



WINTER SUMMARY

March 1st 2018



INSPIRING A REFORESTATION REVOLUTION

HONOURING NEW RELATIONSHIPS

Celebrating our new
partners, projects, and
more.

INITIATION OF BILLION TREES CAMPAIGN

Celebrating the 2 million
trees that we are planting
together!

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES FROM THE TREESISTERS NETWORK

Celebrating the women
who are stepping into
leadership.

Initiation Song from the Finders' Lodge

Please bring strange things.
Please come bringing new things.
Let very old things come into your hands.
Let what you do not know come into your eyes.
Let desert sand harden your feet.
Let the arch of your feet be the mountains.
Let the paths of your fingertips be your maps
and the ways you go be the lines on your palms.
Let there be deep snow in your inbreathing
and your outbreath be the shining of ice.
May your mouth contain the shapes of strange words.
May you smell food cooking you have not eaten.
May the spring of a foreign river be your navel.
May your soul be at home where there are no houses.
Walk carefully, well loved one,
walk mindfully, well loved one,
walk fearlessly, well loved one.
Return with us, return to us,
be always coming home.
- Ursula LeGuin

In honour of Ursula LeGuin who sadly left this earthly realm for her new home in January. Ursula's poem was featured at the beginning of each of our A Wild Soul Woman journeys, providing the portal to enter into each of the landscapes. We hold so much gratitude for her life and work.

WELCOME TO OUR

WINTER SUMMARY

We are so excited to let you know what we have been doing since our last summary in the Autumn. This summary is all about beginnings, with a special focus on the start of our billion trees campaign!

TreeSisters is committed to fund the planting of 1 billion trees per year through partnering with a network of tree planting organisations. With the support of our global donor base including monthly members, philanthropic gifts, foundations and corporate partners we are delighted to announce that in the last three months we have managed to double our annual commitment from 1 million trees a year to **2 million** trees per year and this rises daily.

We have also been able to fund our three new projects at the same level as our existing projects, meaning that we funded the planting of 433,374 trees in the final quarter of 2017. Bringing our total of funded trees to date to 1,743,218. What a fabulous way to begin 2018.

This time our campaign stays open until we reach 1 billion, and we ask you to continue to support our efforts and also share our billion trees website with your networks. We also have lots of exciting new offerings to begin the New Year that we hope will engage and inspire you.



Photo from the Avalon Grove, UK



Organisational Updates

Strategy and plans for 2018

Image credit: Eden Reforestation Projects (top)

During December and January TreeSisters went on retreat with the purpose of dreaming and reseeded our vision for the future.

We have a five year strategy which we developed at the end of 2016 and we have spent time reviewing how we are tracking against the strategy and the goals we have set ourselves and making sure that the strategy still holds for the future.

We have five strategic goals that we are monitoring ourselves against until 2022.

HERE'S HOW WE HAVE DONE IN 2017

1. Build a global network of treesisters who catalyze a movement of ecological restoration

- 2,300 treesister donors at the beginning of 2017 became 3,343 monthly donors by the end of 2017.
- 93 Groves in 23 countries plus 600 Grove Tenders who have registered to form groups.
- 250,000 individuals engaging with us via our social media platforms and email list.



2. Inspire and support feminine leadership towards shifting consciousness

- 2,900 members of the Inner Journey facebook circle (growing and changing all of the time).
- 51 Water carriers (small business owners or creatives who donate a percentage of profits).
- Average 310 women attending our full moon calls monthly.
- 2 current courses being offered: A Wild Soul Woman self-study course with Mary Reynolds Thompson, and Wild Power with Red School.

3. Raise and channel funding into tropical reforestation and protection

- March 2018: 2 million trees funding pledged by donors per year through their monthly and annual donations
- 8 projects currently identified and ready for funding by mid-2018, 7 already being funded.
- 2 Site visits in 2017 to Kenya (an ITF project) and to Madagascar Mangrove plantation (an Eden project).

4. Develop partnerships to accelerate reforestation and deliver on our mission

- We partner with four reforestation project partners, Eden, ITF, Project Green Hands and WeForest.
- A big thank to all of our campaign partners, see them all at <https://billiontrees.me/billion-trees-partners/>
- Pukka Tea, Alinker Cycles and BEM Ltd became our first corporate donor partners.
- A very big thank you to Awakening Women Institute who donated \$6,000 USD from their Gaia Sadhana.

