



AUTUMN SUMMARY
November 1st 2017



INSPIRING A REFORESTATION REVOLUTION

DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS

Conferences, retreats and
the connections that came
from them

RECEIVING WISDOM

Listening to the wisdom
of our membership as
they responded to our
survey

DREAMING A BILLION TREES

The Journey to a Billion
Trees with a Wild Hope
for a New Humanity and
an Inner Journey of
Awakening



WELCOME TO OUR

AUTUMN SUMMARY

We are so excited to let you know what we have been doing since 1st August. Since our Million Trees campaign in the Autumn of 2016 we are now funding the planting of *1 million trees a year*, and this month we began our *journey to a billion trees*. There is still time to join us for this consciousness shifting transformational journey at billiontrees.me

These past few months the planetary emergency we are facing has become all too clear and the time to take action is now. We know at TreeSisters that planting trees is one of the best ways in which we can mitigate the impacts of global climate change. We don't know how long it will take us to reach our goal, but we do know that the time for playing small is over.

As we move into the Autumn we will be reaching deep into the earth and stretching our arms up to the sky, as we ask for more TreeSisters to step into our root network and help us grow on our *journey to a billion trees*.

We are so grateful to 'You' all of the women and men who are stepping forward to help us reach our goals.

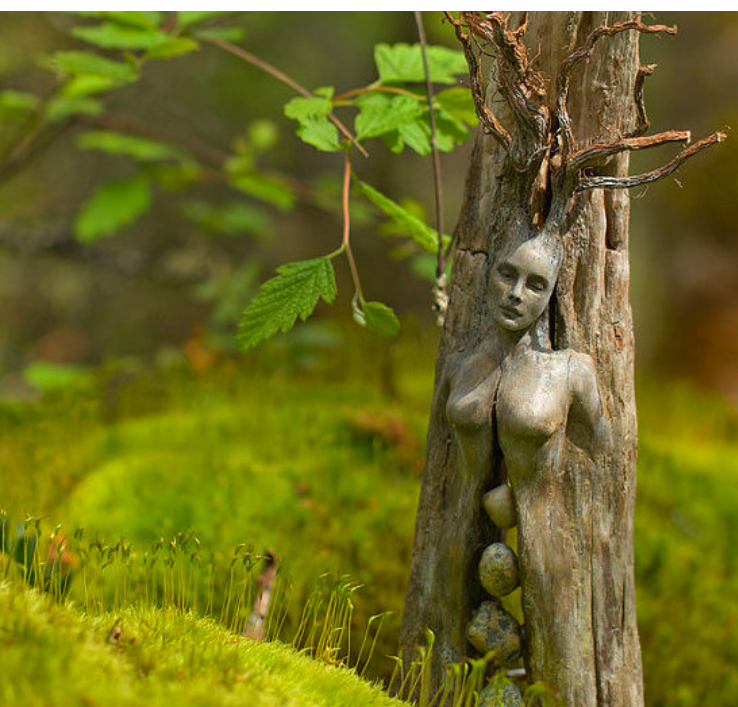


You

Inside you,
In the places where whispers carry
Memories
Where you hold your breath
Turn away
And believe yourself less,
There is a truth.
A truth as gentle as a melody,
As limitless as the sky,
As honest as a mountain lake,
No push, no need to try,
A truth that shimmers with the light of you,
The bright of you
The irrepressible delight of you,
The take my breath away flight of you,
The I will not go silently
into the night of you,
The 'Oh my God', just feel the might of you,
The break me wide open sight of you,
When at last you have embraced all of you,
Accepted the day and night of you,
The luminescent, spontaneous grace of you,
I want you to know I'm in awe of you
All of you,
every microcosmic,
wild orgasmic inch of you
Every wild unfettered gesture
of alive of you
Thank you
Thank you
For you.

by Clare Dubois, Founder [TreeSisters.org](https://www.TreeSisters.org)

