

I first met Adam at an EarthWorks for Humanity Gathering and Celebration. As I approached the gathering, the first thing I noticed was the complex medicine wheel with the merkaba on one side, and a pentagram on the other, joined in a figure 8. I was amazed at the complexity and the power of the symbolism and sacred geometry, especially on the red rocks of the vortexes of Sedona.

The private land was donated for this particular gathering. Divided into sections for the variety of events taking place, I could see teepees, several sweat lodges, and a large sacred circle, surrounded by a fence.

As I watched from the perimeter of a sacred circle, different indigenous people came to the center to say prayers, lead songs, and share their culture. I kept noticing this blonde guy walking around without a shirt. He had some kind of skirt-like wrap around his waist. Everyone there seemed to know him and respect him. In fact, he was included in every ceremony, although he didn't appear to be connected directly to any specific culture. This, was Adam Yellowbird.

At the EarthWorks for Humanity Gathering, there were many speakers sharing their knowledge and gifts about connecting with the earth. I learned about acupuncture for the Earth, a gift that connects and opens vortexes of energy, allowing the natural sacred geometry of the land to resonate with healing the planet. As there are vortexes everywhere, Earth's acupuncture can be given anywhere in the world, for healing the earth.

One of the multicultural ceremonies I witnessed included a young girl, around eleven who had commenced her first moon. The coming of womanhood ceremony was combined with another one, that of the coming of the crone. The fifty year old woman had just completed her last moon and was ready for the wisdom of the elders. All participants joined in the circle to celebrate the two natural cycles of life. We held hands, prayed, sang, and circled the two women, as they nodded and smiled, proud of their day.

This is what Adam does best: gathering and communing with all nations to share cultures and demonstrate we truly are all one.

The Return of the Ancestors Gathering, April 18-28, 2009, in Northern Arizona

Adam Yellowbird DeArmon, World Visionary and Earth Steward announces The Return of the Ancestors Gathering, April 18-28, 2009 in Northern Arizona.

The fourth gathering of the bridging of the Americas invites the indigenous men and women wisdom keepers and youth to come together to initiate the Peruvian prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor.

“When the Eagle once again flies with the Condor, a lasting peace will reign in the Americas and will spread throughout the world to unite humanity.”

The Return of the Ancestors Gathering includes all indigenous cultures from the five different continents, Yellowbird foresees. And many different ones are contacting him daily, having heard about this gathering. The intention is to unite and share the invited wisdom keeper's visions and prophesized ceremonies for peace and harmony for Mother Earth and all humanity.

“The Institute for Cultural Awareness' goal is to sponsor 72 or more global spiritual/cultural leaders and 28 youth council leaders from around the world.”

These wisdom keepers will share their harmonic wisdom and understandings enabling the world to fulfill the prophecies of the ancestors.

“ It is time for the return of the Divine Feminine and the Divine Masculine,” Yellowbird announced. “It is time for the prophecies, the cultures, the languaging, the history and herstory of all people to come together as one. It is time to release cellular memory that doesn't serve us and replace it with a new memory and consciousness that gives inspiration for the future, beyond 2012. We are seeing the collapse of the old structures, and seeing the positive message behind this. We are bringing a rebirth to our world, with purification. We are the future we fully intend to be. And it begins here.”

Yellowbird's *Return of the Ancestors Gathering* was initiated in 2007 at Lake Titicaca where the wisdom keepers last gathered. At that time, it was realized that Yellowbird's non-profit Institute of Cultural Awareness had the same mission as the visionaries of North and South America, according to the Continental Council of Indigenous Elders and Spiritual Guides. ICA'S mission is “providing a safe and healthy environment for cultural exchange and healing. Dedicated to facilitating cultural exchange programs, preserving sacred sites and honoring Indigenous traditions while bridging the gaps between the elders and the children.” Adam at first resisted the idea of leading the next gathering, but soon realized it was part of his destiny. The elders gave their blessing for Adam to coordinate this 2009 gathering.

Yellowbird's background with indigenous ways began in childhood, as he grew up in a commune near Baltimore, Maryland. Different teachers came through the community to teach about getting back into nature, attuning to the elementals, and sharing the joy of the natural world while living in harmony with it. Some of

his earliest teachers recognized his life mission even then and saw him as a pioneer for the children of the future. Even as a teenager he worked with healing Mother Earth.