5. Become sector leaders in global reforestation and feminine leadership

- TreeSisters is on a development committee towards co-hosting a Forest Congress in 2018 or 19.
- TreeSisters has been invited by WeForest to sign the New York Declaration on Forests that came out of the UN climate summit in 2014. This has a goal of ending forest loss by 2030.





Key Statistics from the TreeSisters Network

- *Trees funded per annum have increased from 1.2 million to 2 million (as of March 2018)*
- *2,155 monthly donors increased to 3,343*
- *Average monthly donation increased from £11.90 to £13.60*
- *328 one time member donors*
- *Catalyst Grove: 6 major donors (£10k+), 3 foundation grants and 21 donors £500 - £8000*
- *1,743,218 trees funded in total*
- *3 New Projects funded with 136,023 trees in the final quarter of 2017*

Image credit: Debra Bernier

Wild Hope For A New Humanity

Launching the Billion Trees Campaign

To raise awareness about the upcoming launch of the www.billiontrees.me campaign, we created a hugely successful interview series called Wild Hope for a New Humanity. Indigenous teacher Pat McCabe, Pakistani activist Sister Zeph, Evolutionary Biologist Elisabet Sahtouris, Forest expert Diana Beresford and Amazonian Activists Atossa Soltani and Lynne Twist brought a vast range of astonishing courage, fact and inspiration to the network to provide a jump start to the campaign.



Top Photo:
Sister Zeph

Right photo:
Pat McCabe

Bottom Photo
Elisabet Sahtouris



This was a very consciously crafted set of interviews designed to engender hope and possibility in the face of climate change, opening hearts and minds as we then stepped into the Inner Journey of Awakening together.



The TreeSisters Inner Journey of Awakening

To lay the foundations for the collective journey towards a billion trees a year, we decided to do something radically unique. We crafted a 6 week fully experiential course offering that took thousands of women around what we call the Blueprint of a Restorer Species - also known as the TreeSisters Map of 5 Choices. This journey was designed to illuminate and generate the highest expression of feminine leadership and potential available to us within six specific aspects of ourselves that we called Reveal, Embrace, Embodiment, Activate, Shine and Belong. It was an extraordinary process through which we got to introduce the treesisters network to the core logic and teachings that underpin everything that we do.

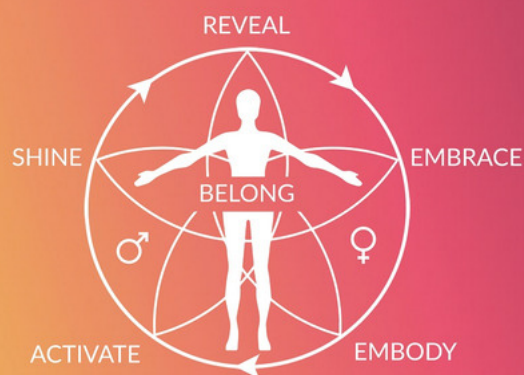


The teachings - Reveal to Belong - were BRILLIANT, and I can't think of anything more important for effecting real change at the cellular level. ~Jo Powell

This has been an incredibly affirming Inner and Outer Journey of Awakening for me! My heart and soul have been broken open to the source of all Life within me, to see with new vision this outer world we have all been given. ~ Donna Rose

It woke me up to the point that I can never fall back asleep. It made me more shit-scared, motivated, hopeful, confused, self-compassionate and enlivened than I've ever been and provided a genuine, real, loving and messy container of sisterhood for all of it. If enough people take this journey, humanity will save itself and enjoy doing so. My deepest hope is that we have enough time/resources/desire/courage to wake up the others. That is my walking prayer. Show me. ~ Sandy Ibrahim

With a facebook live teaching, a global meditation and then an interview every week, there was an offering for everyone's taste. As an experiment in activation, this was a seed planted deeply and tended powerfully by a large team of volunteers. The growth is starting to come above soil in the shape of lives changed, creative outpourings, radical generosity, increased donations and multiple expressions of feminine leadership (and another million trees a year!)