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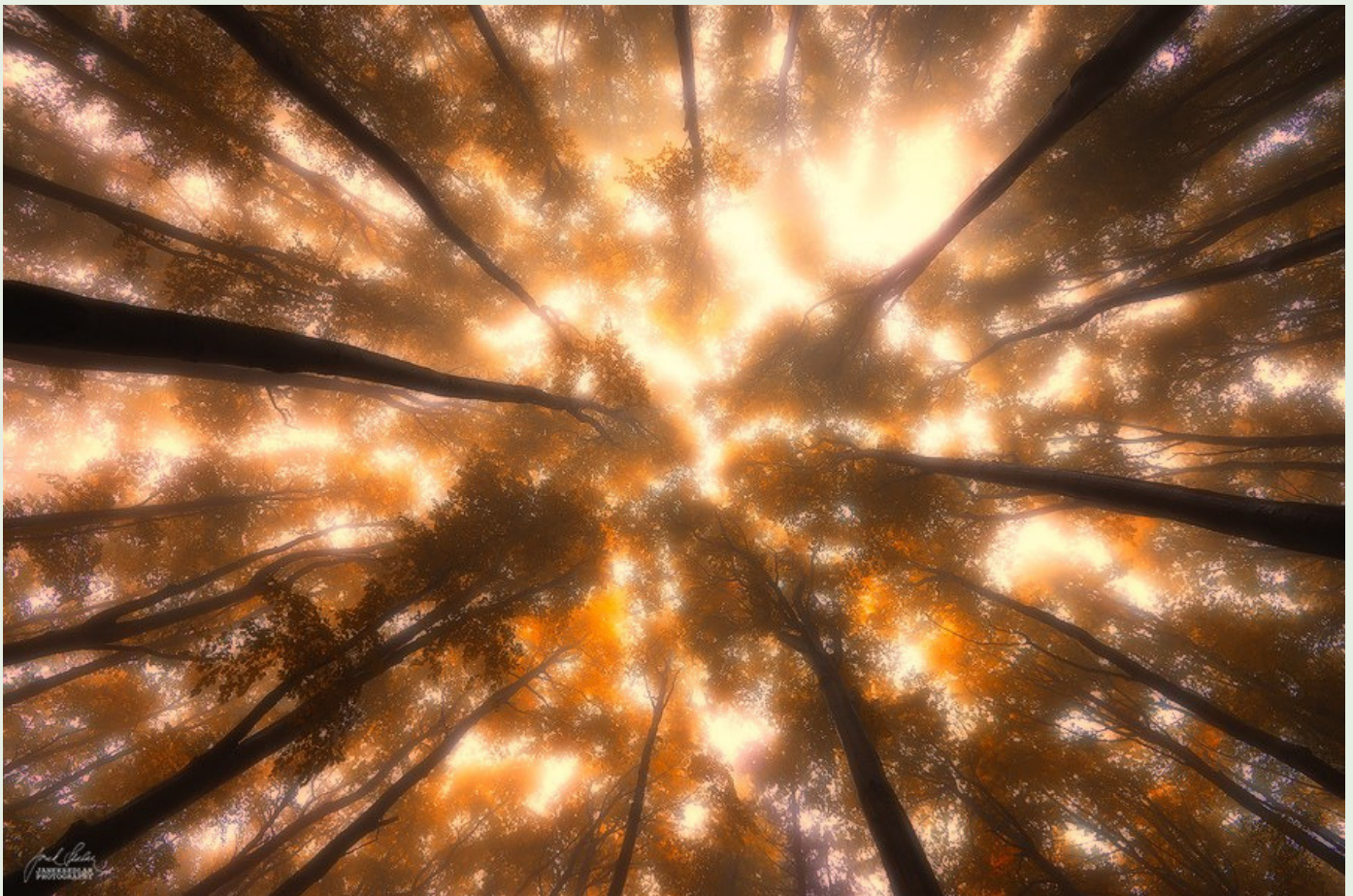
Seasonal Retreat

At TreeSisters we follow a lunar and seasonal calendar. Our seasonal retreats and updates come out at the Cross Quarter festivals, these are the times between the Solstices and the Equinoxes, and they are also known as fire festivals. For those in the Northern Hemisphere, the 31st of October begins the season known as Samhain. This was a time when our ancestors celebrated returning into the dark of winter, it was a time to dream for the future.

