

50 Years

On Jan. 5, 1972, Sylvia Rosell began a House of Prayer in Round Lake New York. It was called Still Point. Four years later, it moved to an abandoned farm house on some wooded acres in Stillwater, New York. Over time, the House of Prayer gradually became an Interfaith Retreat Center. By 1986, four Retreat Cabins were built along with Nature Trails, a Meditation Park and a spring-fed pond. The Welcoming House was built in two stages; The first section was completed in 1990, while the hospitality section was finished in 1991.

After 25 years, Sylvia resigned from Still Point and Lillian Needham was invited to continue here as the next director. Her ministry at Still Point lasted for seven years. At this point, the Board of Directors invited a married couple to the role of directors but it was not a good fit and they stayed only three months.

Finally, Nicole, Rowena and Anne were invited as directors. After 15 years, Rowena passed away, but her creative spirit is still felt here by all who knew her.

Throughout its fifty years, Still Point has been financially supported by Programs, Retreatants , but mostly by donations from a loving community of spiritual seekers from all walks of life. Without their generous support, this sacred place of peace and beauty would not be. Their generosity is especially appreciated during the COVID pandemic.

Much gratitude and many blessings to all who have helped Still Point for fifty years.



Sylvia Rosell, OP



Nicole St. John, Rowena Fay and Anne Leger, OSB
With "Buster."



Lillian Needham, SSJ