Image credit Ana Castilho

Our Latest Offerings

~ Wild Power ~

In our longing to support the women of the TreeSisters network to step into their nature-based feminine leadership, we decided to start this year off with a powerful infusion of feminine wisdom with our "Wild Power" online course. In February, we invited our hosts, Hay House authors and founders of Red School, Sjanie Hugo Wurlitzer and Alexandra Pope to share their brilliance with our 'Discover the Magic of Your Menstrual Cycle and Awaken Your Feminine Path to Power' introductory call. We were thrilled that over 4,700 women registered to attend the event, with over 600 joining us live. The course itself began on February 20th - a circle of women from their 20s to their 70s, from 27 different countries all ready to explore how the key to their own Wild Power and feminine leadership dwells within the core of their female bodies.

[Please click here to learn more.](#)



~ A Wild Soul Woman ~

A Wild Soul Woman is a journey of soul recovery that offers a dynamic pathway for women to reclaim their innate and instinctual wildness. We have run this as a live course in the past, which has been wildly successful, and we are now offering this as a self-study online course for women to enjoy forever!

“The Wild Soul Woman course opened me up in new and profound ways. I’ve always felt a deep connection to the Earth, but now I experience an even more meaningful relationship with landscapes, trees, plants and animals. The course nurtures its participants while raising money for planting trees. Clare and Mary are wise women creating sacred space for an ever-evolving practice. Travel through the five landscapes enriches our relationship with the Earth and with each other. I’m looking forward to taking this course again and highly recommend it.”

~ Loran Hills, USA

If you would like to become your most authentic & courageous self... feel rooted, powerful, authentic, instinctual, and alive... explore your strength, sensuality, and creativity... let go of what keeps you from living your deepest truth... and embark on your own unique heroine’s journey... this journey is for you.

[Please click here to learn more.](#)

Middle image left: Debra Bernier





*Image center left & above:
Claudia Tremblay*



~ The Gatherings ~

The Gatherings are an invitation to join treesisters all around the world as we come step into circle every full moon, to explore the revelations and reawakenings that become possible through our togetherness.

Why do we gather? Women need each other as never before as we follow the call to step into leadership. Moments of deep nourishment and mutual support are vital. These calls draw us back into the nature of our bodies so that we can become a force of nature of behalf of nature.

You're also invited to step into direct sisterhood within our Inner Journey Facebook community - an amazing space of mutual respect, deep sharing, honesty, revelation and creativity.

[You can click here to learn more.](#)



~ Seasonal Retreats ~

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 2nd February begins the season known as Imbolc. This was a time when our ancestors celebrated the signs in the earth that nature was awakening again after its long winter sleep; it was a time to seed new beginnings and to look for inspiration in nature.

For those in the Southern Hemisphere you are entering the time of the harvest, the first harvest. Where the seeds you sowed are beginning to ripen. The land is also heavy with the heat of the sun, and you can be longing for rest and cool waters.