For those in the Southern Hemisphere, you are beginning to see the first signs of Summer. This is the time of deepening into who we can become. As you spend time with this summary, allow these questions to enter your being, so that you can engage with this report from an embodied space.

- ~ What are you dreaming for the future?
- ~ What is deepening within you?

During the late Summer and early Autumn, we have been on a deepening journey with our members, partners, and donors. And as the Autumn deepens and the nights darken we begin dreaming of a billion trees a year.



Photograph by Artist Partner [Janek Sedlar](#)

A time of deepening new relationships!

We have been deepening our relationships and dreaming into new ones through networking and discovering new partners. This is something that we love to do as we know that the issues we face in the world are bigger than just one organisation and that it is together we will create long lasting change.

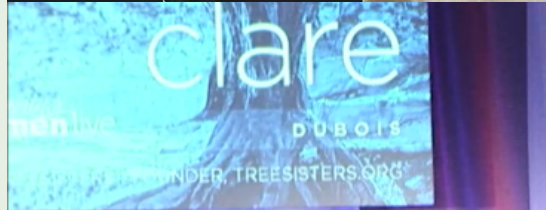
Oslo Conference

Clare Dubois, our Founder and Amrita Khalsa, our CEO went to the Women's International Networking conference in Oslo in September.

WIN is a pioneer in the field of professional women's conferences and leadership journeys on a global scale, and they have welcomed thousands of leaders and hundreds of companies to live events worldwide. Clare gave an inspiring presentation, calling the audience to grow a WIN Global Forest which everyone loved! She then led a workshop guiding attendees around the Map of Five Choices and there were tears, revelations and awakenings as we reclaimed our intimacy with nature. You can watch the **first presentation here**.

Bioneers

Clare hosted a workshop at this year's Bioneers Uprising conference in October. Elizabeth Soltis, our Partnerships Director and volunteer Lori Wallace also participated to support partnership-building. This year, the conference was about re-imagining our world. Bioneers is a community of changemakers and leaders and TreeSisters is taking its place in the network, as we reimagine and dream into planting a billion trees.



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Emerging Women

Clare and Kenya Ference, our Business Development Director, were at the Emerging Women conference in Denver, Colorado in early October. Emerging Women are a global network and leadership platform for women who want to live the truth of who they are. Their ethos is authenticity, consciousness and connection. At TreeSisters we feel totally aligned with this organisation. Clare gave a talk at both the opening ceremony and during the conference. And we can report that the audience heard her roar for change! The event was livestreamed so if you want to watch Clare or any of the other talks all embodying feminine leadership then you can **watch here**. ***This is our consciousness shift work in action.***

Top photo: Kenya Ference, Director of Business Development, Alyssa Wright Philanthropic Advisor and Amrita Khalsa CEO of TreeSisters with the TreeSister Love Cards.

Bottom photo: Clare Dubois, Founder of TreeSisters on stage at Emerging Women Live.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

We are always inviting new partners to take the journey with us and, this quarter over 33 campaign partners have stepped forward to deepen their partnership or begin their journey with TreeSisters.

One example is Barbara Alink, Founder/CEO of Alinker, who is an innovative designer dedicated to evolving the current paradigm on 'disabilities'. Rather than perceive people with physical challenges as having many other gifts and talents, many tend to focus on the disability itself. People's dignity is thereby diminished. So to support people who need wheels to get around, Barbara created a unique bike called the Alinker R-Volution Walking Bike. This is a radically different walking bike that keeps people active, mobile and engaged socially. Her motto is "Together we move differently".

Since Barbara is also a passionate environmentalist, she has long wanted to address the carbon footprint of her Alinker. So she has decided to dream into offsetting her manufacturing footprint with a calculated donation to TreeSisters. This will be ongoing with every production run. What is most remarkable about this opportunity is that Barbara and Elizabeth are now discussing how to simplify this calculation tool so it can be used to engage many businesses in reforestation efforts. This partnership has the potential of expanding the current paradigm of corporate social responsibility - redefining its contours in a whole new way.



Barbara demonstrating the Alinker.
Photo courtesy www.thealinker.com

Barbara Alink and Clare Dubois on the stage at the Emerging Women's Conference 2017.



