

# Words from Still Point

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Greetings dear friends,

Our last "WORDS FROM STILL POINT" was sent in August 2019, two months after the passing of our sister Rowena in June. We are grateful for all who came to her memorial in July, 2019 and to everyone who made it possible. If you would like to see the memorial video by our friend, John Oakley, go to YouTube and look for ROWENA'S LIFE CELEBRATION.

At the end of August, we lost electricity in Cabin 5. Louise Pinho, Mike Cuilla and his friend Scott dug a ditch, while Kris Petersen freely provided his skill and equipment to restore power. At the end of October, we were able to seal the Welcoming House attic from squirrels, through the kind generosity of Carol Schweizer. We had many people on retreats and programs, then in November, we closed the cabins for the colder months, fully expecting to re-open them in the Spring.

Along came COVID-19, as a result, we were unable to re-open cabins and all programs ended in March.

Thanks to so many generous donations during this time. We have been able to pay the bills. Still Point is truly a caring community.



All gatherings listed to the right not only help Still Point financially but also add to the rich energy of this sacred space.

Thanks to Judith Prest, Marilyn Day and Lin Murphy for offering the Divine Feminine on Sept. 21 and 22, 2019.



Nice spreading gravel, August 2019.



## THANKS AGAIN

to Louise Pinho and others for facilitating the Tuesday Gathering each week at Still Point until March and now each week via Zoom; and to Rev. Starr DiCiurcio for monthly Women's Retreat Day through February and for continuing to keep connected with these women regarding Still Point's needs; to Shari Parslow for directing the Autumn Equinox and Winter Solstice; to the members of the Transformation Circle; and to the Kingfisher Sangha members. We look forward to the time when these programs can return.

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(100% of your donation goes to Still Point's upkeep & maintenance.) We are grateful for every donation. Thanks to Mike Cuilla and Louise Pinho for making the grounds so beautiful. Many thanks to Ross Barber for repairing the front porch and getting gutters installed.

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to create an environment and spirituality that is inclusive of all people while integrating reverence and awareness of all creation. Still Point offers space for retreats and workshops that celebrate the sacred; we recognize that every aspect of reality is interdependent and has its own value in contributing to the whole; we also explore the interface of consciousness and spirituality.

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**We are grateful to those of you who donate no matter when or how much you give. You help keep Still Point going!  
There seems to always be something needing improvement or repair.**

If you wish to donate at this time, please fill in the amount of your donation and send us your name and address so that we can properly thank you.

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**STILL POINT'S "WISH LIST"**

**Nonprofit organizations seem often to be in need themselves, and Still Point is no exception. There are a few items we could use and thought perhaps some community members might be willing to donate. Here's our list of hopefuls (which even includes items that get used up regularly like paper products!):**

Volunteers to help weed, maintain the trails and to move wood.

**THANK YOU!**

**STILL POINT**

is self-supporting and relies entirely on our program and retreat revenues plus the generosity of our supporters for our continued success. Will you remember **Still Point** in **your will**? If you would like to help **Still Point** out in this way, please call or write.

**A Poet Laughs**

Every falsehood in me  
has been ablazed,  
When the Earth stopped  
trusting me, I knew it was  
time to light a fire.

Now I understand Heaven  
is the seeing itself,  
That is why Birth and Death  
need space.

A Poet laughs— seeing that  
we all pretend to forget.

Jim Spinella, Fall 2008