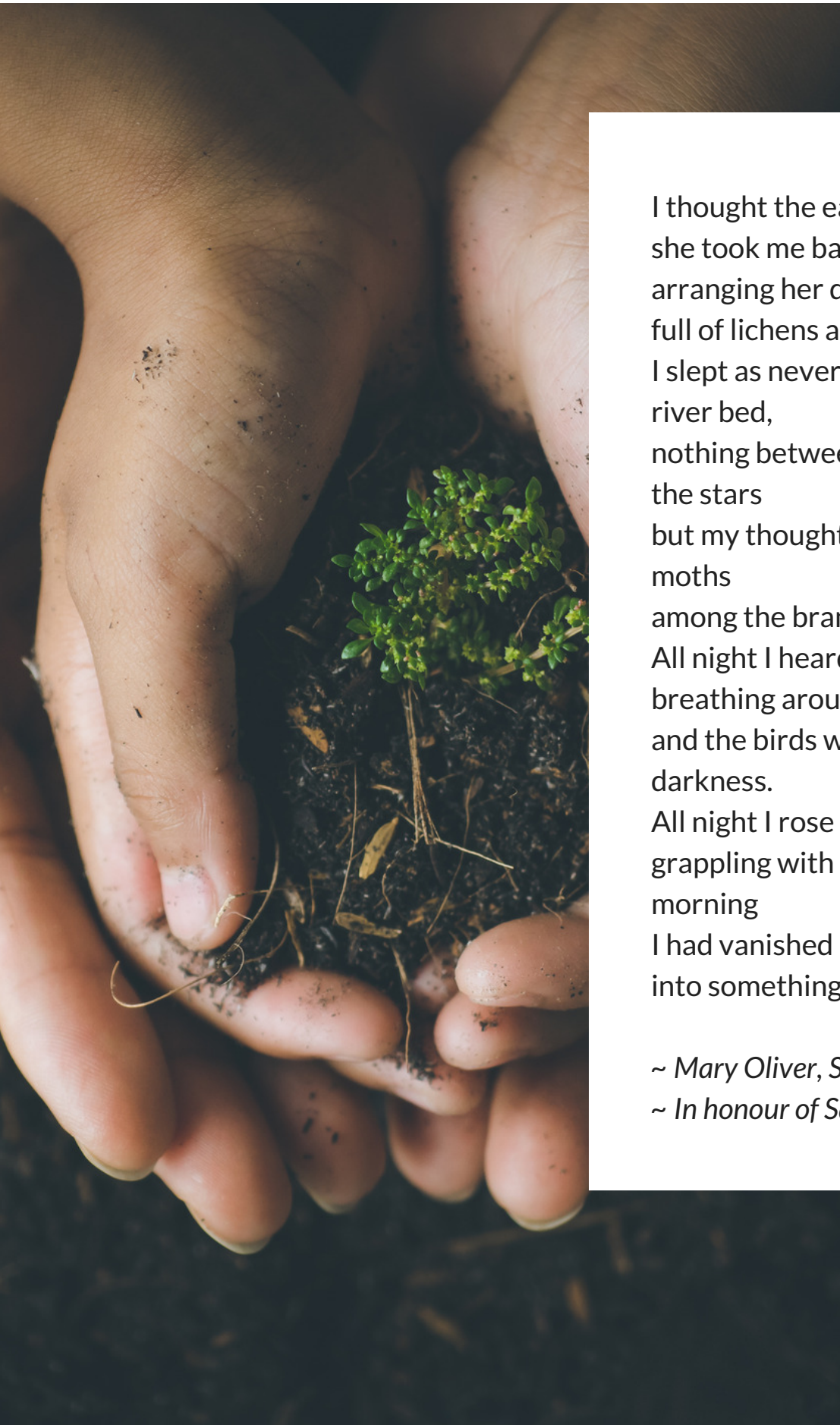
As you spend time with this summary, allow these questions to enter your being, so that you can engage with this report from an embodied space.

What is beginning to awaken in your life?
What longs for the touch of cool spring water?

During the Autumn we began our inner journey of awakening and now the Spring is showing its first signs, we are awakening to the possibilities, new beginnings and inspirations that this journey has created for TreeSisters and the network.



Image by Viviana Gonzales



I thought the earth remembered me,
she took me back so tenderly,
arranging her dark skirts, her pockets
full of lichens and seeds.
I slept as never before, a stone on the
river bed,
nothing between me and the white fire of
the stars
but my thoughts, and they floated light as
moths
among the branches of the perfect trees.
All night I heard the small kingdoms
breathing around me, the insects,
and the birds who do their work in the
darkness.
All night I rose and fell, as if in water,
grappling with a luminous doom. By
morning
I had vanished at least a dozen times
into something better.

~ Mary Oliver, *Sleeping in the Forest*
~ In honour of Sara C.

Billion tree plans and updates

Funding our new projects

Thanks to your support of our billion trees campaign we were able to begin supporting the new projects we told you about in our last summary. Your commitment to fund TreeSisters means we are adding these projects to our portfolio...



Photo courtesy of WeForest

India: Restoring cloud forests (Eastern states of Meghalaya, Khasi Hills) - funded 49,243 trees

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.

Nepal: Reforesting around the Jalthal forest (Southeast Nepal, Jhapa region) - funded 54,659 plus nursery funding of \$4,000 (which equates to 12,121 trees in our tree counter).

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 create and plant community forests around the remaining old-growth Jalthal forest - a forest of great importance to the local communities, which is already protected and guarded.



Photo by Eden Reforestation Projects



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

Madagascar: Dry Deciduous forest restoration (Lighthouse House, Mahajanga District) - funded 20,000 trees.

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 primarily, 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 present in small pockets of remaining forests in the area. Its location, opposite the city of Mahajanga, the main city of district, makes it a good project for raising awareness regarding endangered wildlife and this unique forest's ecological benefits.

