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"Be what you would seem to be-or, if you'd like it put more simply - never imagine yourself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that what you were or might have been was not otherwise than what you had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise."  
Lewis Carroll (Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass)

"If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense. Nothing would be what it is, because everything would be what it isn't. And contrary wise, what is, it wouldn't be. And what it wouldn't be, it would. You see? - The Mad Hatter"  
Lewis Carroll

"I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then. "  
Lewis Carroll

Through the Looking-Glass is an artistic metaphor for this year's Arizona Decompression that invites us to take a journey into new territory. Witch Wells, AZ may not be new territory to most of us, but the path that brings us to this far reaching land has been rocky and steep. I know that many of my good friends do not plan to attend this year's event. Reasons are varied and rational, yet I can't help but wonder if it's because we perceive ourselves to have hit a dead end along the road of change.

The theme for decompression this year calls on us to be mindful that as a community, we are going through a Rite of Passage ourselves. It is a reflection of dissonance as a pathway toward integration and wholeness. We are stepping beyond what we have grown accustomed to, venturing into new areas, and looking at things from a different angle. Through the Looking-Glass is extended as a theme for this years AZDC because any time the world turns strange, or when things get turned around, like Alice, we can simply step inside of the mirror.

After returning from Burning Man, things literally feel upside down (in my world anyway). People don't look the same, and the state of our planet is seemingly mental! But in "reality", we come back to the default world to find other people behaving the same as before, thus causing us to react like before-even though we know the irrelevancy of it all.

Decompression is a time to find our footing in the world. A place to reconvene, no matter the distance or time it takes to get there. Don't get me wrong and start slapping me around on the list! I know that we can't all get there for very good reasons. But I also know that no matter where we hold our little family gathering, those of you who can be there will find your way.

On the other hand, If you're standing in this community at the top of the rabbit hole, take a chance and jump in! Or if you are afraid of the dark, stop LOOKING at the glass, and step through it.

<http://decom.azburners.org/index.html>

PS. Tickets are on sale!

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The Saguaro Man list is for discussions directly related to the Saguaro Man event.

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This is the "organizers" list for Saguaro Man. It's open to everybody because everybody should be involved! Please note that this list is about people being constructive and getting stuff done.

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