals. We select essences of our choice and are guided through meditations to meet with the animals and learn for ourselves the personal guidance the animals have to offer. We journal, draw pictures, and share in small groups the inner journeys of the day and together we form a bond that united us with the spirit of the animals.

Each person's journey in the circle is unique. Some experience subtle and gentle insights while others experienced dramatic breakthroughs. Our own son Gabriel had always had a tremendous fear of bumblebees, and in his own special wisdom he chose to confront this fear in one of the meditations and visited with the bumblebee. When in the meditation he had the opportunity to ask a question of the bumblebee, he asked "Do you sting people?", and the bee replied, "No, I don't want to, but if I need to in order to protect myself, I will." From that moment on his fear of bumblebees was released to the point that shortly after the workshop he and Daniel were hiking in a field filled with wildflowers and bumblebees and Gabriel exclaimed, "WOW papa, look at all the beautiful bumblebees"!!

For me the first workshop in Sturbridge was also incredibly powerful. In April of 2008 I had the unfortunate experience of getting intense vertigo after a ride at the Dogwood Festival in Charlottesville, and I ended up in the ER. While the dizziness subsided relatively quickly my eyesight was dramatically disturbed for over 14 months. I lost my peripheral vision, and only one eye would work at a time, even then having difficulty adjusting its focal length as I moved about my day. In one of my meditations, at the MA workshop, Raven came to me and said that my eyes needed to be taken for a while until my intuitive third eye became stronger and could see more clearly. The message of the Raven was clear, giving me the gift of understanding on a deep level the Psycho Spiritual foundation of what I was experiencing. This new understanding allowed me to trust in the process and know that all was unfolding in Divine timing. It was an incredible journey into the dark for me, and yet at each turn, working extensively with the animals I received so many incredible insights and understanding, healing and transformation. With my eyesight now returned, I could not imagine having gone through that journey without them, and I feel so very blessed to have had Daniel and Gabriel at my side supporting me with their love and the gifts of the Êanimals.

As Phyllis Frame, founder of the Round Oaks Creative Arts Center in Charlottesville said upon completion of the workshop last fall, "I am so excited I can hardly stand it!" So we invite you to join us for this wonderful weekend of exploration and growth. We wish to share the wisdom of the animals with you and hope that you too will be excited and touched by the gifts they share so willingly.

Many Blessings,
Mary Mapel