INTRODUCING NEW FUNDING PARTNER PUKKA TEA

The missions of Pukka Herbs and TreeSisters are beautifully aligned. Pukka wants to inspire people to lead a more conscious life through the incredible power of plants. They make delicious organic herbal blends and often harvest fruit, flowers and bark from forests – that are certified organic and FairWild for sustainable wild harvesting. Lime tree flowers, hawthorn berries, elderberries and flowers and cinnamon to name a few. At Christmas time, Pukka would rather protect trees than use them for Christmas cards. So this year they sent an e greeting and a donation to TreeSisters to help re-forest as a festive donation. This donation alone helped plant 5,607 trees.



To learn more about Pukka, you can visit
<https://www.pukkaherbs.com>



NEW BEGINNINGS IN AUSTRALIA: POLLYANNA DARLING



Our Billion trees campaign saw two grassroots events happen in Australia to connect our network there, coordinated by Pollyanna Darling.

TreeSisters holds a piece of Pollyanna's heart and she has been involved since it was a tiny seed. She has a small (!) and not-so-secret vision to reforest her home state of Queensland in Australia using cutting edge sustainable agro-forestry principles that generate clean healthy soil, vibrant food, education for vulnerable young people, low cost housing solutions, build social capital, and above all benefit the beautiful planet that sustains us.

She is TreeSisters Ambassador in Australia and is working at a grassroots level to encourage women in Australia to organise events and fundraising for TreeSisters, as well as establish local Groves.

As part of this year's billion trees campaign she held an event in Queensland. 38 gorgeous women participated wholeheartedly in an event day to seed the vision of a grassroots TreeSisters organisation in Australia. As part of the day there was a meditation, and women made an object from clay. Native seeds were woven into the Clay so that the woman could bury the item and seed TreeSisters' vision in Australia. The women took home their offerings and put them somewhere special in nature. It was a beautiful day.

Since then Ursula Dutkiewicz, a long term TreeSisters volunteer has also staged an event in Melbourne:

“On a beautiful summer afternoon in Melbourne twelve women responded to a call to gather and celebrate TreeSisters and her offering, holding the space for seeding and growing and each other in our longing for the earth to be honoured and restored. We journeyed in a deep nurturing in-breath meditation linking us with the earth and TreeSisters around the globe and were tenderly returned with the soulful sounds of American Indian flute and the gentle heartbeat of a drum. Tikal led us on a goddess chant finding our own soul sound and into a blissful state. The afternoon unfolded in a joyful soulful flow with a general feeling of wanting more.”



Pollyanna is available throughout Australia to speak about TreeSisters, assist Australian TreeSisters to participate more deeply, and create connections throughout the region. She can be contacted at pollyanna@treesisters.org.

We have also set up a Facebook group for Australian and New Zealand TreeSisters where they can advertise their events and connect:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/330940764088259/>



Inspiration

Swedish Grove Choir - Singing whilst Sistering - Jenny Smith

I recently spent some time with one of our Swedish treesisters, Åsa Larsson to hear about her experience creating a Grove within her women's choir.

Åsa resides 200 km north of Stockholm, had been following TreeSisters for quite some time and was consistently falling in love with our work and mission. She heard about the launch of the Groves project, our local TreeSisters circles and felt a very strong call to attend the initial event. Whilst listening to Jenny, Clare and Kenya introducing the Groves and the practices of Sistering, the importance of the In-breath and the Out-breath, Åsa experienced a strong 'aha moment' and saw that she would be able to bring her women's choir and the Groves project together.

She had already envisioned a women's choir called Körpojektet TRÅD (the choir Project Tree), that would sing for the trees, and it was through listening to the Groves launch that the idea of how to nourish the women deeply through the process started to seed in her.

Twenty-five women attended the first meeting of the choir and Åsa announced that they were going to raise money for trees through an organisation called TreeSisters, and that they would have a lot of fun doing so! The choir met for nine weeks and each week Åsa offered bite-size TreeSisters teachings. Early on in the nine weeks she introduced the practice of sistering, incorporating it very gently into some of the vocal warm up exercises each week. She also weaved in the importance of Sisterhood and the potential for its deep connection, the relationship between trees and women and the importance and power of doing things together.

Women approached Åsa at the end of each evening expressing their gratitude at being invited into deeper connection with each other. Many of the choir had not been in traditional women's circles before where it is more common-place to experience these deeper levels of relating. I asked Åsa what supported her to bring ideas such as sistering to a new group of women in ways that were acceptable and non-threatening, and her response was very clear.



