



## Friends of Parinati

### Vision

To build a team of like-minded people, participants, patrons, and advisors, to be involved in the preservation and expansion of the rainforest retreat.

### Rainforest Preservation Project

Become a "Friend of Parinati" by financially contributing to our rainforest preservation project.

### Work Exchange Program

- Help cultivate vegetable gardens
- Participate with the Palmito Project
- Learn and work with the medicinal plants of the rainforest
- Participate in creating a local community project in the arts and crafts for children and women
- Seed preservation
- Creative building projects
- Help develop our non-profit organization for rainforest preservation



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*Parinati*

## Rainforest Retreat *Sanctuario das Borboletas*



# Our Story



Located 2 hours north of Porto Alegre, in the beautiful valley of Maquine, surrounded by rainforest, the great **Mata Atlantica** of southern Brazil.

More endangered than the Amazonas, the *Mata Atlantica* is among the biological richest and most diverse forests in the world and is home of over 2,200 species of animals and 20,000 plants. Only 7% of the original forest remains.

Our goal is to preserve as much as possible of this important natural environment. Currently we are purchasing a large piece of pristine rainforest that is neighboring our land.

We need your financial support.

**Join us in this quest!**

## About us:

**Jean-Pierre**, born and educated in the French part of Switzerland, moved to California in the 1970's. His art gallery in Carmel, was well know



Christine & Jean Pierre

in the United States for his innovative jewelry designs. After a life altering experience, J-P opened new avenues for his

creativity and became a therapist with focus in watsu, body work and art (painting & sculpting). He taught alchemy and transformation at the Esalen Institute. Today J-P works with multimedia and teaches jewelry and metal-forming in Europe.

**Christine** is a native of Munich, Germany. She lived on the Big Sur coast for many years and studied plants and herbal medicine. As a massage therapist & teacher at the Monterey Institute of Touch, she refined her talents as a gifted healer. These skills were further developed in Brazil where she learned healing with precious stones and crystals. Her passions are her retreat home in Brazil, cultivating medicinal plants and painting, inspired by the colors and textures of the rainforest.

## We invite:

- Patrons
- Writers
- Artists and Photographers
- Students of Biology, Botany and Herbal medicine
- Adventurers
- Lovers of Nature

## To a retreat :

- To study
- Get involved in the creative process
- To rest, heal and meditate

## Accommodations:

Rooms, guest house and work space available for rent.

