

Origins, Purposes, and Types of Labyrinths in the Tucson Area

Sunday, February 23 at 9:00 am in the Bloom Room

Have you ever walked the labyrinth in front of Grace-St. Paul's? It was installed in 1996 but is far from being a recent format for meditation. Labyrinths have been used for varying purposes for millennia; the oldest one in Arizona is on a wall in the Casa Grande Ruins. This class will examine early Celtic, Mesopotamian, Roman, and Medieval styles of labyrinths, as well as the purposes for which they were built, which include May Day festivals, healing, penance, and explanations of the universe. There are a number of public, as well as private labyrinths in the Tucson area which we will examine.

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