

FEEDBACK VIA E-MAIL TO ALL SOUL'S EVERYWHERE EVENT, SILKEBORG VESTRE GRAVEYARD NOV 3, 2018.

Phantastic event. So deep and meaningful.

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You are calling for feedback to the KK44 event All Souls Everywhere, and I really want to give it 6 out of 6 stars.

What friendly and smiling reception we got from you employee (Lars I think) at "the red carpet" – and it was like this all way around when we met your employees.

The idea as such to let an artist 'occupy' the graveyard space is genius and, in a way, also brave – beautiful 'do-you-remember-stations' AND time to reflect. Good work and thanks.

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Evaluation:

First thing, that struck was that a lot of preparation had been done by Ida van der Lee and her assistants. Nothing was coincidental or not thought through. The different stations which were built for reflection and dialogue, worked very well due to the volunteers who operated them.

As a visitor one was gently guided to reflection, and to find words for experience and feelings about relations and loss.

Great recognition to the staff from the churchyard and the huge number of volunteers and naturally also the KK44 organizers!

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Dear all of you on Vestre Graveyard.

Thousand thanks for a fantastic event with All Soul's ritual on Vestre Graveyard.

It was so moving to be affected in this way.

Stations – the stroll was life giving and really framed many commemorating moments with deceased.

To wander into many different 'rooms' of emotions where words will not be sufficient, this was so sensuous and emotion became body and flesh.

It was a blessed gift to join.

It would be so joyous, if it every year could be a tradition to commemorate the dead ones in this way.

Thank you for your braveness in this initiative – please go on next year.

It felt like being struck by the light of grace on such a day.

Best wishes

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Thank you for a nice afternoon at the graveyard, with space for individual grief and community.

Thank you to the artist for providing sensible impressive expressions.

Thank you to KK44 and all volunteers for the guiding.

Thank you to the Churchyard Office to open up the area to us.

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It was a really good experience in Mariehøj Sognehus [the seminar, ed.] and really fantastic at the Churchyard, to be curious and being in search together with so many people was much better than expected, and then the weather!

What a huge work for everyone who made this ready.

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Thank you for a fantastic event.

Thank to those who made it possible – for my husband and me – to get this outstanding sensibility experience, where body (walk in outdoor fresh air) and mind were moved, because the bonfires and the commemoration stations not spoke to the brain but to our hearts.

It was a very strong experience.

We lost our adult son about 2 years ago, the loss – grief – the missing will always and forever be a part of our lives.

But daily life become to bear this circumstance, and though anyway slowly to let happiness into our hearts.

We did wash our son's shirt in warm water, I did such physical act in the beginning after the loss, but I did not allow myself to do it since.

We already have a commemoration shelve with a photo and different small things that symbolize characteristics, events, preferred passions etc. The small items are renewed. The candlelight is being lit every morning and evening. This is something that we practiced by intuition. The Goose Game impressed med deeply, I will invent my own game, which we can use for my son's birthdays, where we normally invite a few of his friends and family, visits his 'garden' ad commemorate, and after share some food.

The afternoon yesterday was a strong and beautiful experience, a nice way to commemorate and in harmony with nature. We really hope that this event will be repeated, i.e. every 5th year (it is probably expensive and a big thing to organize every year) but maybe it every year would be possible to lit small bonfires to crate life and good spirit, and possibility to plant a bulb in the lane.

Again, thank you.

Loving greetings

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It was a great event.

May with pleasure be repeated – and added encouraging also children/grandchildren to participate.

Annie H.

Thank you for your event at Vestre Churchyard.

I was there because I lost my sister to cancer.

It was some very beautiful things I could do to commemorate my sister. I planted flower bulbs, found a thing to the memory box, was sitting by the bonfire and drank tea. And I also enjoyed everything else. If I should point to one thing, it was nice to participate in the tea ceremony, where I had a good talk with the one who served the tea and also gave me a warming blanket on.

What good care – and nice to tell the story to one who listen with "fresh" ears.

If you plan to do something similar next year, I will definitely consider participating again.

I was "high-flown" when I rode my bike back in the darkening through the Autumn's beautiful colours.

Many warm greetings from

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Thank you for a good event Nov. 3d, 2018.

Everything was very well organized.

It was a beautiful thing to receive those 3 small bulbs og crocus, which I was permitted to bring to plant them on my beloved husband's grave. It was also beautiful to see all the small sticks marking where many visitors buried their 3 bulbs. When in coming spring we will see these tiny crocuses, we can think back on "the commemoration day" on Vestre Churchyard.

It was similarly a good experience to pick a goose and throw the dice to a picture, that initiated thought about the gone beloved.

