



# Community Voice

---

December 2020 | Issue 8

---

¿Quieres recibir el boletín en español? [Regístrate para la versión en español](#)

---

Sending wishes for a winter  
that sits with you, travels in  
thru your pores and to the  
bone. May it grow you in  
ways that feel necessary and  
in line with your heart, mind  
spirit and dreams.



---

## PEARL COLLECTIVE EVENT CALENDAR

See what's happening [this month](#).

---

Celebrating what we did this year - together we made magic!  
Thank you to our board, our facilitators, our students, our  
volunteers, our teacher, and our supporters.

Thank who trust us in to provide anti-racist and inclusive  
education to professionals and in community.

---

**1,706,516** lives lost to Covid-19

**864** lives stolen because of police violence

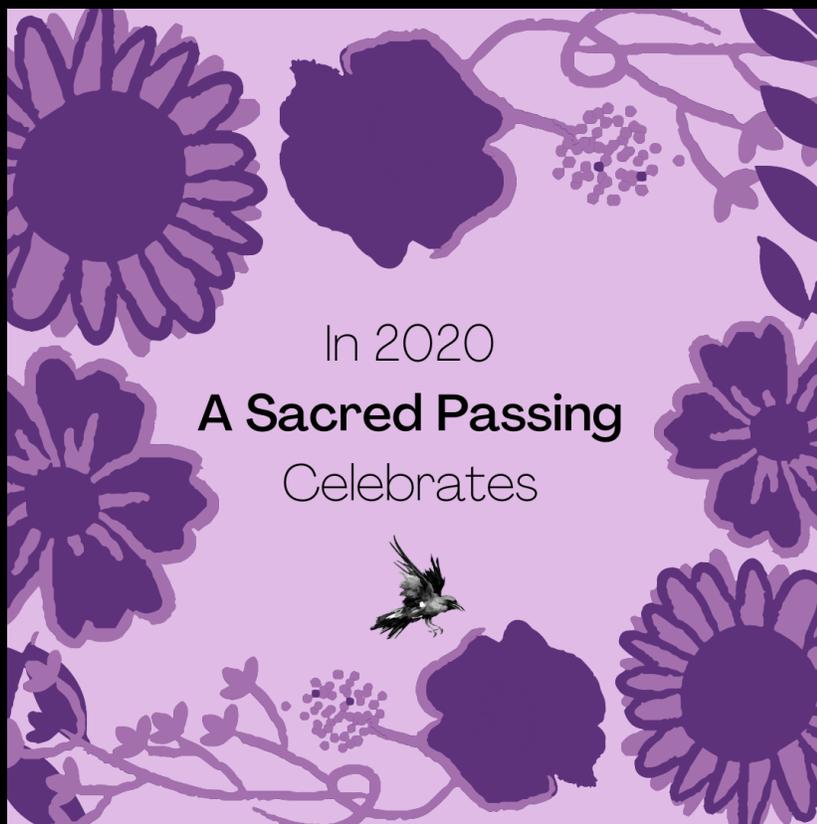
**41** transgender or gender non-conforming people died by violent hate crimes

**21** deaths in US ICE custody

**545** children lost in ICE custody



**IN 2020  
WE MOURN**



- Offering \$13,700 in scholarships to our students
- Training 84 Death Doula students
- Over 3,150 volunteer hours given by 81 volunteers
- Receiving \$2,275 in donations
- Supporting 5 people with the cost of cremation
- Creating, implementing & training crew for the Listening Line
- Assisting 1 person to date, with our new A Place to Die program
- Welcoming 127 guests to Une Bonne Mort
- Holding 88 online community gatherings related to deathcare

Whose land are you on?



## Winter Cruspula

Growing up my grandmother and her mother with make counters full of cruspula. Basically sweet pasta, fried with powdered sugar. But to me it's ritual, following the leader, listening to Italian I never learned to understand, nibbles before we were finished and BOXES ready to go to family, friends and to bring to family holiday parties.