“Everything I invited the women to do was an offering, and I was aware of the vulnerability of women singing and opening up, and so I continuously encouraged the women to listen to themselves tuning into what is comfortable, when they needed to pause and come back to themselves...” ~ Åsa

The nine-week choir culminated in a concert for the local community. They shared a mix of songs, some that had been written specifically for the project incorporating TreeSisters Founder Clare Dubois’ poetry set to music, and others that were well known and chosen simply for pure singing enjoyment. The combination of the beautiful music, deep heart connections between the women and the underbelly of a passionate commitment to offer hope and possibility in the face of climate overwhelm resulted in a beautiful and deeply stirring evening with potency and love rippling right across the 170 people strong audience.

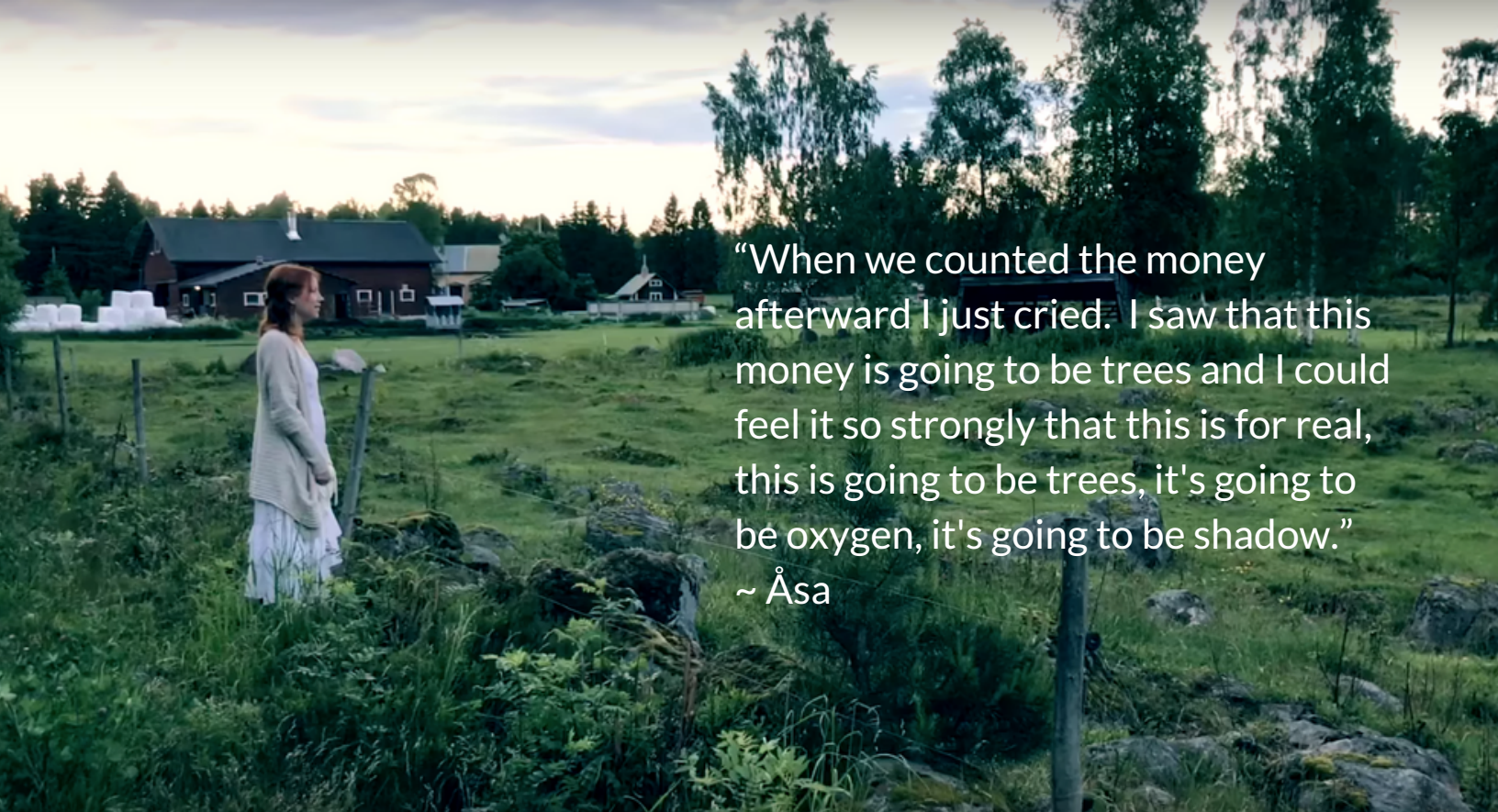


“This has been one of the most fun and brave things I have ever done!”

