



A SACRED PASSING

Deathcare Residency

2024 - 2025





Purpose

A SACRED PASSING'S DEATHCARE RESIDENCY PROGRAM SERVES A VITAL PURPOSE BY CHALLENGING TRADITIONAL NORMS SURROUNDING DEATHCARE.

OUR PROGRAM AIMS TO PROVIDE A UNIQUE SPACE WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO END-OF-LIFE CARE. UNLIKE MAINSTREAM MODELS IN THE UNITED STATES, A SACRED PASSING'S CARE IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN PRINCIPLES OF ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-CAPITALISM, AND AUTONOMY. OUR INNOVATIVE APPROACH SETS THIS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY APART IN A CONVENTIONAL PRACTICE-DOMINATED FIELD.

THIS PROGRAM ENABLES EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING BY OFFERING AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE WITHIN OUR SPACE. PARTICIPANTS CAN WITNESS FIRSTHAND HOW DEATHCARE CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY, FOSTERING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF BEING TOGETHER.

CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY-BASED DEATHCARE PRACTICE WITHIN THE CURRENT SOCIETAL STRUCTURES PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. A SACRED PASSING'S INITIATIVE REPRESENTS A BOLD STEP TOWARDS RESHAPING THE NARRATIVE AROUND DEATHCARE, INVITING INDIVIDUALS TO EXPLORE AND EMBRACE A MORE COMPASSIONATE, INCLUSIVE, AND ETHICAL APPROACH TO END-OF-LIFE CARE.





Why this style of residency?

THIS RESIDENCY EXISTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNIT OUR THREADS OF CARE TOGETHER, TO EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF COMMUNITY DEATHCARE, AND TO BE A GENERATIVE SPACE FOR WISDOM-SHARING AND TRANSFORMATION IN COMMUNITY.

A SACRED PASSING PROVIDES A SPACE TO BE CURIOUS IN EXPLORING DYING AND DEATH WHILE INTERTWINED WITH THE LIVING PROCESS. IT IS VITAL TO SEE DEATH HAPPEN DIFFERENTLY, AND AS SUCH, IMAGINATION, RAGE, CURIOSITY, REVERENCE, HUMOR, AND PRESENCE ARE ALL ESSENTIAL OFFERINGS TO BRING TO THIS RESIDENCY.

THE VALUES OF A SACRED PASSING ARE LIVED THROUGH COMPASSION IN ACTION AND BEING COMPASSIONATE WITH YOU IN YOUR ACTIONS.

EDUCATION AND CO-CREATION ARE THE INTENTIONS FOR THIS RESIDENCY, AND EACH RESIDENT WILL COLLABORATE IN CHANGING THIS SPACE, THIS COMMUNITY, AND THEMSELVES.

HERE'S TO LEARNING TOGETHER.





Who is the residency for?

WE ARE CALLING IN PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DEEPEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY DEATHCARE. WE WELCOME PEOPLE WHO ARE OPEN TO GROWING THEIR CARING SKILLS AND ARE INTERESTED IN CO-CREATING, SHARED LEARNING, AND EXPANSIVE IMAGINING.

WE ARE INVITING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, ARTISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, NURSES, WRITERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, TEACHERS, MUSICIANS, DOULAS, NON-MEDICAL CAREGIVERS, CHAPLAINS, COUNSELORS, & LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS TO APPLY.

IN GENERAL, THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE IN LINE WITH THEIR VALUES AROUND MUTUAL RESPECT, COMMUNITY VITALITY, AND GENUINE COLLABORATION ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

THIS PERSON MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ALL OF THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, PERSONAL CARE, AND LIVING SUPPLIES WHILE IN THE RESIDENCY.

