



The 40th Annual Northwest Reiki Gathering

Master Time: July 24 to 26th & Weekend Gathering: July 26th to 28th

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Corbett Oregon July

**“Celebrating 40 years of the NW Reiki Gathering:
The Quest for Community”**

" We're Always Together and Sometimes We Meet"

A message from Anneli Twan, our Presenter



My name is Anneli Wanja Twan, daughter of Lyle and Wanja Twan. My father was from ?Esdilagh First Nation in British Columbia; my mother was from Sweden and immigrated to Canada in the 1950's.

I was ten years old when my mother brought me and my sister to a First Degree Reiki workshop with Hawayo Takata, a Japanese Hawaiian woman who learned Reiki in Japan and brought it to the West. There, we all received our Reiki Level 1, and my mother, Wanja, went on to become one of the 22 Reiki Masters made by Mrs. Takata before she (Takata) passed away in 1980.

When I was twelve, we travelled to India, and it was there that my mother gave me my second degree Reiki. This was pre cell phones, and we practiced being in touch using distant Reiki: she would send Reiki to me asking me to call home, the message would come to me, and I would call her. It was very useful and a practical way to get connected! Rick Bockner, Hawayo Takata's last initiated master, was present when I received my second degree Reiki.

My mother made me a Reiki Master in 1984 in Stockholm Sweden after I had proved my skills by assisting her Reiki classes for

five years. I was sixteen at the time, and the youngest Reiki Master in the world. Mrs. Takata's granddaughter Phyllis Furumoto was present at my Master initiation, and our paths continued to cross over 40 years until her passing in March of 2019. I taught my first Reiki class in Denmark, just a month after becoming a Reiki Master. My mother had been double booked for workshops one weekend, with one in Stockholm and one in Copenhagen. When my mother realized that there were people waiting in Copenhagen she asked me to teach the class, and I have been teaching ever since.

In 2010 my mother retired from teaching. She passed the stewardship of the Twan Reiki Lineage to me to preserve the teachings of Hawayo Takata. My mother died on September 3, 2019, on Vancouver Island, BC Canada. With travelling and teaching off the schedule the following year due to the Covid pandemic, I was given time to grieve the loss of my mother and reflect on my purpose and role in my Reiki lineage. Now I have the responsibility of preserving Mrs. Takata's teachings and my mother's, which I am honored to do.

I am a status member of ʔEsdilagh First Nation in British Columbia, and my husband, Don Beacham, is a status member of the Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba. We are both Counsellors and traditional healers, working with Indigenous communities and organizations across British Columbia. I have raised three sons and two stepsons and have two beautiful granddaughters. I have compiled and published three books with my mother Wanja and have written articles for the UK Reiki magazine Touch.

I look forward to being together with everyone in July. It's the 40th anniversary for the gathering as well as my 40th anniversary of becoming a Reiki Master, so I can't wait to celebrate with you all!

Take care and see you in the summer!

Anneli Twan

Registration is open January 1, 2024 to July 1st, 2024

For more information and to register online, visit www.nwreikigathering.com.

Any questions, please email registrar@nwreikigathering.com

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MasterTime is open to all initiated Reiki Masters. The Weekend Gathering is open to all initiated Reiki Students and Masters.