We are deepening into funding four new projects !

We are very happy to share that this Autumn we are adding four new projects, bringing our total to eight!

Here are the new trees, people, and animals whose lives you are impacting:



◀ Cameroon (Mount Bamboutos, Lebiahem Highlands)

This project supports the urgent restoration of the ecosystem and biodiversity of Mt Bamboutos in Western Cameroon, protecting the endemic, endangered Cross River Gorilla with less than 350 of their species remaining. It will address the key environmental, biodiversity, ecological and sustainable development challenges facing the mountain ecosystem and communities over the next 15 years.

▶ Nepal (Southeast Nepal, Jhapa region)

The primary purpose of the Jhapa restoration project centers on caring for impoverished villagers by providing them with employment to grow, plant and guard trees, native to Southeast Nepal, to maturity. The term Jhapa meaning canopy, is speaking to the once vibrant and dense forest that existed in the area. The Jhapa Restoration Project aims to restore the natural environment of the area by providing the local villagers meaningful employment and impactful ecological gains. Due to its varying altitudes and geographical position, Nepal boasts unique biodiversity.



Photo by Eden Reforestation Projects



Photo courtesy of WeForest

◀ India - Cloud Forest (Eastern states of Meghalaya, Khasi Hills)

The project seeks to combat deforestation and restore the area's forests for the benefit of people and nature. Through assisted natural regeneration and sustainable livelihood development, the area's biodiversity and Khasi communities can flourish together. It is one of the few reforestation projects worldwide run by indigenous communities. More than 110 mammal species are known from the Meghalaya Subtropical Forests. These include three threatened species - clouded leopard, sloth bear, and smooth-coated otter.

▶ Madagascar - Dry Deciduous (Lighthouse House Península, Mahajanga District)

The primary purpose of the Peninsula Project and Lemur Habitat centers around providing villagers with employment to grow, plant and guard dry deciduous tree species, native to Madagascar's west coast, to maturity. A major outcome of this project will be the reforestation of vital habitat for six species of endangered lemurs, including a population of Crowned Sifaka lemur in the area. The animals are currently surviving on remnant patches of forests which is unsustainable. Many of the species associated with the project are considered critically endangered.



Our Reforestation Director Lauriane
with some of the women who plant
trees in Madagascar



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Deepening our relationships in the treesisters network

This quarter we have been reaching out to our network. Thank you to all of you who responded to our survey! We were deeply moved by your stories.

Here is some of the clear consensus on why you are a treesister:

Being a treesister

- ~ Makes me feel more hopeful about the future of women and the planet
- ~ Makes me feel connected to a global network of like-minded women
- ~ Helps me understand why reforestation is essential to mitigating climate change

Thank you to the Treesisters who have let us share their Quotes and pictures for this summary.

"TreeSisters teachings about Feminine Nature Based Leadership / being a Restorer Species confirmed and inspired me to believe in our power to change the tide and begin a new path forward."
Ruth Ford, Hitchin UK.



"To have an organization like TreeSisters to belong to where we are actually making a difference has lifted some of the heaviness from my heart... it is everything I was looking for in a group concerned with the environment and to bringing us back into the feminine all while supporting each other." ~ Mary D'Angelo

"As a Tree Brother - I understand Feminine Nature Based Leadership to begin from a different point of view. That difference begins with Nurturing, not dominance. Once the sense of Nurture is established, we can Restore our Self and our host - the planet." David Franco, CA, USA



"TreeSisters teachings about Feminine Nature Based Leadership / being a Restorer Species confirmed and inspired me to heal the planet and be connected with other women who feel the same." Lynn Thompson, Durham UK.