Care Professionals

- HCA
- RN
- MD
- Social Workers
- LMHT
- Doulas
- Chaplains

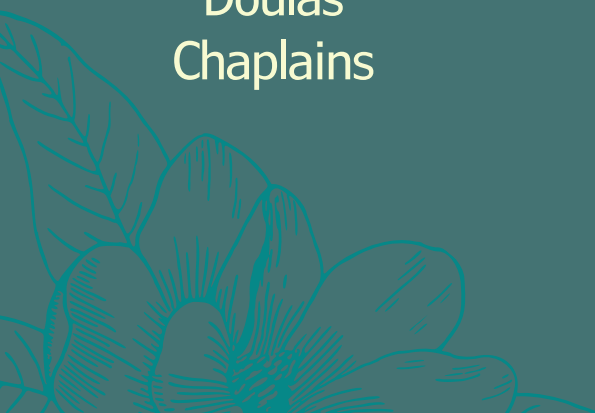


Artists

- Sculptors
- Painters
- Musicians
- Photographers
- Writers
- Creatives

Community Members

- Collective Members
- Activists
- Health Advocates
- Leaders





Where is the residency held?

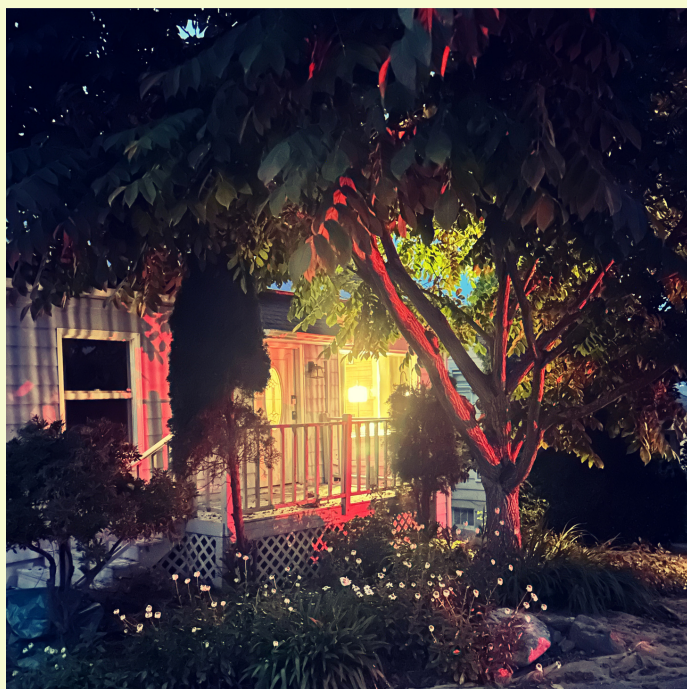


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A SACRED PASSING'S RESIDENCY PROGRAM OCCURS IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AT THE ASPHODEL, A SACRED PASSING'S COMMUNITY HOUSE.

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How long is the residency?

THIS RESIDENCY PROGRAM IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO IMMERSE ONESELF INTO COMMUNITY DEATHCARE FOR A TIME PERIOD THAT WORKS WITH YOUR LIFE BY SELECTING A LENGTH OF STAY THAT IS **1 WEEK TO 3 MONTHS** LONG. EACH RESIDENT WILL SELECT THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCLUDED IN THEIR RESIDENCY. THIS CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE STYLE PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR INTENTIONAL ENGAGEMENTS FOR OUR RESIDENTS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY DEATHCARE.





What are the fees for the residency?

FOR OUR FIRST YEAR, FALL 2024—SUMMER 2025, THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM HAS A SLIDING-SCALE FEE, STARTING AT \$25 PER DAY FOR COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS AND ARTISTS.