“Thank you for this time where I have enjoyed being close to you, you inspired me to do something I thought I would never do, but I did.”

~ Choir participants

In effect Åsa offered a pop-up Grove, a short-term, very focussed project that has planted a new seed for the diverse ways in which Groves can happen and the impact of local treesisters gathering in this way. Many of the women expressed sadness at the end of the project acknowledging what a significant and precious gift the deep connections had brought into their lives. This Grove is likely to birth others, it has already introduced TreeSisters to a town, many of the choir are now active TreeSisters members, and the concert itself raised \$800 which will plant 2,338 tropical trees!



“When we counted the money afterward I just cried. I saw that this money is going to be trees and I could feel it so strongly that this is for real, this is going to be trees, it's going to be oxygen, it's going to be shadow.”
~ Åsa

For Åsa herself, the project called her deeply and clearly into her purpose and she is exploring ways of offering virtual choirs across the globe through the internet.

The Groves are just one way that TreeSisters can offer women a chance to come together in sisterhood to make the evolutionary shift in consciousness that is needed for us all to become planetary restorers. TreeSisters also offers courses, meditations, partnerships and a library of inspiring information about reforestation and feminine consciousness.

For more information about starting your own Grove see:
<https://www.treesisters.org/groves>

To watch a recording of the choir concert please see:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ_xCWF9ZKM&feature=youtu.be





Tending to our Sprouts

Education and Tree Planting for the Next Generation - Kenya Ference



"There is an opportunity to pass onto our children our love for this Earth, and our stories. That is what makes us whole. Our adventures in nature together will always exist." ~ Richard Louvre, Last Child In The Woods



At the end of January, I had the pleasure of visiting the Kiva Center in Boulder, Colorado, to teach two groups of children about the importance of reforestation and my work at TreeSisters. The Kiva Center's mission is to share educational experiences with youth and families that celebrate our connection with the natural world and promote community empowerment through environmental stewardship. They provide homeschool enrichment programs, participate in school outreach as well as community projects. Needless to say, they are beautifully aligned with TreeSisters.

I have personally been feeling called for some time to engage more youth with TreeSisters, as they are the next generation of earth stewards and protectors: they are our future. The opportunity to share TreeSisters in this way was more meaningful than I could have imagined.

The first group that I taught was a group of 7 and 8 year-olds. They were playful, curious, and eager to learn. We talked about the many benefits of trees, the reasons why people cut down trees, the fact that 85% of old growth primary forests are gone, and how important it is to plant trees.



I also showed them a map of the world and showed them where each of our planting projects are, paired with photos from all of the projects as I told them about all of the amazing and diverse impacts our projects have. At the end of our session, they got to act out a story about a forest ecosystem, playing the parts of the trees, the animals, the river, rain and sun.

The second group I taught was a small group of 10 to 12 year-olds. They were engaged right from the start, as I talked about climate change and the causes of deforestation. One boy listened carefully as I talked about how greenhouse gases released by human activities were causing a 'warming' effect, which was creating more unpredictable weather patterns and climate destabilization. He thoughtfully put up his hand and said, "So the world is just going to get hotter and hotter?" I couldn't help but hear the fear in his voice.

Wow. Well... with atmospheric carbon past safe levels... and with nine of the ten warmest years on record since 2000... and arctic summer sea ice shrinking to an all-time low... isn't this the question on all of our minds?

I carefully considered and responded to him: "It could continue to get hotter and hotter, and that is a scary thought. But I've also been learning about how life evolves. For example, when you drive through the Rocky Mountains here in Colorado, you see entire mountains that are covered in dead trees except for a few trees that are still alive. Scientists are studying trees like this to understand why they have survived and how they have evolved to withstand disease. Humans are capable of doing this too. We are able to evolve and adapt. And that gives me hope."

We went on to talk about the benefits of trees, the planting projects, and more about the work of TreeSisters. They asked the most thoughtful questions and I went into more depth about our work than I do with most adults.

