

Magic Tree 2013 (Flier #10) . A Tenth Flier Compilation of the Past Fliers

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Flier 10 (2013 - this Year)

Thanks again to the The Village of Cherry Hill Business Association for hosting the Magic Tree. The Village of Cherry Hill hosts the Magic Tree for the sole purpose of continuing the gift of holiday cheer that the annual lighting of the Magic Tree brings to the community. The opinions expressed in this flier and on the Magic Tree website (magic-tree.org) are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect those of The Village of Cherry Hill or any of its residents, businesses, or customers. Please remember to express your thanks to the businesses of Cherry Hill without whom the *Magic Tree* would not have a home. *Will Freighter*.

The first thing you may have noticed is that the 19th annual Magic Tree is a different tree this year. This new tree is the fourth tree to be the official *Magic Tree*. I decided on a new tree because a heavy snow last year, combined with the weight of the lights, broke one of the major branches of the tree I have lit for the last four years. Time to give that tree a break. I'm attempting to put fewer lights on the tree while still wrapping all the branches so that there is less weight and the tree stays more upright and is less likely to break in heavy snow. This year's tree has approximately 40,000 lights on it, a majority of which are energy saving LEDs. It took about 50 hours to light it and about 20% of those hours were performed by my son. Welcomed help.

I began composing a flier for the tree ten years ago to answer your frequently asked questions and to try my hand at putting into focus for you what motivates me and what the *Magic Tree* means to me. I always have so much I want to tell you I have real difficulty whittling it down to just the front and back of one sheet of paper. Thank you for taking the time to read it. This year I want to highlight from the past nine fliers what I consider to be the main points conveyed up to now and at the end you will find this year's emphasis. *Beauty and the beast: The Magic Tree* is a symbol for what it is that lies beyond the door of your heart-mind-action. Quiet mind (through meditation) opens the door of the heart (to Beauty or the One Who Knocks) - and action (service or sharing - walking through the door, over the threshold, of the heart) transforms our world into an expression of beauty which in turn is an expression of Love or the One in Whom We Live and Move and Have Our Being. Quiet mind and heart combine and twist in turns to form what the horn of a unicorn may symbolize - an instrument of spiritual perception unrealized by most forming straight as an arrow out of the forehead of a beast. Or the combination can be seen to form a steeple on a house that turns the mundane into a temple or a cathedral of *Spirit* (don't forget Love as the corner stone or it will fall). I hope you will take time in the stillness to contemplate the words in this flier for they are an arrow carefully fletched with the feathers from birds of high flight and aimed straight for the heart there to effervesce and produce a dome of beatitude atop a deep wellspring from which to draw all impetus for action.

Flier 1 (2004): "Whatever you see in the Magic Tree is a reflection of what is inside you. I hope you see beauty for beauty is everywhere present for those with eyes to see it. And beauty, I believe, is the *Signature of Love*, which is also everywhere present. Seeing beauty then is seeing the evidence of the presence of love and if you can see it then it is also within you. (*"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."*)"

Flier 2 (2005): "Just as evident and predictable as the sun's light shining without condition and with perfect and absolute scientific lawfulness as we spin through space is the *Love* we have often called God. How shall we little ones reflect such great *Love*? The World Teacher says *"Share and Save the World"*. The most beautiful and loving expressions are those that are acts of sharing. Such acts give off *Light* that warms the soul with joy. If we did a scientific study I'm sure we would verify that sharing unfailingly produces joy while holding and hoarding produces fear and unease.

Flier 3 (2006):

"I. In the Silence in which you hear all sounds. Notice them and the space between and you notice me.

I. In the Light with which you see all things illuminated in all their various shapes and colors.

I. In the Voice still and small that is speaking to you at all times. Quiet yourself and listen.

I. In the Beauty that adorns all things for those with eyes that see.

I. In the Love in every heart regardless of race or creed and religious or political orientations.

I. In ..."

Flier 4 (2007): "... had grown so tall that it was bent at the top where the wind blew up over the building it was in front of. Down lower long reaching branches grew first one way and a then little higher up another way. The fog was enveloping, the mist was blowing in gusting waves across, the tree swayed to and fro and suddenly ... mind stopped, just became very still and quiet. Anxiousness left. The machinations of trying to figure everything out ... gone. The tree in the blowing mist and fog ... so beautiful ... couldn't take it all in with out stopping everything else going on inside me. So I did ... it was automatic. I just stopped. And then, a voice, literally as though it were coming from the tree but was inside my head, yet out loud: *"Everything is okay just the way it is, there is nothing you need to do."* ... tremendous relief and then ... wiped eyes and went to class. ... decided to cultivate the awareness of what the voice had said by intentionally quieting myself through meditation and also by just noticing beauty wherever I could find it around me. ... did this especially whenever I felt some anxiety coming on and within several months all the physical symptoms of the anxiety that had been building up for years had subsided and has never come back."

Flier 5 (2008): "The Magic Tree is a celebration of *Light*. The *Light* that causes a face to "light up" with a smile or good work and that *Light* that spreads through the mind when a "bright idea" is brought forth. There is the *Light* of desire when it is turned toward aspiration of heart felt soul searching and there is the *Light of the Soul*, our higher self, which is found when mind, body and emotions are calmed and stilled. ... the Coming One emerges to shine *Light* on the path ahead for humanity, as a group, to improve its re-presentation of the *Light of Life* Itself. Many from different religions and some that hold to none expect, in some fashion or other, the coming of that One Who embodies the *Light of Life* Itself as we each in our own way shall some day grow to do as we move into the spiritual *Light of the Soul*. Let the light of the Magic Tree, regardless of race, creed, politics, religion, gender, orientation or age, in some small way symbolize what we are becoming as we tread that *Litiged Path*. Let it represent as well the *Light* of that Great Encourager, the quiet, subtle, subjective, stealthy, but essential, *Light of Life* Itself as it shines out brightly for any who open the door."