- 6 egg yolk
- 1/2 egg
- 1 tblsp white sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 vanilla extract
- 3 scraped vanilla beans
- 1-2 tsp whiskey (opt)
- 1 1/4 c flour
- 2 cups of frying oil
- confectioner's sugar for dusting

### Step 1

In a medium bowl, whisk egg yolks, egg, sugar, salt, vanilla, and whiskey. Stir in 2 cups of the flour. If dough is sticky, add the rest of the flour. Knead dough for 5 minutes; divide into three parts. Keep dough pieces covered with plastic wrap until ready to use.

### Step 2

Heat oil in a deep-fryer or large saucepan to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Oil should be about 1 inch deep.

### Step 3

Lightly flour a surface, roll out one piece of the dough until it's paper-thin. Cut into long strops and tie in a



## The Beauty of Death

Kahlil Gibran

### Part Two - The Ascending

I have passed a mountain peak  
And my soul is soaring in the  
firmament of complete and unbound  
freedom;

I am far, far away, my companions,  
And the clouds are hiding the hills  
from my eyes.

The valleys are becoming flooded with  
an ocean of silence,  
And the hands of oblivion are  
engulfing the roads and the houses;  
The prairies and fields are  
disappearing behind a white spectre  
That looks like the spring cloud,  
yellow as the candlelight  
And red as the twilight.

The songs of the waves and the hymns  
of the streams are scattered,  
And the voices of the throngs reduced  
to silence;  
And I can hear naught but the music  
of Eternity  
In exact harmony with the spirit's  
desires.

I am cloaked in full whiteness;  
I am in comfort; I am in peace.

bow.

#### **Step 4**

Fry 2 to 4 pieces at a time, depending on the size of your pan, about 5 to 10 seconds on each side. They should **not be** browned. Remove from oil and drain on paper towels; dust with confectioners' sugar when cool. Store any remaining cookies in an airtight container.

Submit pieces to our next newsletter: [\*pearlcollective2018@gmail.com\*](mailto:pearlcollective2018@gmail.com).



Do you have a space to offer? We are looking to grow this network, Washington wide.

Please know that if you have space, it's needed. The more houses we have, the easier it will be for individuals to access spaces without driving too far.

Please click the link below to Offer a Place, Seek a Place, or Volunteer to Support a Place

[More information here](#)

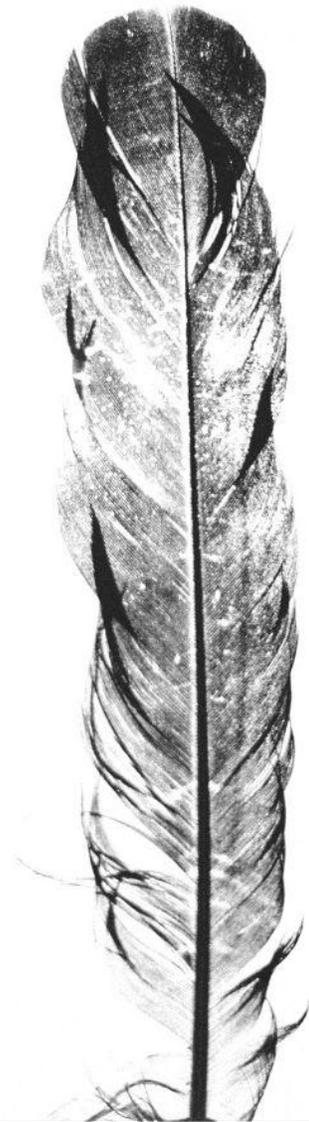
TIME TO REGISTER!

# 2021 Classes Are Open!

Death Doula Level 1

Death Doula Level 2

Listening Line



---

Please join our slack channels to keep in touch, learn and grow with folx in the A Sacred Passing and Pearl Collective communities.

**[A Sacred Passing Slack](#)**

**[Pearl Collective Slack](#)**

---

Pearl Collective | [Website](#)  
A Sacred Passing | [Website](#)