What I learned most from this experience is how open and interested children are to this topic, and how much of an influence we can have on them at this early stage of life. If we truly need to evolve as a species, this feels like one of the most important ways we can shift consciousness and create a new reality where nature is revered and treated as sacred.

I sent all of the kids home with tree seed packets to plant their own trees at home, and I hope this will be for some of them the beginning of a lifetime of planting trees.



LABYRINTH

SHE
STUMBLES
UP OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE TUMULOUS
OUT OF THE BLACK MAZE
WHERE THE SOLSTICE SUNRISE
REACHES IN TO QUICKEN SEED AND STONE
IT'S BEEN CENTURIES SINCE SHE FELT THAT JOLT
...OR MAYBE JUST ENDLESS WINTER...

SHE HAS ROUGH, FROST-BITTEN SKIN,
CHARRED FEET AND HANDS
HER EYES ARE WILD WITH DARK
AND DISTANCE

SHE IS DISHEVELED, IRASCIBLE
AS A BEAR IN SPRING. SHE
COULD DEVOUR YOU IN ONE GULP. SHE
SMELLS LIKE DIRT, WET STONE,
BURNED ASH
(YOU EXPECTED SUNLIT GOSSAMER, PERHAPS?)

SHE DOES NOT SEE YOU, HESITATING THERE
FULL OF THEORIES AT THE MAZE-EDGE,
LISTENING, CLUELESS, AT THE SIGHING TUNNEL-
MOUTH—
SHE
ONLY LEANS, HUNGRY, INTO THE BRIGHTENING
AIR
AND BOLTS PAST, STREAMING SPARKS OF
LIGHT—
BAREFOOT. UNTRACEABLE.





Planting Trees for Judi Dench

"My life now is just trees. Trees and... um... and champagne."

~ Judi Dench, Life goals, BBC One

When one of the women in our network saw the wonderful BBC show about Judi Dench's passion for trees, she asked us whether TreeSisters should plant a forest for Judi. We couldn't help but be inspired. We also knew that Judi was a treesister even if maybe she didn't know about us. In celebration of her and her love of trees, our network decided to plant a forest for Judi. TreeSisters set up a website link and 48 of our donors have funded the planting of 3,891 trees just for her. This month one of our donors will write to her to let her know who donated and why. We will keep you all updated!



Speaking to the outbreath

Shared by treesister monthly member Stephanie
in Livingston, FL USA

“TreeSisters has been an incredible gift to me. While I've always felt deeply connected to nature, I've not known many others who share this profound love of trees. It wasn't until I joined the TreeSisters Inner Journey that I "met" hundreds of other women who share my passion and empathic experiences with trees. This really helped normalize a deep connection to nature and to other women. It was during one of Clare's videos within the Inner Journey where she spoke of the time being right to ask ourselves not what is the least we can give back to Mother Nature, but what is the most we can give back. I realized that my current monthly donation was nowhere near a reflection of how I feel about this beautiful planet and that I could and must hold myself to a higher standard. With all of the nurturance, support, beauty, and life that Mother Earth provides me every single moment of every single day, increasing my financial commitment to TreeSisters felt like the right thing to do. Am I confident that I'll be able to sustain such a high level of financial support, yes and no. The human side of me can easily go to the false notion of scarcity and lack. But my soul reminds me that I am on this planet for a very limited time and it is not for me to simply consume resources, but rather to replenish and restore. So that is the spirit in which I commit myself to donating an amount of money that is truly outside my typical comfort zone. I do it for my beautiful Mother Earth. And I thank Clare for her courage to speak the truth and step up to guide us in restoring the planet.”

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR GROWING MOVEMENT

Become a monthly TreeSister member and plant leafy green trees! Join our 3,343 Members by [signing up here](#).

Become a Water Carrier! Are you a small business owner? Contribute a portion of your business profits to the trees. Please visit our [Water Carrier's program webpage](#) or contact Terra at terra@treesisters.org.

Join our Heartwood community as a cherished TreeSisters volunteer. Please contact Jenny at jenny@treesisters.org.

Want to make building the TreeSisters movement a core part of your philanthropic strategy? Contact Jocelyn Anderson, our Director of Philanthropy (jocelyn@treesisters.org) about joining our Catalyst Grove with a major gift or foundation grant, provide a legacy to trees with a gift in your will or join us as a corporate sponsor. [Explore giving options here](#).