ORGANISATION UPDATES

Facts and Figures

1,031,705 TREES FUNDED AS OF AUGUST
2017

2,181 MONTHLY MEMBERS AS OF AUGUST
2017 FROM 42 COUNTRIES

77 GROVES HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY
REGISTERED AND 307 GROVE TENDERS ARE
DREAMING OF THEIR OWN GROVES

33 NEW PARTNERS HAVE JOINED US FOR
OUR JOURNEY TO A BILLION TREES, MANY
OF WHOM ARE PARTNERING WITH US FOR
THE FIRST TIME

TWO NEW FOUNDATIONS ARE
SUPPORTING

WE LOVE GETTING SOCIAL AND HAVE
OVER 205,000 FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK,
OVER 2,200 ON INSTAGRAM AND 4,300
TWITTER FOLLOWERS

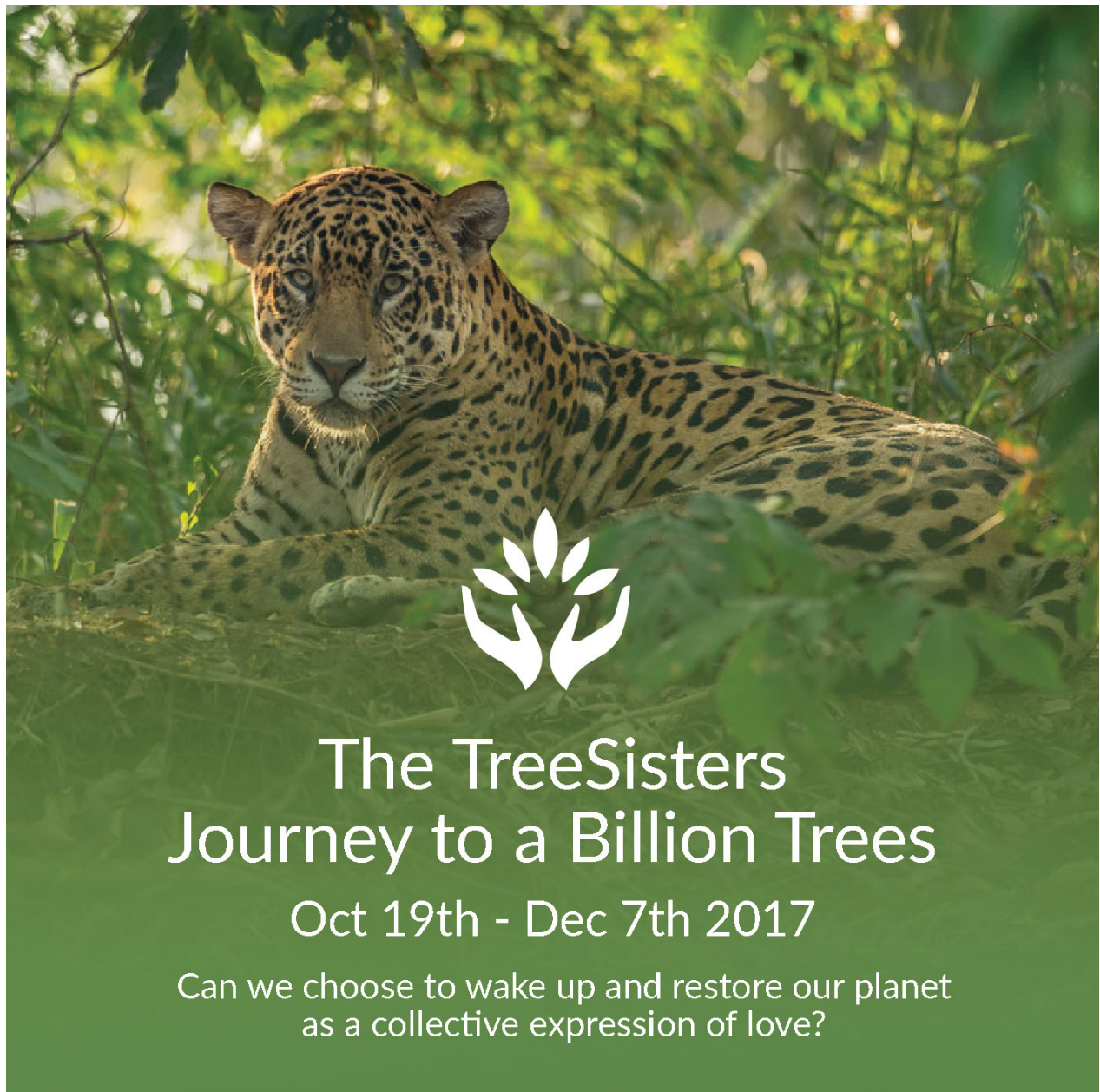
DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
US...COME AND BE SOCIAL AND HELP US TO
SPREAD THE WORD

DREAMING OUR FUTURE

This October, we're launching our Billion Trees Campaign with a transformational journey to inspire, ignite and catalyze you to become a force of nature on behalf of nature.

