



A Vision Brought to Life

Patty Meyer became interested in Labyrinths in 1997 after seeing an article in a local newspaper about one constructed on canvas, available to walk at a Catholic church in Missoula. She never visited that one, but a friend told her about an experience she and



her young daughter had in walking a labyrinth. Patty searched for information online and was immediately drawn to the pattern, especially the Chartres 11-circuit pattern. Using it as a walking meditation appealed to her.

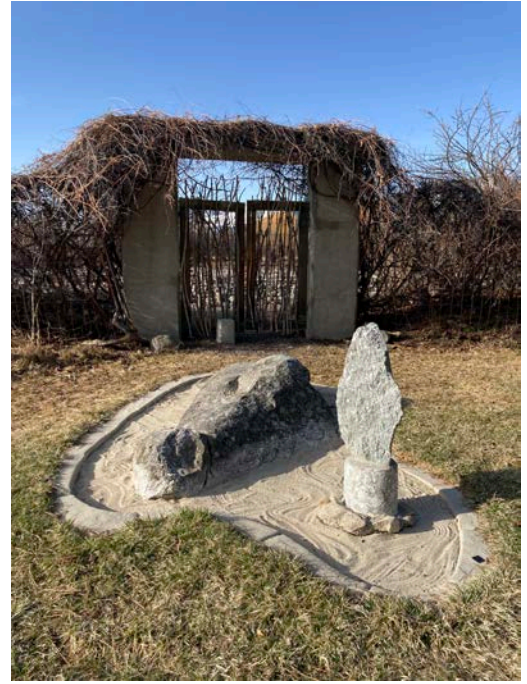
She read two key books: *Labyrinths: Ancient Myths & Modern Uses* by Sig Lonegrens and *Walking a Sacred Path* by Dr. Lauren Artress. Patty and Helmut, her husband, made a bold decision to build one in the field on their property. In the fall of 1998, Patty also took an adult education class based on *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. Building a labyrinth was her project, though no one had any idea of the undertaking.

Patty and Helmut spent two years constructing the **Redsun Labyrinth** using fieldstones and many hours of hard work. It was first open to the public on **New Year's Eve 2000**. Much to their surprise, more than 300 people came from all over western Montana to participate in that magical moment. A path lined by tiny white lights led to the 108' labyrinth, its outer edge surrounded by glowing luminary. A steady stream of people came from sundown until midnight and even continued the following day.

Since that time, **Redsun Labyrinth** has been open the public. Some 2,000 people visit annually during the open season, usually April through October. A variety of events such as the Chalice of Repose, Dancers of Universal Peace, Qigong classes, and celebrations including birthdays and weddings have been held here.

Patty saw the labyrinth as **a place of possibilities**, unique to the individual and what they believe, a place to celebrate the rituals in our lives and a special place to reconnect with the earth. The labyrinth is *sacred space*, a place to travel inward to make new discoveries about the self and the soul.

Patty passed away in January 2015. Helmut continues what they built together. Patty's vision lives on in the hearts of all who visit and share this extraordinary place.



“More laughter.
More nature.”

PATTY MEYER

