

All Things Natural



Sculpture at Museum Hill photo: Anne Huber 2008

Sheepish Described in *Explore: The Journal of Science and Healing*

In the January-February 2008 (vol 4 #1) issue of *Explore*, is the article "Sheepish: Health Store as Healing Sanctuary" on pages 63-65. Written by Ed Tick, Steve Merrill, and Anne Huber, it tells the story of the creation of Sheepish and the role it plays in the community.

Explore is edited by Larry Dossey M.D. and David Riley M.D. It is an interdisciplinary journal that explores the healing arts, consciousness, spirituality, eco-environmental issues, and basic science as all these fields relate to health.

For a while, the text will be available by clicking the link for a sample issue at their info page: www.elsevier.com/locate/explore



Sign at El Santuario de Chimayo



Microplace.com is one of several microcredit and microfinance initiatives that solicit small investments and use that money to make micro life-transforming loans to individuals around the world. The original idea is credited to Akhtar Khan who worked in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). The most noted in this effort is Muhammad Yunus, also in Bangladesh who along with his Grameen Bank won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006.

At this writing, there are 17 countries in which investments can be made at Microplace. The history of each of the funds, the return on the investment (usually a few percent), and typical recipients are described. Microplace became an eBay company in the summer of 2006. We, at Sheepish have been impressed with the ease of the investment process and the quality and importance of the projects.

ANNETTE RETURNS FROM INDIA

After a month-long trip, Annette returned to Racine with many stories and experiences.

November 8: I arrived safely and am staying with a wonderful family just outside of Dehli. They have 5 children ages 5 to 14. Today is the celebration of Deepawali or the festival of lights. It's spiritual meaning is to dispel darkness and invite light in. People put candles and lights around their houses and light many fireworks all night.

November 10: Last night was a wild experience. More fireworks than you can imagine going off in the city. Many more than last night. After the house blessing ceremony we lit many fireworks from the roof. Luckily the houses here are all built with bricks and stone. Tomorrow is another celebration for brothers and sisters -- they honor each other in a sweet ceremony.

December 12: I am currently in Jaipur staying with a wonderful couple that I met at the naturopathic center. I am treated like family. I have been invited to attend a wedding with them about 350km from here. Weddings are HUGE events here. They still practice arranged marriages with the parents of the bride giving dowries. Saroj (wife who is my age) insisted on buying me a traditional Rajistani skirt to wear at the wedding.



Welcome home!



Dancing St. Francis (Santa Fe, NM)

photo: Anne Huber 2008

Anyone who has had an experience of mystery knows that there is a dimension of the universe that is not that which is available to his senses. There is a pertinent saying in one of the Upanishads: When before the beauty of a sunset or of a mountain you pause and exclaim, 'Ah,' you are participating in divinity. Such a moment of participation involves a realization of the wonder and sheer beauty of existence. People living in the world of nature experience such moments every day. They live in the recognition of something there that is much greater than the human dimension.

*Joseph Campbell
The Power of Myth*

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