IF AN INSTITUTION IS SENDING YOU, THERE IS A DIFFERENT SLIDING SCALE (I.E., MEDICAL SCHOOL, MORTUARY SCHOOL, AGENCY, CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM, ETC.); WE ASK FOR A LARGER CONTRIBUTION TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM SUSTAINABLE.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR STAY

- SHELTER + LIVING SPACE AT ASPHODEL
- UTILITIES (WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, SEWER, GARBAGE, RECYCLING, COMPOST, AND WI-FI)
- LAUNDRY MACHINES
- ACCESS TO OFFICE EQUIPMENT (COMPUTER, PRINTER)
- BIRD FRIENDS



NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR RESIDENCY

- DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OR STIPEND
- MEALS
- TRANSPORTATION
- SPACE FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERSON
- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- CLOTHING
- MEDICINE
- HEALTHCARE



Choose Your Own Adventure

RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO SELECT COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT FEEL INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL. THE ENGAGEMENT WITH EACH PARTNER MAY VARY, AND THEY OFTEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISE FOLKS WITH THE BREADTH OF EDUCATION AND TYPES OF PARTICIPATION THEY OFFER.

RESIDENCY LENGTH

- ONE WEEK
- TWO WEEKS
- THREE WEEKS
- ONE MONTH
- TWO MONTHS
- THREE MONTHS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 2 PARTNERS
- 3 PARTNERS
- 4 PARTNERS
- 4 PARTNERS
- 5 PARTNERS
- 6 PARTNERS

THE RESIDENT IS ALSO ASKED TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE AT THE HOUSE DURING THEIR STAY: DEATH CAFES, POETRY WORKSHOPS, A PLACE TO DIE GUEST STAYS, GARDEN PARTIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.



Leave it better than when you came

EACH RESIDENT IS ASKED TO CREATE AN OFFERING, A PIECE OF ART, A ZINE, SOMETHING THAT WE WILL SHARE WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

YOU WILL DEVELOP SOME IDEAS BEFORE YOUR RESIDENCY. ASP WILL THEN HELP IN THE PLANNING AND LOGISTICS AS THEY EVOLVE IN YOUR TIME AT ASPHODEL.





Accessibility information

MOBILITY

ASPHODEL HOUSE IS NOT YET ACCESSIBLE TO WHEELCHAIR USERS. THERE ARE 7 STEPS UP TO THE FRONT PORCH AND A SMALL STEP OVER AT THE FRONT DOOR. WHILE WE DO HAVE A RAMP FOR THE FRONT PORCH, THE BATHROOM IS NOT YET ACCESSIBLE. ONCE IN THE HOME, THERE IS A LARGE FRONT ROOM. THE WIDTH OF THE HALLWAYS WILL ACCOMMODATE A WIDE WALKER, STRETCHER, AND COT. THERE ARE NO BARRIERS TO ENTRY FOR THE TWO ROOMS ON THE LOWER LEVEL. THE UPSTAIRS AND BASEMENT ARE BOTH ACCESSIBLE FROM GROUND LEVEL BY TRAVERSING 18 STAIRS.

THERE IS A SMALL RAMP IN THE BACKYARD - IT IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH FOR A WHEELCHAIR BUT ALLOWS FOR ACCESS WITHOUT STAIRS TO THE BACKYARD. TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE DECK FROM OUTSIDE, THERE ARE 6 STAIRS THAT LEAD FROM THE GROUND TO THE DECK.

SEATING

COUCHED, SOFT-BACKED CHAIRS, HARD-BACKED CHAIRS, STOOLS, BALL CHAIRS, STOOLS, AND FLOOR PILLOWS.

FRAGRANCE

HERBS, NATURAL OILS, AND OCCASIONALLY NATURAL INCENSE ARE USED IN THE HOME. NO ARTIFICIAL SCENTS ARE USED IN THE HOUSE.





2024- 2025 *Application Process*

AFTER COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION, YOU WILL GET AUTOMATIC CONFIRMATION. THE REST OF THE PROCESS IS OUTLINED BELOW.

APPLICATIONS OPEN

MARCH 21

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

JUNE 21

APPLICATION REVIEWS

JUNE 21 - AUGUST 21



APPLICANTS NOTIFIED

AUGUST 21

INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 21

RESIDENTS ANNOUNCED

SEPTEMBER 21