It was nice to find a thing on the table which could trigger some thoughts, and after this to place it in a shelve with a candle as a greeting to the one you miss.

At the tea table the little talk gave inspiration and it was nice to write on the little card which influence the missed one had [on me, ed.] and still has one one's life.

Everything was so good put into scene and provided a very good All Souls experience. Thank you to all you who contributed to give us visitor a good day. I received inspiration to think about all the good things, so one sees that the dead ones still live through us living.

Kind Regards

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Feedback to experience- and -art, -exhibition.

First, I want to say that this was the best experience I ever have had until now on a churchyard.

I was together with my mother and her sister on the churchyard that day.

All three of us had a fantastic experience and felt a relief and redemption by walking from experience-spot to experience-spot.

At all experience-spots we were met by sweet and understanding volunteers and employees, who in a good way told us about the idea of the experience at that spot.

Already by the entrance where each of us were handed three small bulbs this quickly triggered the conversation about those two family members (my grandfather and grandmother) whom we lost within the last 10 years and the emotions came running out.

I felt that it was redeeming for my mother and her sister that there at several experience-spots were focus on as well the good and the angry/frustrated feelings that you can have in relation to the deceased and that they were allowed to feel that also the angry feeling was okay.

Finally, I want to tell that I in the last couple of days "fought" a tough fight on Facebook with a few negative people who have apparently not understood the message with the experience on Vestre Graveyard. I reckon that those who grumble are the one who were not there themselves!

We - myself and my family - will express our thanks for this unforgettable experience.

Kind R,

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I visited the churchyard last Saturday. I was lovely and a good spirit with bonfires everywhere. Each of the "stations" triggered thoughts, but I did not into them to active use.

Later I heard that some have been angry about all this hullabaloo (hurlumhej) at the churchyard. I found that it was very respectful hullabaloo, and nice with some life at the churchyard.

I am fond of going about on churchyards, an if a bonfire can be lit in-between, it will be beautiful.

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Me myself also had a positive experience on the graveyard Saturday, and I could see that the visitor were very comfortable in these for the event different frames. The volunteers placed on the different "spots" were very skilled and managed with good sensibility for the situations and gentleness to guide the visitors around and make them talk, if they wanted/had the need for it.

Strong event.

Kind regards,

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Jan and I totally surrender to the choir of enhanced visitors this Saturday. Thank you to all of you who contributed to let this happen!

The different "interactive" installations/commemorations spots/ritual spots at the churchyard all were touching for their content, the way they addressed us, and the artistic nerve.

In addition, the seminar in the morning was indeed meaningful, inspiring and bright. Just a pity that not more people had noticed this possibility.

At lunchtime we were joking that – in opposition to telling about a game of football or a concert – it will probably not wake so much interest by one's colleagues to tell that you spent your Saturday attending a seminar / an exhibition about the mystery of death. But this prejudice has been met!
Jan today came and told that his nurse-colleagues were wildly positive to hear about this, and more of them said that, this was spot on for them to have participated in (if they had known)!
We hope that you or others are ready to do something similar another time :-)
Many greetings from
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To the organizers.
Thank you for a fantastic event.
To me it was wonderful and life-affirming to participate in this.
Recently I lost my mother-in-law and this was among other my reason to attend.
As I am no longer a part of my family in-law, I have missed a room to commemorate a person whom I loved very much and to me it was straight forward to participate here.
I think it is a very adequate bid to something we need, a room for commemoration and grief, also when it is a long time ago since we lost [the beloved ones, ed.]
We have fine traditions around the funeral day, but with a little [time] distance to the loss we do not talk about it anymore.
Nobody dares to initiate the difficult dialogue and many are lonely with their grief.
An event like this can be a good help to start the dialogue, when you do not have anyone to share with and in community with others.
My experience in short:
I arrived happy and full of expectation, perhaps more curious than really ready to engage myself actively in my own work with my grief, but anyway I gently became led to my personal loss.
I experience laughter and joy when planting flower bulbs and shared the funny nicknames we in-between give our beloved ones with another participant.
I was assisted to track my own loss when I shared characteristics, memories and forgotten competencies with the assistants at the Goose Game and the table with many figures.
When arriving to the bonfire where it was time to let go of the painful and to melt the frozen, I was in a totally different mood than when I arrived to the churchyard 40 mins earlier.
I was in silent contact with my grief, and it was extremely strong to trace that feeling which was to be "burned of", for thereafter to let go and see the ice cube melt.
After this I did not have energy for more, but felt myself more peaceful when I went home.
Uh, our churchyards are in many ways wonderful spaces and I hope that also in the future they will be used in similar ways where we are more active in the work with our difficult feelings.
With kind regards,
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