



Good *Vibrations*

by Amy Blackwood



Diana LaDue Hand, owner of Wise Awakening, followed the call of mysterious music floating from a garden one magical night and discovered her true calling.

It took Diana LaDue Hand quite some time to reach the spiritual awakening stretch in her life adventure. As an executive in the corporate world for most of her career, LaDue Hand had worked in a variety of fields including law, accounting, banking, construction, and mortgage banking. She dabbled in New Age thought in the '70s, but only for a short period.

“People were acting out in all kinds of weird ways, and I just didn’t want to be around that,” LaDue Hand says. “So I backed out and sort of threw the baby out with the bath water.”

She continued in the nine-to-five world for many years, also finding time to raise two children. In 1991 she moved to Bellingham, Wash., a beautiful city in the Pacific Northwest surrounded by mountains and the Puget Sound bay and home to approximately 71,000 citizens. But even in her ideal surroundings, business as usual was not enough for LaDue Hand’s unusual spirit, and all came crashing to a head in 1995, when she became seriously ill. She asked the Universe to heal her and, fortunately, wasn’t very specific in her request.

“I told God, Spirit, whatever you want to call the Creator, that I really wanted to just heal,” LaDue Hand recalls. “I didn’t say heal physically. I didn’t understand energy at the time. I was mostly fixated on my 3-D reality. So when I asked to be healed, a lot of things happened that brought me to my spiritual reawakening.”

Profile



Store name: Wise Awakening
Owner: Diana LaDue Hand
Location: Bellingham, Wash.
Phone: 360/756-8075
Website: www.wiseawakening.com
Grand opening: March 2005
Square footage: 1,100 (store and gallery), 1,300 (wellness center), and 1,100 (multi-media presentation space)
Number of employees (including owner): five full-time
Yearly gross sales: \$183,000
Number of titles in stock: books 450, music 223, video 26, and spoken audio 10
Workshops: Pleiadian Agenda Activation,

Sha Na Ra Crystal Skull, Fluent Communication, Theta Healing, Money Mastery, Shamanic Journey, Drumming, Flower Essences, Flower of Life, Spirit Song, Power of Clearing, Partners on Purpose, Kirton Devotional, Evening of Light and Sound, Feng Shui, Crystal Workshop, Crystal Tool Making, and Mayan Calendar.

Classes: Modern Day Shaman Mastery, Polarity Therapy, Galactic News Flash, Ecstatic Body Posture, Ascension Classes, Self Awareness, Yoga, Chi Gong, Mandala Meditation, and Toning.

Book Signings: Barbara Hand Clow, David Paul Doyle, Jon Mundy, and Carl Calleman

Good morning, sunshine

LaDue Hand's wise awakening began with an innocent excursion with her current husband, Bob Hand. Before they were married, the couple took a "mind-date journey" to the Southwest. They had a lovely time visiting amazing locations such as Death Valley and the Grand Canyon, but the trip's ultimate purpose revealed itself in Sedona, Ariz.

"I had never been to Sedona before, and I loved it," LaDue Hand gushes. "We got there late afternoon, just in time to watch the sun light up the rocks."

On the way to dinner that evening, they passed an alternative center that immediately caught LaDue Hand's eye. Although they knew it was closed, they stopped on the way back from the restaurant to check the next day's hours. That's when they heard a mystical serenade floating through the air.

"We heard this music filtering from somewhere, we just couldn't tell *where*. We walked around the side of the building, and there was this little gated area with twinkle lights and a garden. It was really quite magical!" says LaDue Hand. "A man was standing there who said, 'Enter!' So, we walked along this little path. As we turned and were coming back around, we thought we saw an apparition."

The couple found themselves staring at a big, golden star tetrahedron measuring 7.5 feet tall and wide and 10.5 feet long. After rubbing their eyes and blinking for a minute, they hightailed back to the gentleman who had welcomed them to find out more about the amazing apparatus, but their succinct host was gone. Rushing back to try to get closer to the star, they discovered it, too, had disappeared.

"You saw it didn't you? We're not crazy are we?" I asked my husband. But it was so dark we just couldn't see anything," LaDue Hand says. "We left, but I could not get it off my mind."

First thing next morning, they went back to the alternative center and inquired about the object. The woman at the center looked at them quizzically.

"I said, 'No, no, don't do that — my husband saw it, too!'" says LaDue Hand. "I was explaining the whole thing, but she did not know what I was talking about. Finally she said, 'I wonder if you're talking about the Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber?'"

It was the first time LaDue Hand had ever heard those words uttered in her life, but she knew instantly *that* was what she had witnessed the night before. But the store employee still seemed skeptical that the couple could have seen it.

