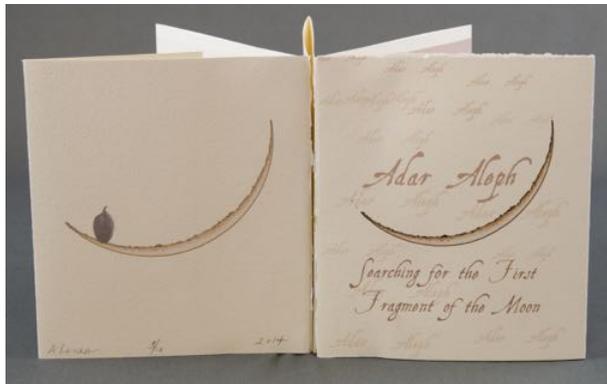


Call to Artists

THE HEAVENS, EARTH AND US - A YEAR OF WATCHING



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Project: The Heavens, Earth and Us (HEU)
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Background: We hear almost daily about the effects of climate change. Extreme temperature fluctuations, rising and falling water levels leading to flooding and droughts, extinction of animal species to name a few. We look with awe at the images from deep space, often forgetting that we are part of that 'space'.

The Ancients looked to the heavens for wisdom and guidance and built their communal life around the changing seasons and what they noticed happening around them in the natural world. Are these ancient patterns and celebrations still relevant today? Do we still celebrate these seasonal and celestial changes as if our lives and the life of our planet depend on them? Do we even notice there are changes above and around us in our daily lives?

Annual events include equinoxes (Spring and Fall), solstices (Summer and Winter), meteor showers and eclipses as well as spring greening and autumn color changes. Daily events include sunrises/sets, clouds, precipitation, storms, clear skies, night and day, growth and decay, etc. Of what do you take notice? What affects you and how?



Carole Winters: Life cycle of Betula Papyrifera

The Project (dates to be announced):
Images of your book(s) will be collected and shared in an online exhibit on the CBAS website. We are hopeful to have an in-person exhibit of the work, too, if a sufficient number of members send in their book(s).

Eligibility: Open to current CBAS members.

Ways to Participate: We are proposing a yearlong book adventure. Look to the skies and the natural world around you for the next 365 days and observe how you are affected, what you see and feel, what moves you, what your response is to what you observe. We will regularly share event dates, stargazing opportunities, and other info and links pertaining to a heavenly and earthly watch.

Make a book to keep a daily/weekly/monthly journal of what you experience. Make a book to record what you see. Make a book of poetry evoked by your observations. Make a book for each major celestial event. Make a storybook expressing your modern day cultural folk tale. Make a book somehow related to this yearlong journey. There is no limit to the number of books you can create nor the style or size.

Some important dates: **February 15, 2023** - Project began
February 14, 2024 – Project year ends
April 15, 2024 - Deadline for online exhibit images/info
TBA – Physical exhibit location, deadline, etc.
Quarterly updates will be sent to members with encouragements, suggestions, info, events and links.

Get Involved: All that is required at this time, or anytime during the year, is to express your interest by emailing Carolyn Stewart (ca.stewart@hotmail.com) or Judy Dominic (judy@judydominic.com) with HEU in the subject line.



Diane Stemper: Darwin's Atlantic Sea