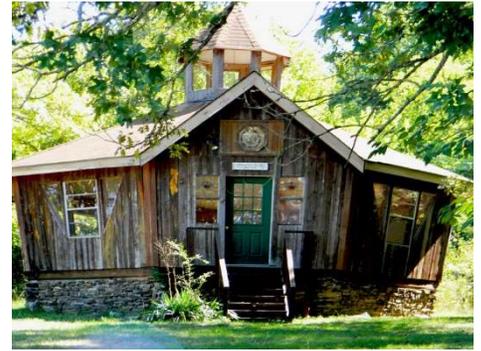


Spring 2017

Dear Friends of Heartsong,

Over 30 years of spiritual practice has consecrated the Heartsong Shrine. Hundreds of people have danced and prayed at the Shrine as we followed our mission: “ to facilitate ones inner growth and embody the Sufi message of love, harmony and beauty”. Sufis speak of the baraka (blessing) of a place. You can feel this blessing upon entering the Shrine. Now the original shingle roof is beginning to leak and we are moving to replace it. Recent work has stabilized the foundation. Roofing and gutters are the next steps in maintaining the Shrine. We hope you can help us with this effort.



At the Thanksgiving sweat lodge ceremony grateful prayers were offered for the blessings of this beautiful land. More prayers were offered asking for this retreat center to continue on for future generations. Our small local community has always been supported by friends from the surrounding region. Many people have found a refuge from their busy lives in the peaceful natural setting of Heartsong. Our connection and responsibility to this land increased as we began to bury our loved ones. The Heartsong cemetery is now the resting place for four friends. Others have reserved a favorite spot. Some brothers and sisters have endowed Heartsong in their estate planning. This is one of the few places in America where a Sufi community owns land and buildings. Access to wilderness is very rare.

Heartsong Retreat Center is located on 14 acres of rural land adjacent to the Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area-15,000 acres of protected land. The community facilities include the 32 foot octagonal Shrine building, a modern bath house, and a kitchen/dining hall. One primitive cabin (walk in only) is down in the woods near the creek.

For many years, activities at Heartsong were supported by the generous hosting of guests by Khabir Kitz. Khabir has now moved to Eureka Springs and his house and land are for sale. This lack of indoor sleeping space presents a new challenge for the community. The Heartsong board has endorsed the idea of placing small retreat cabins on the land. Some prefab wooden cabins are available for less than \$3,000. We envision sponsors donating cabins that they would have priority use of when visiting. Presently staying at Heartsong will be In tents or vehicles.

Looking forward Heartsong is asking for your love, support and prayers. Our immediate need is to repair the roof of the Shrine. We received one bid from a local roofing company of \$10,000 for a metal roof. A second bid for a shingle roof and gutters was \$3600. Currently the building fund is \$1,100. We are hoping to raise funds this spring and do repairs this summer 2017.

There are several ways you can support Heartsong. You can make a contribution to the building fund. Heartsong is a 501-C religious organization so your donations are tax deductible. Participating in the retreats, dances and zikrs supports the community. We have work days maintaining the buildings and grounds. People volunteer to cut the grass. Sponsors to buy cabins would be very helpful. Finding a compatible buyer for Khabir’s land would be a great blessing for the retreat center.

Please look into your heart to find a way to help Heartsong Retreat Center, our Shrine in Nature. We look forward to a continued stream of blessings in the future. As the dance says ,“ Good where we’ve been good where we’re going to.”

Thank You, Khusrou Keltner (Contact for construction project and events Khusrou : 870-861-5812)

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