



Starseed Sanctuary

Anchoring The Evolutionary Impulse For
Creative Solutions For The Earth And All Humanity

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SHIFT STARSEED IN TRANSITION... WHAT IS EMERGING NOW

Our rapidly changing
world demands we evolve
in consciousness in order
to survive personally
and as a species.

Barbara Marx Hubbard



Dear Friends,

We offer greetings to you in this season of thanksgiving and give thanks for all that has transpired at Starseed in 2011 and all that is to come in 2012. We want you to know that we appreciate who you are and your on-going support of the Starseed Mission.

About a year ago we wrote to you with news that 2011 was a year of transition for Starseed. We set a deadline of having a steward team in residence by January of 2012. An on-site steward team has not yet fully materialized, but a powerful off-site core steward team has manifested as members of the Starseed Transition Team. Far from things winding down at Starseed, the place is pulsing with energy! And the land has spoken. It has strongly communicated its intention to continue to serve as a container for healing and transformation - sanctuary of the deepest kind.

In October we celebrated our 25th anniversary on the land and at this time we rededicated ourselves to another 25 years of service. This is very exciting news. Not only are we in it for the long haul, but we also have a [refocused mission for Starseed in 2012... to anchor the evolutionary impulse for creative solutions for the earth and all humanity](#). These are the times Starseed has been preparing for.

We are living in an unprecedented time of **SHIFT** on a personal and planetary level. We are having a whole system breakdown and therefore we require a whole system shift.

The shift we are entering into is a transition from a high technology, over-populating, polluting world at the edge of destroying it's own life support systems to a new world that is sustainable, compassionate and life-enhancing.

All quotes in this issue are from Barbara Marx Hubbard unless otherwise noted.



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In March, I attended my first "Awakening The Dreamer Symposium" which jolted me awake to:

- ♦ the devastation and crises created by over consumption and misuse of earth's resources
- ♦ the systemic destruction of our environment
- ♦ the annihilation of human and animal species
- ♦ the poverty due to unequal distribution of wealth
- ♦ and the awareness that we can make a difference.



Satyena Ananda,
Co-Founder

In April, I connected with Barbara Marx Hubbard and The Shift Network, and began taking their on-line course called **ACE** which stands for **Agents of Conscious Evolution**.

This incredible work has helped me not only to see that our crisis is a birth, but also to understand how we can turn this crisis into opportunity.

"The many crises we are undergoing are exactly what are needed to bring the awakening of our species to the necessity of evolving in our consciousness and capacities."

We have just passed through the portal of 11/11/11 and fully entered the **Age of Aquarius** where humanity has the opportunity to establish a new world based on love. This will require an evolutionary **SHIFT** to what Barbara Marx Hubbard calls the "universal human. As the old order is coming apart there is much for us to do to consciously co-create what the new world will be. This new world coming into formation is about unity, connection, and community. It is about sharing the wealth, food and shelter for all people, and rising to the opportunity to co-create this evolutionary **SHIFT** occurring on planet earth.



"We allow our deepest aspirations, yearnings and revelations to take subtle form within our consciousness to guide us to create new forms, new social structures, and organizations in the world. We become the future present, claiming our inner potential as a reality, and allowing it to attract us forward to manifest in our lives."



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So what does all this mean for Starseed Sanctuary?

Starseed was created for these very times.

We came to this land nine months before the Harmonic Convergence on August 17, 1987 when the planets aligned in a particular configuration. According to the Mayan and other indigenous prophecies, this was the indication that not only was the old world coming to an end, but a new one was beginning. The period of the shift was 26 years.

In October, 2011, Starseed celebrated its 25th anniversary. This marked 25 years of holding this sacred space for personal and planetary transformation, 25 years of ceremonies, programs and retreats focused on conscious expansion and transformation.

And now as we enter the year 2012, Starseed is poised to fulfill its mission to ground and bring through the evolutionary impulse.



"The evolutionary impulse is an awakening, an energetic experience, a pulsation, a vibration of cosmic inspiration. We no longer feel intimidated or threatened by how overwhelming are the challenges we are facing. We feel ourselves ecstatically compelled and inspired to do everything we can to find creative solutions."

Andrew Cohen

The Shift Is Already Underway at Starseed!

2011 saw a deepening in the programs and retreats offered at Starseed. There has been an upsurge in personal guided retreats, Spiritual Direction work and powerful ceremony. During the July 4th weekend, Satyena and Aravinda collaborated along with a dozen other participants to co-create Starseed's first Interdependence Weekend. This was a powerful opportunity to break out of our isolation and come together as community.



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Starseed also hosted its first **Awakening the Dreamer Symposium** during this weekend (you can read more about this exciting program in the up-coming programs on page 6). Building on the energy of this weekend, we offered another retreat on **Labor Day weekend, which focused on birthing a new story**.

Guided by Satyena's work with Barbara Marx Hubbard, and Aravinda's research for her upcoming book, **Living Revolution**, the programs at Starseed have taken on an evolutionary thrust – focused on waking people up to the situation of our times and preparing them to create a world of peace and harmony. We have added **Evolutionary Circles to Prayers for the Earth**, and we will be offering several more Awakening the Dreamer Symposiums in 2012.



What else is SHIFTING at Starseed Sanctuary?

