A Celebration of Trees

The show opens on Friday, May 2. Performances will begin that evening, and will continue through the month of May weekdays at lunch time (this is so schools can attend, as well as people on their lunch breaks and Seniors) in the rotunda area of the State Capitol. The exhibition continues through the month of August, probably coming down the week of August 25th (this will need to be confirmed with the State Capitol staff).

Visual Artists: I would like to receive your work by April 21 (or earlier). Your work must be framed (if not let me know how it is to mounted). If you wish to have work outdoors let me know soon, as we must inform the Capitol grounds people. Sculptors: pedestal needs (or...) by April 1. By March 1 please get me two (or more) 5x7 prints of your work, for publicity. These will be returned after the exhibition.

Performers: By March 1 I would like two 5x7 (or larger) prints of you for publicity purposes. These will be returned in June.

The Arts Commission has awarded us approximately $4,300.00. I still need to raise another $3,000.00. I would greatly appreciate any and all input on possible income sources (names of Nursery owners, arborists, your Mom.....anyone you can think of who might give $100, $500 or $1,000 to the show).

Thanks for your patience during the initial fund raising process.

Best Wishes,

Bobbe Besold
Manifesto: The Mad Farmer
Liberation Front

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won’t compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands.

Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed. Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.

Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.

Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years.

Listen to carrion—put your ears close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicos can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn’t go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.
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Lena Bartula    David Parsons
Bobbe Besold   Janet Russek
Geraldine Fiskus  Meridel Rubenstein
Michael Ginsberg  Gaal Shepard
James Griffith    Nancy Sutor
Penny Harris    Luis Tapia
Phil Harris      Gina Telcocci
Basia Irland    Steina Vasulka
Ramon Jose Lopez  Dean Michael Walch
Diane Marsh    Erika Wanenmacher
Mark Oliver with Anne Sabine Nicholas and
Marius Gustaitis    Jerry West

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performances, demonstrations, care and conversations about trees

Wednesdays in May
11:30am - 1:30pm
The New Mexico State Capitol Rotunda

May 7: dancer and drummer Elise and Eric Gent, Ross LewAllen
(talking from the tree), guitarist Mary Outten and storyteller Linda Piper

May 14: Dancer Travis and the band
Middle Sea Trio with David Bilbes, Kathy Stately and Travis. Sherri Silverman reading tree poetry

May 21: Arborist Kevin Avantes,
carver Chris Olsen and
dancer/storyteller Zulhieka
with cellist Michael Kott

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