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Dear

In a manner of speaking, this is a gardener's report. I was honoured with being given the vision-seed of Hyperborea. As best as I could, I planted the seed, and nurtured the seedling. Now, with Pat/Epona's arrival, the plant has finally grown to it's first, full productive level.

Epona will be immensely helpful in assisting me in caring for the plant's task of offering the shade of collective learning and fellowship for all who feel a sensitivity to the Hyperborean path.

But she now has the responsibility of the plant's own first-born seed - a seed of a vision which, many beside I, had perceived and hoped for ... The vision of a world-wide link of Covens and Wiccan, serving as the spiritual core for the beliefs that Hyperborea embodies. The nurturing of that sort of sacred seed can only be the responsibility of a High Priestess.

I am most sorry that a letter of this much importance must be shared in such a "form-letter" style. But, as I have nurtured the first seed, the Fates have been generous, and introduced me to a vast number of women well suited to aid in the growth of the second seed - but it was too early then to speak of the second vision. And experience had taught me well, that this vision could only be manifested into reality by a most rare sort of woman. So, I just wrote down yours, and all the other names - knowing that the time would come. I may add, that each name on this list, that includes yours, are examples of women, rare and exceptional - for each link in the inevitable chain, must be strong and special.

Today, that most special list has been opened up. In these transient and troubled times, many of the addresses may no longer be correct. And some of the women may have found paths quite apart from the path I once met them on. However, I know that within this list are the essential ones needed to fulfill this vision - I hope you are among them.

For those that have lacked continual contact with Hyperborea, I include: our latest newsletter that will explain much; and a new introduction to the Hyperborean Path written by both Epona and I, which will give insight not only to the current direction of Hyperborea - but also offers an introduction as to how Epona's sensitivity has expanded and amplified the original vision of Hyperborea. And best, I share her just completed overview of the Faerie Faith - the words describing this aspect of the Dianic Craft, offer example, far better than I could, the spiritual sensitivity of this rare woman.

The overview of our Tradition serves yet another purpose. Though High Priestesses of other Traditions (family-trads, Amer-Indian, Feminist-Dianic, etc.) have already joined in this quest - the Faerie Tradition does personify the essence of this vision. A spiritual dedication to the care and love of Mother Earth. A spiritual core to offer unified support for all who seek the path of awakening awareness to the cycles, rhythms and essence of Mother Nature... It will be an interwoven chain of Wiccan bonded together by a common thread of preference to Natural magic, rather than the patriarchal pedantics of ceremonial magick. Threads bonded together at the Matrix as a point of sharing, but interwoven by common purpose and direction.

The following will give added insight to my trust in Epona's ability to be the responsible center of this Matrix.

At the very first stage, when the vision-seed was still being studied, seven High Priestesses aligned themselves and their Covens to serve Epona's quest.

When a High Priestess becomes a central point for over five covens, Wiccan tradition places the title "Queen" on such a woman (which Epona deserved anyway, in her leadership role of the Matrifocal Realm of Hyperborea). Over the years, I have seen that position warp all but a few women. To Epona, the position meant only one thing, the clichè, "the buck stops here". As for the expected position of being a source point of: sharing lore, knowledge, suggestions, etc., though she was wise enough in many ways to stand alone - she chose an even wiser direction, she immediately assembled an inner council of the Matrix, whose combined time in the Craft totalled a century of experience.

Levels of Wiccan authority take many forms - all the way to the holding of blood parchments. Epona turned immediately to the preparation of a document. A document of her responsibility to the High Priestesses. With the only direct responsibility on their part being that they promise to use her help to them in positive levels for others.

In brief, Epona's concept of her role and that of the Matrix to the participating High Priestesses can be best described by paraphrasing some of her own concepts and words - " a cohesiveness formed around the basic essences ... which gives a matrix of unity to all ... without infringing upon the autonomy of the Covens."

I believe, to fully perceive the whole woman, it should be added that Epona's talents and position in the Craft, are but one side of Pat, a strong, self-defined woman with her own professional career. She is a doctor of veterinary medicine, specializing in the care of horses. (For professional reasons, please remember to keep that side of Pat in low profile.) She also has 120 hours of formal training in the field of acupuncture.

That concludes this gardener's on the state of a special plant.

If you wish to join in this quest to create a spiritual garden of the highest plain, the next stage of contact will be between you and Epona. Inform her of your interest, background, any special skills and/or training, and the basic reference material you use - and anything else that might seem pertinent. If you have not achieved full status as a High Priestess, and because of geographic or spiritual isolation, see no prospects in this direction - But do sense a desire to include yourself - do not hesitate and isolate yourself further (the care as such as you, may well become an important, extra purpose of a widespread web of Hyperborean Covens - this is not a guarantee that the web will extend near your area - it is a hope).

If you are not presently involved in an "outer-court" program of a Hyperborean Clan or Tribe for your Coven, please make special note of this to Epona - so that extra preparations may be made to suit your needs. We hope that one day, every Hyperborean Clan or Tribe will have a Coven as its spiritual center - for the expanded growth and purpose of those properly dedicated to the path.

Address your letter to ... Epona, P.O.Box 2251, Peachtree City, Georgia 30269. And Epona will reply with expanded description of the vision and other related materials
May She smile upon your path.

Mark Roberts