"I don't know how you could have," the woman said. "The Rev. Tom (Hunt) was here five months ago and set up a studio, but there were no windows in it. And he's gone; he's in Indiana and we don't know when he'll return." I said, "All I know is we saw it last night." And I wouldn't let up — I don't go away easy," LaDue Hand laughs.

Finally, the woman relented and agreed to go investigate next door. She quickly returned with the news that Hunt was, in fact, back — and he was on his way over to meet LaDue Hand.

Star-crossed strangers

As soon as Hunt arrived, LaDue Hand forged past his attempts to explain the chamber or even to tell her how much a session cost. She wanted in — no questions asked.

"Turns out I was Hunt's first session in Sedona," says LaDue Hand. "If it had been up and running, I would have never gotten a session — he was booked solid. So the timing was impeccable."

When she climbed out of the chamber 90 minutes later, she saw her life path clearly laid out before her. "To heal some things you have go through a long, arduous drama and experience to move through the energy. I believe the chamber just propelled me through a lot of energy density with ease," she says. "And I knew the sound chamber was my purpose."

LaDue Hand was so moved by her experience, she spent the rest of the day talking with Hunt. The main question on her mind was: Can we do it, too?

Stepping stones

Patience is a virtue, however. For the next five years, LaDue Hand chose to put the chamber on a back burner and build her own spirituality before trying to help others. She followed her instincts and experienced one blessing after another.

“Manifesting became so easy, and my life kept changing in miraculous ways,” she recalls. “My spirituality just went — psshoot — off the charts! I think what happened was the chamber session raised my vibration substantially. So now I was attracting all kinds of different things. Plus, all of my bodily ailments just miraculously went away, and I was no longer in danger physically. Relationships were healing right and left. It was just phenomenal — it changed my life.”

During this period, LaDue Hand read books, took classes, and visited spiritual centers. She worked closely with an energy teacher for three and a half years. “Little did I know I was learning how to work with energy,” she says. “You think you’re just healing your life!”

After years of exploring and building her own spirituality, an opportunity to reconnect with Hunt finally presented itself through a chance stockholders’ meeting in Arizona. “I had been his first session in Sedona, and now, exactly five years later, I was his last session in Sedona — he moved to Camp Verde (Ariz.) after that,” says LaDue Hand.

She knew it was time to take the next step in her journey. She ordered an Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber. It took eight months to construct, and Hunt delivered it to their home in October 2004.

“We just felt we needed to bring it there to research, and to really learn how to use it. We knew it would birth its right home,” LaDue Hand recalls.

And the chamber did draw its own crowd. “People would come from far and wide to have sessions while I had it in my home. I don’t know how people found us — we could never figure it out,” she laughs.

A store is born

By mid-January, LaDue Hand’s husband was urging her to find a studio. She told him she didn’t have to — the right space would present itself to her in due time.

“A few days later I got a phone call from a friend who said there was space in a fine arts building downtown. Then the leasing agent said another space in the building had just vacated. So we took the store, the space behind the store, and the space across the hall from the store,” she says. “That was never something we were going to do. But one thing led to another — it was totally spirit guided. We signed the lease on Jan. 27, and by Feb. 27 we were having a reception

for Hunt, who helped us move the chamber.”

One week before the planned grand opening, LaDue Hand had only Barbara Hand Clow’s (www.handclow2012.com) products to stock the store, which she had already been selling online. She

logged on to the Internet and ordered crystals, singing bowls, tuning forks, books, and music with three-day select shipping. By the time everything arrived, the bookcases and shelving were in place, and a whirlwind set-up ensued. More than 200 people stopped by for the grand opening event for Wise Awakening, which took place as scheduled on March 20, 2005.

Product-ivity

Since those first days of hectic online buys, LaDue Hand has rounded out her store’s merchandise with the help of staff and customer feedback.

“Our best-selling products are crystals, divination cards, and our unique selection of jewelry,” she says. “We carry Native American drums and rattles, spheres, crystals, jewelry,

books, beautiful puzzles for astrology and tarot with Josephine Wall’s (www.josephinewall.co.uk) art, and Leanin’ Tree (www.leanintree.com) cards.”

LaDue Hand is meticulous about choosing vendors and products that are unique and different.

“We are very careful not to offer the same things the other stores in town offer, because we want them to thrive,” she explains. “Since we’re not in competition, we can literally refer customers to other local businesses. It’s so wonderful to share in a community, rather than everyone carrying the same stuff!”

Wise Awakening is the only store in the state of Washington to carry Crystal Tones’ (www.crystalsingingbowls.com) full line of Frosted Quartz Crystal singing bowls, and the only one in the Pacific Northwest to carry its line of crystal Alchemy Bowls.

LaDue Hand also sells The Journey to Wild Divine (www.wilddivine.com) biofeedback products. “Everybody loves computer games!” she says.

