



**2011 annual report**



## mission

Together, we access peace by bridging ancient wisdom with today's world.

## objectives

- We facilitate the use of the unique energy field of Altai as a resource for global renaissance.
- The best of the carefully sustained wisdom of indigenous cultures forms a framework for sustainable human existence on Earth.
- The valuable culture and ecology of the Altai region are internationally nurtured according to local indigenous leadership, so that the legacy is available to meet global needs, especially the health and spiritual resources for which the region is renowned.
- Special efforts are made to find positive, inclusive solutions to the issue of land registration and ownership—especially communal and ancestral lands.

## from the president

**T**his year marked a major change for Altai Mir University. For the first time in more than a decade, I did not physically go to Russia. I am able to stay connected with the energy field in Altai without needing to actually be there, as a result of the subtle energy work our Altai Fellowship did in 2011.

Contrary to the picture to the right, however, I have not let the grass grow under my feet. That's me in South Dakota to support Lakota elder Christinia Eala's restorative cultural work on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. She has initiated an ambitious project to build packed-earth "dome homes" for families currently living in FEMA trailers. Our primary contribution has been in the arena of fund-raising and capacity development. I made a promotional video of our construction process near Wounded Knee (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b94ZmtCFSEM>).

We also continued to support Svetlana Katynova's restorative cultural work even though I was not in Altai—especially her mentoring of the group of young throat-singers.

At the end of 2012, we are ramping up for another major fund-raiser—Svetlana has been allotted land at the edge of Gorno-Altai on which to create a traditional Altai village, so that indigenous Altai children living in the city will be able to experience their culture, rather than just learn about it in history class.

Thank you, to our generous donors for making all this possible!

*Coral Holtmer*



# milestones



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- 2012 was the pivotal year for transformation of the Planet Earth. The Mayan admonition that the end of one cycle is the being of the next proved true despite all the media hype about the end of the world. Through 2012, members of the Altai Fellowship continued to ground the positive energy from the vortex that we opened in Altai in August 2011.
- An additional energy vortex was opened by Altai Fellowship member Daniel Brower in Argentina on December 21, 2012. The source of the energy is the same no matter where it is accessed.
- Carol continues to paint and exhibit the visions she accesses through the Altai energy field and to exhibit them widely.



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- Publication of Svetlana Katynova's seminal research project to document the wisdom, knowledge, and traditions of Altai elders in the Ust Koksa district of Altai is still in process. Her expectation is that the book will be published in Altai, Russian, English, and possibly German.
- We also supported development of another cache of material about Altai culture, traditions, and wisdom. Nikolai Shodoev's book *Altai Bilik*, translated by Joanna Dobson, was finally published in English and is available through Amazon. Immediately after publication, Nikolai made Joanna the custodian of his life-work—volumes of information about Altai culture, which Joanna is now sorting through and translating into English.





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- Our main effort continues to be the support of sustainable re-establishment of indigenous throat-singers as village resources for healing and connection with Source. Several videos of the young throat-singers whom we have been sponsoring can be found on the Altai Mir website or through YouTube. The young people whom we are sponsoring regularly win national and international contests.



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- Svetlana Katynova has been drawing up plans for an ethnic eco-village on the outskirts of Gorno-Altaiisk. The land has been allotted, but not yet surveyed and registered. This village will have three main functions: to provide a place where Altai people can live in harmony with nature according to their ancient traditions; to train and incubate traditional, locally adapted livelihoods such as dairy, wool, herb, and meat processing; to enable ethnic Altai city children to be immersed in the fullness of their culture for at least brief periods, rather than learning about their culture from history books.
- We embarked on a major new initiative this year with the support of Lakota elder Christinia Eala's bold effort to construct healthy houses for elders caring for extended families in shockingly substandard housing. Carol spent a three weeks on the project in Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota. See Carol's video of the construction process at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b94ZmtCFSEM>.



## looking ahead

- We are planning two major grassroots fund-raising initiatives this coming year for healthy, culturally appropriate housing—one near Gorno-Altaiisk, Altai Republic, Russia, and the other on the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota.
- We continue to support the educating of promising young Altai throat-singers, to become traditional leaders in their communities.
- We will continue our ongoing programs in support of indigenous land registration and the re-establishment of sustainable traditional livelihoods that enable young people to stay in their village cultures.
- We continue to support the development of the two cultural centers in Tyungur Village: the throat-singers' healing center and a more public cultural center, which is also being used as a summer camp for local children.
- Carol will continue to exhibit her visionary paintings, as well as give "Painting Light" workshops to help people access their own creativity. These images, whether original or reproduced, are transmitters of the sacred Altai energy. The painting to the right was painted as a benefit for the Seattle Goddess Festival in August
- As opportunities arise, we will continue to facilitate the dissemination of the ancient wisdom both of Altai and our Native American nations—especially ongoing support for the writings of the two Altai elders with whom we worked this past year.
- All donations to Altai Mir University go directly toward our programs unless otherwise designated by the donor.





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