

Radiance Dome Thanks You



Happiness radiates
like the fragrance
from a flower
and draws all good things
towards you.

— Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

2016: a year of progress

Funding in 2016 was three times the average funding in raised the past 5 years.

The Dome has one new 4-ton American-made air conditioner with a 10-year warranty. We replaced the inside air handler (32 years old) and the outside part (the compressor, which had been replaced once before). Total cost of this entire HVAC system, including new thermostat: \$5600. One done, one left to go!

All original toilets have been replaced with water conserving low-flow models. All this was made possible by generous donations—thanks y'all.

Nearly all carpeting, padding and tack strips have been removed inside the Dome due to severe water damage. The stage alone still retains its original pale orange carpeting.

About half the interior of Dome has been repainted, including closets.

The Dome now has two new smoke detectors, two new *certified* fire extinguishers, and one new exit sign.

Meditation, Music and Generosity

The Dome has been and continues to be a community meditation space for Transcendental Meditation®. Since 1983, the Dome has been home to seasonal celebrations, potlucks, fundraising banquets, Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment students' P.E.



classes and graduation ceremonies and theatrical performances, talent shows, Christmas parties (with Santa), pujas, weddings, memorials, lectures, classical Indian dance performances and concerts.

Transcendental Meditator Chrysta Bell and her band gave a sold-out concert this past August. Ms. Bell and her mother Sunny Markham (also a Transcendental Meditator) generously donated their time, talent and energy in support of the Dome. Ms. Bell's performance was incredible. Her audience was thrilled. We are extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to host her. John Burgess came up with this idea and saw it though. All proceeds from the concert have been escrowed to pay for replacing an entire 32-year old 4-ton HVAC system.

Radiance Dome Calendar—save the dates

Group Meditation

Daily

Transcendental Meditation Programs®

Morning: 7 – 9 am

Evening: 5 – 7 pm

Guru Purnima

July 9th

Full Moon

Potluck and cake

on this special day

Gratitude for hard-working board members

Radiance Foundation Board Members

John Burgess, President

Bill Christensen, Secretary and Treasurer

Many thanks to John and Bill, who keep the Dome running and are revitalizing this heart of the Radiance community.

Are you interested in donating your time and talents? We have a list of projects big and small.

Would you like to become a board member?

Please contact BillC@RadianceTx.org for details.

The Dome events announcement list emails subscribers details on upcoming lectures, concerts, readings, performances and more. Please subscribe by going online:

RadianceTx.org/DomeEvents



Radiance Dome, Spring 2016

2017 improvements to Dome grounds mitigate flooding, protect the building

In the past few years, the Dome has flooded several times, with damage inside and out. In 2016, torrential rains move rapidly downhill toward the Dome, sheeting off roads, parking lots, and stony fields. This stormwater flowed unobstructed directly to the south side of the Dome. The waterline rose up the south wall and flowed under the south exit doors.

Noted cement and stucco expert Herb Nordmeyer drove in from the San Antonio area and generously donated several hours of his time, consulting on best practices to care for the Dome's current cement issues. His advice was detailed, time-tested and copious. Per Mr. Nordmeyer, we have begun to implement his advice in the order of priority he has recommended.

We installed a drainage system on the Dome's upslope side, including corrugated pipe, drainage inlets, and removal of gravel piled too high against the Dome's exterior walls (this project is still underway).

We began installation of a berm and swale system to deflect stormwater, which is redirected to flow *around* the Dome. This work will continue in 2017.

We planted low-growing fruit trees, small native trees and native grasses and flowers that will serve us with shade, erosion control, increased upslope drainage (via ground-penetrating root systems) and, yes, beauty.

Upcoming work to finish this flood abatement project includes relocating more of the existing gravel, purchasing the right metal drain inlets, installing them, and creating a cement drainage well that will provide an access port for drain system maintenance. Bill says that this should have been done 30 years ago. At least now we have some expert advice to follow, and we hope to get this all correct and functioning the first time around.

If this sounds like fun, and you would like to pitch in, please contact BillC@RadianceTx.org!

Donating to the Radiance Foundation is tax-deductible, easy and deeply appreciated!

Your contributions of time, labor, goods and funds are welcome by check, online or in person



We always need willing hands and willing hearts to help keep the Dome operational. If you have more time than money, please consider volunteering.

*The Dome takes online donations via PayPal:
foundation@radiancetx.org*

*Your Amazon purchases can help support the Dome at no extra cost through Amazon SMILE:
<http://radiancetx.org/amazon/>*

Goals for 2017 (and beyond)

Interior

Replace of the remaining (original) 32-year old HVAC system—summer in Texas is a serious matter!
 Redo floor (patch holes, then install cement and/or tile and/or carpet)
 Replace of all original 32-year old windows
 Wash and paint walls, doors, ceiling
 Replace of water-damaged wood
 Insect-control and inspection of interior wood elements

Exterior

Find, install metal drainage inlets
 Make cement stormwater drainage well
 Remove of gravel from foundation
 Complete painting of front and back doors
 Clean and patch walls and roof
 Paint roof and fascia
 Patch sidewalks
 Remove water-damaged exterior wood; repair/replace, paint

No Guts, No Glory

Bill Christensen went up on the Dome roof, sometimes with the help of his son Robert, and sometimes with Troy Maynor, to repair the leaky areas.

2016 had a wet spring, and Bill climbed up on the roof many times for weeks, to replace and repair the patched areas that were washed loose.

A few of these times Bill did this in the rain and one of these times in strong winds... on a spherical, rain-slick roof.

Is he crazy? Next time you talk to him, ask. The Dome's roof is no longer leaking. Yay Bill!



Micah Sutton and Bill Christensen take a break from chores, in between thunderstorms, to catch up on the weather forecast, wildlife sightings and native plants.



Photo opportunity alert....

Please stop by the Dome grounds to enjoy wildflower: 2017 looks like a good spring season for bluebonnets.

The Mexican Plum trees will once again smell rich and sweet, preceding the bluebonnets by a few weeks. These trees are only matched by the Texas Mountain Laurels in fragrance. The Mountain Laurels by the portico bloom around this time as well. Heaven on earth indeed.

See the job
Do the job
Stay out of the misery



– Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

Thank you, volunteers! Thank you, donors!

We couldn't have had this productive year without the help of a *lot* of people...

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Within everyone
is an unlimited reservoir of
energy, intelligence and happiness.

– Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

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