

## Celebrating the Sun



Susanne Juliette Koch 2021 "Sun reflection"

The Danish-German artist group, "The Moving Suitcase" will be holding our annual art symposium in June 2023 at the far end of **Gniben, Sjællands Odde in Danmark**. In 2021, we worked with the Sun Chariot as a theme. In 2023 our theme will be; Celebration of the Sun. It is midsummer when we meet, and during the week we will work together in small groups across our disciplines and create works of art celebrating the sun and its attributes. The works will be presented to the public on Midsummer's Eve.

The Sun is the closest star to Earth. Its gravity keeps the planet in orbit. It radiates light and heat, which makes life on earth possible. Plants need sunlight to grow, animals and humans need the food and oxygen the plants produce. Without heat from the sun, the earth would be barren and there would be no winds, ocean currents or clouds to transport water. It is no wonder that the sun is celebrated with all sorts of rituals all over the world.

Especially in the northern hemisphere; the tradition of celebrating midsummer is very popular. After emerging from a long, dark winter, we celebrate when the sun is at its highest point in the sky.

Throughout the week, **19.06.-13.06.** we will be open for visits by the public, for example from 10-15, so those interested can drop by, engage in dialogue and follow the artistic processes.

The evening of **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** June, we invite the public to join our midsummer celebrations.

Here we will experience a diverse and exuberant artistic celebration of Midsummer.