Together we will embark on a journey of self and collective discovery. It's virtual, free, you can do it in your own time, and you can take the journey with your friends. Each week is themed and will have multiple offerings (interviews, facebook lives, tools and invitations) centered around a global meditation that invites us to explore the belief systems and behaviours that are holding us back from unleashing our brilliance, creativity, and generosity to restore humanity and the planet. Every step of the journey will be an invitation to both grow your own forest and grow a forest with those that you love.

This is our boldest experiment yet!



Inner Journey of Awakening



WEEK ONE ~ REVEAL

Do you long to touch the truth of your own magnificence, access life's limitless intelligence and redefine yourself and your humanity in terms of connection, reverence and restoration so that you can leave a legacy that reflects your heart's longing?

Photograph by [Janek Sedlar](#)



WEEK TWO ~ EMBRACE

Do you long for true togetherness, to be healed by unconditional acceptance and be invited to love, utterly, with nothing held back, so that you can discover what we can birth on this planet, through reverence and support of each other?

Art by [Claudia Trembley](#)



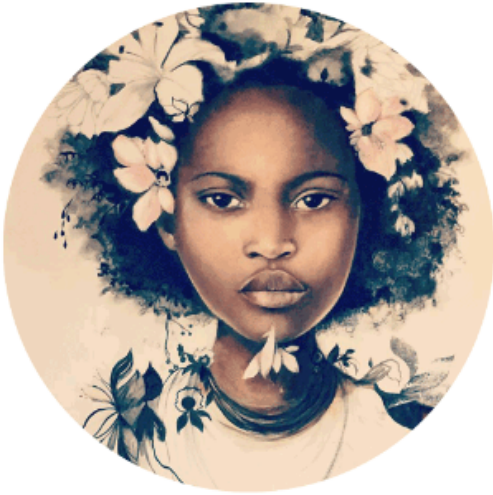
THREE ~ EMBODY

Do you long to experience your indivisibility from nature, liberate the fear and grief you hold in your body and undam your inner rivers so that you can experience intimacy with nature as a gateway to your own power to create planetary change?

Art by [Debra Bernier](#)

We ask you to step forward and join us in this experiment so that we can all discover who we really are and the passion for the planet we can bring forth.

We are planting the seeds of a new way of being!



WEEK FOUR~ ACTIVATE

Do you long to take off your brakes, let go into your inner knowing, tap your connection to all life, root yourself in this truth and liberate yourself into sacred activism for the planet in ways that make sense to your heart?

Art by [Claudia Trembley](#)



WEEK FIVE ~ SHINE

Do you long to blaze with passion and purpose and liberate yourself from playing small to dissolve the past, so that you can ride your own river, embody your uniqueness and thrive within the giving of gifts that bring you into your aliveness?

Photograph by Unknown



WEEK SIX~ BELONG

Do you long to feel so connected, grounded, centered and anchored in yourself that you become your own living transmission of life force aligned with all that is, belonging to Earth, and embodying your natural state as nature aware of itself?

Art by [Debra Bernier](#)

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Become a monthly TreeSister and plant trees! Join 2,181 Members in 42 countries. <https://www.treesisters.org/give-to-treesisters>

Make a generous donation from your heart or in honour of others this holiday season to support the leap to One Billion Trees! Help us grow the sisterhood to two million sisters, planting one billion trees every year. <https://www.treesisters.org/give-to-treesisters>

Want to join the Catalyst Grove and make building the TreeSisters movement a core part of your philanthropic strategy? Contact Alyssa Wright, our Philanthropy Advisor, about major gifts, foundation grants, corporate partnership and donating stock. You can write to her at: alyssa@alyssafwright.com



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