His healing gifts are now channeled through EarthWorks for Humanity, “a catalyst for individual, community, and global efforts. As a project associated with ICA, “earth work encompasses fostering an alliance between the youth, elders, and our communities by developing and sponsoring international multicultural events and cultural exchange programs.”

Not just a small event, this huge undertaking involves more than just the elders meeting in Northern AZ. The ten days of the Ancestors Gathering includes ceremonies, prayers, and celebration with a pilgrimage beginning **Earth Day weekend, April 18-19**, in Sedona. Immediately following is **Healing the Ancestral Memory Ceremonies, April 20-22**, in Dead Horse Ranch State Park, in Cottonwood; **Teachings of the Global Council, April 23**, at the Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff; **A Sunrise Ceremony, April 24** at the Grand Canyon; an **Indigenous Forum and Ceremony, April 25-26** at the Hopi Land; closing with a **Farewell Ceremony, April 27-28**, back at Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood.

Different workshops and lectures held in Sedona for Earth Day Weekend include the following topics:

- * Learning the history and the origin of the *Continental Council of Indigenous Elders and Spiritual Guides of the America*.
- * Seeking the healing of the ancestral memories
- * Sharing wisdom keepers' knowledge, songs, visions and prophesized ceremonies for peace and harmony for mother earth and all humanity.
- * Looking at the truth from the perspective of the tree of life, the seed of life and flower of life
- * Exploring the mysteries of the seen and unseen from the past, present and future.
- * Learning of indigenous prophecies: Hopi, Mayan, Incan, Lakota, Kogi, etc.
- * With more workshops and lecture topics to be announced

Yellowbird foresees and encourages a pilgrimage following the elders on their route. In fact, he has several registration options for people wanting to attend.

Pre-registration fees range from \$500 for attending 5 days to \$1,100 for 10 days, and do not include lodging, transportation or meals.

To sponsor an Elder, the cost for the entire gathering is \$5000, and that includes passport, visas, transportation, lodging, and food for at least 10 days.

Many of the elders attending have never left their birthplace and are interested in staying longer for cultural exchanges.

Here's how you can be part of the new vision of the planet, where all nations come together as one, having healed the ancestral memories and replaced them with higher visions of inspiration, peace and harmony.

Land/home donations:

- *Allow the use of a minimum of 5 acres of land to facilitate the elders and wisdom keepers in or around the Sedona, AZ area
- *Offer short term donations of vacation homes and/or retreat centers in Northern Arizona
- *Offer a public use facility for meetings, media, interviews of the elders and wisdom keepers
- *Donate a minimum of 5 Acres of land to the Institute of Cultural Awareness 501C3 to be used as a permanent space for future events
- *Provide creative ideas for land acquisition for Institute of Cultural Awareness
- *Provide volunteer assistance

Personal donations:

- *Attend the gathering, even if it's only for one day. Please be aware that lodging will be filled to capacity, as will the campgrounds. So plan ahead.
- *If you are unable to attend a gathering, sponsor an elder, by giving what you can.

Personal/Group connections:

- *Seek the sun, Yellowbird advises. Do ceremonies and spiritual practices around the sun and the moon. The sun is a portal to open up consciousness and activate our cellular memory.
- *Do your Merkaba Meditation with the intention to heal ancestral memory that doesn't serve and replace it with a greater vision of unity.
- *Do the Unity Breath meditation to hold the vision of oneness.
- *Go to a local water source and make a salutation or prayer. Give thanks for the abundance of water. This helps to connect you to the land and the water.
- *Begin a community garden. Even if you're in the city, this can be accomplished.
- *Visualize yourself as empowered and see yourself as a divine instrument of light.
- *Hold a candlelight vigil and recognize the light within yourself.
- *Create a global meditation group or attend one. Network with other groups with a similar mission so you are meditating on the same day.
- *Have a special gathering of your own. ICA will post your event on their website, which will help others find you. It can be anything from an Earth Day event to a meditation gathering where you connect with the elders and heal your ancestral memories that don't serve. (See ICA's website for different activities.
http://www.earthworksforhumanity.org/pages/Get_Involved.shtml#Seeking)

We look forward to connecting with you to heal the planet!

For more information about the event, and the attending elders, please visit Yellowbird's website: www.ica8.org. Please check back frequently for updates.

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