Flier 6 (2009): "There is a simple "magic" formula for the increase of the effulgent light of the Soul:

See Beauty Share Your Good Have Joy

When we see *Beauty* it is natural to want to share it. Don't see any *Beauty*? Do something kind for someone without any expectation of it being reciprocated. There is *Beauty*. We can make it up anytime we want to. Know the *Beauty* that is within you, share that without expectation, and joy just happens. As you view the Magic Tree think on this: If you are the beholder and you have the power to see and create *Beauty* wherever you will, *what then are you?* What is your true nature, your true self? Find that and make it manifest – *You, who holds the key and stands now ready on the threshold!*"

Flier 7 (2010): "I put the lights on the tree but I have not made it *Magic*. When you who see it and respond by beholding it with imagination and happiness, you fill it with its truly *Light* emitting *Magical* properties. ...I am referring to true *Magic*; that kind of *Magic* that happens when imagination and energy turns something that was not in form into something that is. I propose that that energy, for lack of a better name, is *Absolute Perfect Unconditional Love*; that it exists in spirit or as *The Unmanifest* and transcendent until such a time in which someone imagines something with enough intensity as if to *Practice Its Presence*. The *Spirit* then flows into activity, like electricity into a light bulb, to manifest whatever is imagined. Together, in tentative but inevitable companionship we choose, we decide our future, by choosing what we do with our thinking, and with our attentiveness, in the present. Can we make a *Magic Tree* of thought and prayer, each of us in our minds, that is full of *Light* and *Energy* that will transform our world into one that resembles Heaven?"

Flier 8 (2011): "*Grace* is free to all. As we practice 'standing still' in meditation, using our controlled physical body, mind and emotional planes of awareness as platforms to stand upon, we access a *Virgin* form of awareness (one that is free from the idea that love and happiness come from things, emotions and thoughts that we don't have and must acquire). In that *Virgin Heart* of awareness a *Babe* of pure and unconditional love is born out. Shepherds of thought and emotion watch carefully and guard against the ravenous wolves such as those of fear and resentment so as not to disturb the tranquil *Babe* that lies in a feeding trough formerly reserved for the animals of emotional reactivity and low level anxious or aggravated short sighted thought; animals that now lay calm and peaceful nearby. There is no room in the inn for it is filled with people bustling and jostling in weary counting for "taxes" to be paid to the dichotomy of good and evil. Joseph, *The Meditator*, found space, none-the-less, in the lowly stable of contemplation that until moments ago was used to house lesser thoughts and feelings than his *Virgin Awareness* and *Babe* of unconditional pure love. Three kings then visit, having seen the starlight of pure love, bearing their gifts; one of will and power, another of spiritualized understanding, love and compassion and a third of spiritual creative intelligence. A brilliant star of *Faith* shines above and a heavenly peace falls over all the land."

Flier 9 (2012): "Many today expect one to come who is a perfected expression of the One Source; an individualized perfected expression of God. If the Magic Tree analogy holds true, such a perfected human would also be expressing the *Highest Desire* of each and all of us, if by "*Highest*" we mean that which most closely reflects that of our common Source of *Life, Light* and *Love*. That *Light* from the perfected human would be like the *Light* of all of us together, the way the Magic Tree gives off one light made of many put together. The Coming One, then reflects that *Highest Being* that is within you and within each of us, but has yet to be demonstrated collectively *through* us. By reflecting our *highest aspirations* this Expected One would have much to reveal to us regarding how to live in harmony and peace with each other and the Earth. Is not our highest aspiration for *Heaven on Earth*? Then this World Teacher comes to help us in our cause. The Magic Tree is my feeble attempt to make a symbol for a tiny bit of such a *Heaven on Earth* revealed."

Flier 10 (2013 - this year): "Who can argue with *Heaven on Earth* as our goal? Even most atheists would agree that peace and tranquility resulting from right relations with our fellow human beings is a worthy goal. Even gun enthusiasts ultimately seek right relationships - thinking they can force the issue if need be. Even the terrorist wants to correct what is wrong - thinking the end justifies the means. Heaven on Earth is a universal human quest, however it is one we can only achieve together as a group through peaceful means. We protect our own in family groups, communities, states and nations attempting to maintain a sense of security, to achieve some measure of peace and well being. Our prayers and meditations reach for greater realization of such a beautiful and tranquil state. In response to our call those who have mastered how to achieve such a state have come to inspire and teach. At their head is the World Teacher. Perfect Mastery warrants His position, but it is *we* who must step up to the task of response and ably affect the changes needed in the way we humans go about our daily business. Will you be one who responds or will you sit on the sidelines frozen in your comfort zone. Each must choose for themselves. There is never coercion at a spiritual level and if we are to achieve the spirit of Heaven on Earth then there can be no coercive tactics used on you or on our fellows. What does that leave us in tools for community wide implementation? Fly straight as an arrow to your Source. Put away exclusivity, prejudices and grievances, Open up the flood gates of Understanding, Love and Compassion. See beauty, share with others your material and spiritual wealth and about what you have seen and understand with quiet mind through the heart. Have the joy of stretching your comfort zones and vanquishing fear. Little by little we will come together - a trickle, then a swirl, soon a flood - to form a massive "tree" of individual light beings spreading one perfectly harmonious light. This is *Our* quest. In it is *Our* hope. God speed *Our* resolve. *Love's everything, Will Treelighter*

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More about the *World Teacher* at share-international.org.

The public is invited to hear Will Treelighter speak about the Emergence of the World Teacher and the practice of Transmission Meditation in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library on January 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar.