

A View from the Ridge



ROLLING RIDGE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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Big Steps

Fall! The start of a new school year. New TV programs. Patriots football. Cooler weather. The energy of the new season impacts Rolling Ridge as groups schedule retreats and conferences before winter makes and sends some challenges.



This year, we feel additional excitement as Rolling Ridge inaugurates Vision 2013 and takes big steps toward the long planned renovation and expansion.

2013 is Rolling Ridge's 65th year— the year designated by the Board of Directors to unveil the new Rolling Ridge.

This Fall we take the first steps:

1. Hire part-time **Development Director Lynda Fairbanks Atkins**. Lynda brings experience and passion to Rolling Ridge and will work with the Board and donors in shaping the steps to a capital campaign.
2. Set **architect Iric Rex** to work to detail designs for 35 bedrooms and baths, with beds for 60 people. Key to the plan is increased accessibility for guests, an efficient and green heating and cooling system and additional features like a dining deck and indoor chapel. Iric Rex, of Davis Square

Architects, understands historic structures and green initiatives.

3. Following the excellent work of landscape architects Kyle Zick and Maureen O'Brien, we will begin to **partner** with others to fund and renovate the fountain and begin the replanting and rehabilitation of the courtyard and entrance.

Please hold us in your thoughts and prayers as we move toward renovating the existing historic buildings and adding bedrooms, bathrooms and accessibility. And, if you would like to **be involved** in the new vision or know of persons with interest and experience in finances and development who would be good to add to the Rolling Ridge Board, speak with our Executive Director, Larry Peacock.

What an Exciting Fall!

Of Interest

- DEVELOPMENT PLANS
- NEW NATIONAL PROGRAM IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
- FALL PROGRAMS
- OUR WISH LIST
- RIDGEFEST 2011
- ALUMNI GATHERING

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A Rolling Ridge Christmas

Join us for a festive lunch or dinner in the Lakeside Dining Room



Lunch

Three course buffet \$16.99

Dinner

Four Course Buffet \$19.99 (min. 12 people)

Call Joanna Ouellette at 978-682-8815 x12 for reservations and menus

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This kayak is available for bidding— opening bid at \$2500. Auction deadline is September 25.

Lakeside Gallery— a dining room with FLAIR!

Recently the dining room at Rolling Ridge had a face lift and was graced with a new lighting system, a new art-hanging system, new window treatments, and new paint. Guests can now sit and dine as they take in the artwork of the recent Andovers Artist Guild show: “JOY”.

Rolling Ridge is the new showplace for the Artist Guild. All paintings are for sale.

Come visit the Gallery and see the new Fall show entitled, “Turn Turn Turn”. The show opens on September 25, 2011.

We are grateful to our sponsoring donors for funding this renovation:

- Fred C. Church Insurance
- Juba Electric
- Andovers Artist Guild
- Kay Adair
- Anne Broyles
- Larry Peacock and others



MEET LEE!

MEET LEE O'BRIEN, OUR NEW GUEST SERVICES COORDINATOR. LEE MOVES FROM GUEST HOST TO GUEST COORDINATOR FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF ALISON GREEN WHO IS PURSUING OTHER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

National Spiritual Direction Program at the Ridge

The Spiritual Formation Initiative of the New England Conference and Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center are beginning a two-year Spiritual Direction Training program in November. “Gateways to God”- Training in Spiritual Direction and Congregation Formation welcomes lay and clergy to the six retreats that will be

held here at Rolling Ridge. Rev. Wendy Miller, who taught this program in New York and Vermont, is our excellent instructor and we have four gifted spiritual directors who will lead small groups. Besides being a fine spiritual formation experience, the program will train individuals in the art of one on one direction and also provide training in working

with congregations in spiritual formation. The program is sold out, and we are excited at the great interest making this program a huge success.



Alumni Gathering

Over 60 alumni and family members enjoyed our first alumni barbecue and swim. Stories were swapped, pictures were shared, memories exchanged. The glorious

summer day was capped with a thanksgiving service at

Point of Pines led by director Larry Peacock.

Thanks to the planning committee of Patti Coffill, Jenny Blatchford and Dee Spinelli. Watch for dates for next summer. Follow alumni news on facebook: Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center and Rolling Ridge United Methodist camp Alumni.



This photo was taken by a guest of the Ridge, who happened by one morning with a camera in hand. Thank you to Sherry Giniewicz for sharing your vision with us.



Ridge Fest Wellness Festival 2011

Join us on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from noon to 4pm for the 3rd annual "Ridge Fest" Wellness Festival on the grounds of Rolling Ridge.

Join us as we celebrate the "healing of persons and healing of the world" with music, storytelling, yoga, drumming, tai chi, labyrinth walks, food from the Courtyard Café, Wellness Vendors, Arts and Craft

Vendors, 15 min. Massage therapy and Reflexology sessions for only \$20, live Music, and MORE! Admission is Free. The event is Rain or shine. Ridgefest is sponsored in part by Pentucket Medical.



Giving Thanks

I give thanks for Teresa Beveridge! I didn't know her, but twice a year we receive a check from her estate. We are grateful because we know that we all live and thrive because of ones who have gone before us. Their thoughtfulness and planning led to gifts that continue to make a difference in the lives of people who come to Rolling Ridge.

We invite you to add Rolling Ridge to your wills and

estate planning, to let your love for this place continue to bless others for years to come. We welcome unrestricted gifts or you may designate funds for specific projects, like the fountain restoration or underwriting Rolling Ridge programs. Working with the United Methodist Foundation of New England, we are glad to help you explore your giving options.

Thank You.

Programs at Rolling Ridge

Rolling Ridge offers a variety of programming designed to nurture personal and spiritual growth, increase wellness, and foster commitment to care for creation and work for peace and justice. (see back cover for program schedule)

"A Day Apart" Retreat for Busy People: Monthly programs offered to encourage personal enrichment and spiritual growth

"Drumming for Joy": our Monthly drumming circle— come and enjoy the uplifting power of drumming.

Matching Grant—the floor project

A donor has said if we can raise \$1000, she will match it and we will be able to replace carpet in the main hallway and redo the floor in the library. Please help us continue to improve our facilities and double your gifts for the "floor project". You may send checks or use your credit card when you call. Thank You!



One of the rooms of the Ridge Wellness Center. Make sure to arrange for a massage or body work the next time you're at the Ridge. Call Kim Adami at 978-687-9405 to make an appointment

Stories

We are collecting stories of experiences at Rolling Ridge that we want to use in our Capital Campaign to tell the great things that happen at Rolling Ridge. How has your life been changed or blessed by coming to Rolling Ridge? We would love to hear. Email thestaff@rollingridge.org and let us know your story.



Holiday Parties at the Ridge! Don't forget to plan in advance for your holiday gathering, company luncheon, or group holiday retreat. Call our office to inquire about available dates.

Wish List

- New Twin Size Mattresses
- Twin-sized and full sized headboards
- New Dressers for bedrooms
- Chandeliers for Tyson Hall
- Chapel chairs
- Area Rugs
- New table lamps
- Wall Mirrors
- Patio furniture
- Outdoor Rocking chairs

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-HAMILTON WRIGHT MABIE

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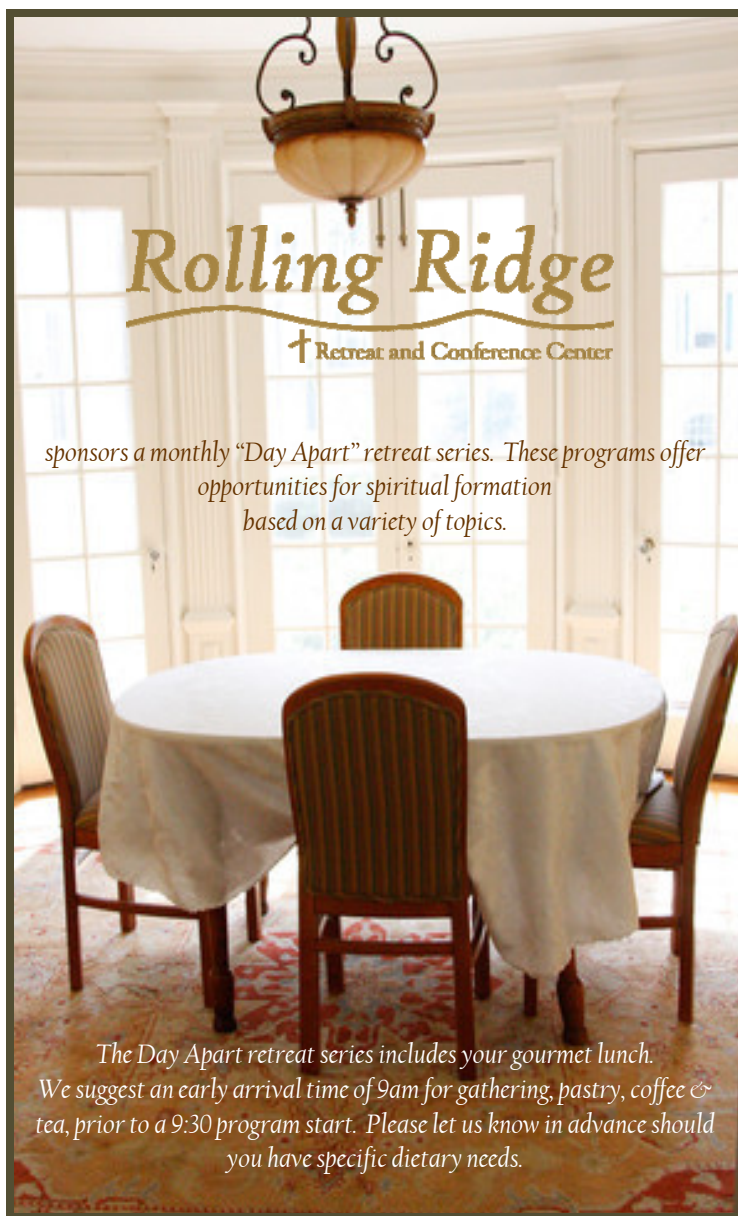
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Fall Program Offerings



sponsors a monthly "Day Apart" retreat series. These programs offer opportunities for spiritual formation based on a variety of topics.

The Day Apart retreat series includes your gourmet lunch. We suggest an early arrival time of 9am for gathering, pastry, coffee & tea, prior to a 9:30 program start. Please let us know in advance should you have specific dietary needs.

- September 14 : Making the Transition from Summer to Fall with retreat Leader Pam Kristan
- September 19: "Drumming for Joy" at 7pm, with retreat Leader, Jane Gossard
- September 27: Journal writing for health and wellness, with retreat Leader Ray McGinnis
- September 28: Poetry, Nature, and the language of the land, with Ray McGinnis
- October 5: Body Story/ Body Work: towards a joyfully embodied life, with Ricia Fleming
- October 17: "Drumming for Joy" at 7pm, with Jane Gossard
- October 19: "Healing the Leader's Soul" with Margaret Benefiel and Susie Allen
- October 24: How shall I pray? With retreat Leader Karen Lewis Foley
- November 2: Productivity, Focus, and Depth in everyday Life, with Erin Wells
- November 9: Acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God, with Nancy Small
- November 15: Autumn-Thanksgiving Quiet Day with Larry Peacock
- November 17: Fostering the Seeds of Lovingkindness with retreat Leader Carol Legro

- November 21: "Drumming for Joy" at 7pm with Jane Gossard
- November 29: Return to Joy, with retreat Leader Paula Richards
- December 5: Advent Quiet Day, with retreat Leader Larry Peacock
- December 5: "Drumming for Joy" at 7pm, with Jane Gossard

For a Complete Description of all our Day Apart Retreats, visit www.rollingridge.org and click on "Programs". Register for all programs on line, or call our office at 978-682-8815