The **Starseed Transition Team** met in early November and has begun to formulate and implement a plan for bringing Starseed to **sustainability in 2012**. Through our meetings and work we have set the course to **transform both the internal and external structures at Starseed to support financial, social, and ecological sustainability**.

What does this mean?

In 2012 we will be expanding the flow of income to Starseed by offering many **more programs and retreats**; we will be conducting a focused search for more members and staff of the on-site Starseed steward community; and we will be **transforming Starseed's relationship with the local ecosystem by expanding food production and exploring renewable energy and earth-friendly buildings**.

This is an ambitious plan, and people are showing up to help embody these missions. We are very excited that former Starseed steward **Kat VanHammen** will be returning to Starseed for January and part of February to offer her expertise in

support of the transition to a more sustainable organization.



Kat VanHammen



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Two More Big **SHIFTS** at Starseed Sanctuary

1. We are about to begin a search for an **assistant director** to work closely with Satyena on Starseed's mission, and we are grateful that a donor has offered a **year-long stipend for this position**.
2. We are also conducting an assessment of the existing facilities, and with the help of an architect who has volunteered his services, we are **formulating a master plan** for the land and buildings. Many exciting things are afoot at Starseed and we look forward to keeping you abreast of all new developments.

We are very excited about the coming year and we invite you to join us in these exciting changes by getting involved at Starseed!



Join the **SHIFT**



If Starseed has touched your life, we encourage you to become more deeply involved. In this time of widespread change on the planet, it's an ideal time to come together in groups and circles to magnify our power. Starseed provides a place for people to **gather** to **share**, to **learn**, to **inspire**, and to **support one another**. Starseed is supporting the **SHIFT**.

How you can support Starseed? How can you join the **SHIFT** ?

- ◆ Make a year-end or monthly contribution to Starseed
- ◆ Check out and attend our programs in the coming months
- ◆ Watch for the 2012 Calendar which will be distributed in January
- ◆ Come and spend time on the land
- ◆ Volunteer your time and services. Starseed can use your talents.
- ◆ Help hold the frequency of Shift.
- ◆ Tell your friends about Starseed - Share this newsletter with them
- ◆ Make a commitment to be an integral part of Starseed in Transition



Upcoming Programs

As a sign of the **SHIFT** taking place internally, we are committed to improving our communication and informing you of events in a timely fashion. Look for updates on our [website](#) and a full calendar in January.

Our programs in 2012 are focused on **envisioning and creating the world that we want, aligning with our highest truth and purpose**, and **coming together to work cooperatively** and in community to **make the vital changes** that are needed. Program descriptions are below.

Dec 4, noon	Prayers for the Earth and the People of the Earth
Dec 23, 6-9 pm	Winter Solstice / Potluck and Ceremony
Dec 30 - Jan 1	"Bringing in 2012 " - New Year's Retreat
Jan 1, noon	Prayers for the Earth / Evolutionary Circle
Jan 13-15	Quieting Down to Hear...Finding and Aligning with your Life's Purpose
Feb 4 , 10 am	Awakening the Dreamer Symposium
Feb 5, noon	Prayers for the Earth

Starseed offers year round guided, personal and group retreats. Please see our [website](#) for a full listing.

"Bringing in 2012" A New Year's Retreat

Join us for a weekend retreat as we close out 2011 and welcome 2012. There will be a blend of time for quiet reflection and time on the land, as well as group meditation, celebration and discussion of the significance of 2012, preparing ourselves consciously for the changes before us and our role in them. What is this evolution for humanity all about, and how can we participate consciously in it? Together we will set the intention for the birth of a new humanity in 2012.



Quieting Down to Hear...Finding and Aligning with your Life's Purpose



This workshop is for those who feel the call to align with their life's purpose or who understand their purpose but would like to expand more deeply into it. It is an opportunity to turn off the outer noise and focus within through the soul's messengers of Meditation, Time on the Land, Expressive Arts, and Guided Interactive Processes.



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Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium

Awakening the Dreamer is a worldwide initiative inspiring people to bring forth an **environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence** on this planet. Since its launch in 2005 by The Pachamama Alliance, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, CA, Awakening the Dreamer has helped tens of thousands of people realize their tremendous **potential as agents of change**.

A world of justice, fulfillment, and sustainability is not a fantasy for the distant future – it is a reality into which millions of people around the world are waking up and taking action. Awakening the Dreamer workshops enable participants to trade old dreams rooted in consumption, competition and inequality for a new vision of the human family founded on the desire we all share for justice and peace. A top quality experience combining video clips and interactive exercises, the Symposium guides participants through our current situation, how we got here, where we want to go, and **engages us to take action now**.

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Opportunity Available As A Buildings and Grounds Steward



If You ...

- have a wide range of maintenance skills such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing and grounds keeping
- are in a period of transition, looking to live more sustainably, align with your life's purpose and would like some support and "spiritual direction"
- value living in relationship with the land
- enjoy people and are comfortable hosting others
- are willing to work 25 hours per week

What we'll offer you ...

- a room in our retreat house
- opportunity to live in a healing sanctuary and time to be on the land
- ability to attend Starseed programs
- some shared community meals
- optional 2 hours per week of spiritual direction counseling
- stipend based on experience

This opportunity is a 3 month commitment with the possibility for a more long term agreement.

Please pass along this newsletter by emailing it to a friend, co-worker or family member and encourage them to join YOU in becoming an integral part of the **SHIFT** that's happening NOW at Starseed Sanctuary.