Music is another important offering at the store. “We sell brain-wave entrainment CDs, to be used with headphones, and music to de-stress by, such as the Liquid Mind series, especially *Slow World* (www.liquidmindmusic.com),” LaDue Hand says. “We also recommend spiritual music — such as *The Divine Name* and *Holy Harmony* by Jonathan Goldman (www.healingsounds.com) — and any music or instrument that encourages people to use their own voices. We are an instrument!”

Resounding success

The first week the store was open, LaDue Hand performed 44



mini-sessions — she even brought in three other energy workers to help out.

“So many people booked mini-sessions it took us four weeks to complete them,” says LaDue Hand. “At the same time, almost everyone who booked a mini-session booked a full session. So we were actually three months out with sessions, which was just absolutely inconceivable to me. I didn’t realize people were really ready for this modality.”



Encouraged by such a warm reception, LaDue Hand started offering numerous workshops and classes on topics such as healing with crystals, chakras and color energy, fluent communication, and holographic re-patterning.

Wise Awakening has grown into more than just a beautiful storefront. Currently the space includes eight practitioner rooms: Healing Temple (housing the Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber); Aura Mastery Space (aura readings and color therapy sessions); Crystal Cave (featuring Kirby Seid’s Light Labyrinth, www.ancienttechnologies.com); Polarity and Craniosacral Therapy and Energy Balancing; Consultation (hypnotherapy, past-life regression, and transformative counseling); Reading (angel, psychic, divination, oracle, and tarot readings); Bio-Feedback (Quantum Xeroid Consciousness Interface [QXCI], bio-pulsar reflexograph, and sound chair), and Sound Therapy (tuning forks, crystal singing bowls, and toning).

“Our whole goal is awakening to who we truly are using frequency,” says LaDue Hand. “Every single thing that we experience on the planet is energy.”

The store and center attract very different types of individuals from all over the world, aged 2 to 100.

“I have done a session for a lady from England who flew here to meet me. I’ve done sessions for people from Africa and Australia,” she says. “But that’s not unusual — people from all over the U.S. and Canada come specifically for us.”

Words of wisdom

LaDue Hand plans to stay open to everything the Universe brings her way in the future, as she certainly hasn’t been disappointed so far!

When asked to share her best advice for fellow retailers, she says: “Invest the time to stand back and observe so you can easily see the greater picture with wisdom. Be out of ego and allow others to share in the blessing of creation and ideas. Remember why you began the enterprise initially and remember to love unconditionally. Look through the eyes of a child — be playful and enjoy what you have created. And *breathe!*”

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Just what is an Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber?

Based on sacred geometry and pi principles, the Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber includes 144 triangles. (A fun fact about Wise Awakening is its address, 314. The old triangle address window is still up in the foyer. If you stand in the building entry and look out towards the street from behind the glass, the numbers spell PIE — 314 backwards.)

Wise Awakening houses the ninth chamber on the planet and has hosted more than 500 sessions since its inception.

According to store owner Diana LaDue Hand, the Rev. Tom Hunt was gifted the technology from two angels in a vision. They said they gave him this ancient technology because he was a mathematician, sacred geometrician, and physicist. They also said Hunt would build it, but he would never know the full depth and capacity so much as a woman who would one day come to him. Hunt believes LaDue Hand is the woman. (She is not so sure!)

So, how does a session work, exactly? At Wise Awakening a participant climbs into the chamber, is covered with a warm blanket, and is fitted with headphones and an eye cover. The eight speakers in the bed and eight speakers above in the steel housing give the person full spinal stimulation with musical vibration. As with all healing, intention is principal, so LaDue Hand partners with the person to help hold her or his intention.

The treatment in the Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber lasts approximately 45 minutes to an hour, based on whether the person is working on the physical, emotional, astral, or mental body. Afterwards, LaDue Hand does energy work for about 20 to 30 minutes for balance and to clear out any residue.

For more information on the Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber, visit www.wiseawakening.com or www.soundheal.com.

Wise Awakening's music picks for the Inner Dimensional Sound Chamber

Access Granted, Flora and Francisco (www.wiseawakening.com)

The Calling, Kitira and Raphael (www.newleaf-dist.com)

All Is Forgiven, Ashana (www.newleaf-dist.com)

Ascension to Tibet, Dean Evenson (www.soundings.com)

Shamanic Dream, Anugama (www.openskymusic.com)

Journeys Through Nine Dimensions, Michael Stearns

(www.handclow2012.com)

Reiki Temple Chants, Astarius Reiki-Om (www.astarius.com)

Anything by Master Charles Cannon (www.synchronicity.org)

or Dr. Jeffrey Thompson (www.neuroacoustic.com)

Anything by Fabien Maman and Tama-Do Academy (www.tama-do.com)

All of the Jacotte Chollet series (www.multidimensionalmusic.com)