A View from the Ridge

ROLLING RIDGE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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GALA KICK OFF DINNER

Join us for one fabulous evening on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Café Escadrille in Burlington, Mass. to celebrate and support Rolling Ridge. Hear Dr. Kirk Byron Jones, noted author and dynamic speaker. Listen to the Willie Sordillo, three time Boston Music Award winning saxophonist and world music composer, who brings his trio for jazz selections. Honor Cynthia Good, the second recipient of the Loaves and Fishes Award, for her remarkable gifts of compassion and leadership. Come and consider what you would pledge to the Rolling Ridge Capital Campaign to expand facilities and programs for the premier center in New England.

Purchase tickets at rollingridge.org or call 978-682-8815. Registration deadline 4/1.

RESTORE REBUILD RENEW
Things are already happening

The Campaign has begun, and a few changes have already been completed. Take a look at the entrance columns and courtyard walls—they are no longer crumbling in front of our eyes. Notice the new, safer entrance ramp and see the stone wheel embedded in the step—we didn’t even know it was there. Two separate grants made this work possible.

Look into the Tyson Room—no more harsh fluorescent light panels. Lovely chandeliers, graceful sconces and adjustable can lights—made possible by individual gifts, a grant from a church that is closing and the help of a local lighting store—improve the look, function, and comfort of the room. The library has a new chandelier, too, making it brighter and more lovely.

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Winter, 2015

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

“...So much happens in the dark time of the year—germination, hibernation, bundling, burrowing—and those things that are covered over are protected for a time and allowed to mature. There is a wholeness in that deep, secret process, and in what gathers in us to lead us into the next season.”

-Marilyn Chandler McEntyre

From “What’s in a phrase”

Some winter days are cold but sunny. Others are grey, windy with piles of snow. Whatever the day, McEntyre reminds us that seeds are getting ready to spring forth. In the “fertile dark of the unconscious mind or in the body,” we are being prepared for something new.

At Rolling Ridge, we find a few darkened days to add new chandeliers and fans to rooms. Let there be light and flowing air! We reach out to new groups—a nurse certification program in integrative care, a prison mindfulness teacher training program and yoga teacher training (notice a learning—wellness theme!). We prepare new grant proposals to extend our programs in spirituality and leadership.

While the earth is germinating, so, too, are we planning for new growth, as we build on a successful 2014. Last year, we were blessed with a 14% increase in revenue, several new weeklong retreats, and completion of many courtyard restoration projects as part of our Capital Campaign.

We are actively waiting and preparing for the new to spring to life. Hope you are too.

Come for a retreat, bring a group, spend some time preparing for spring in your life or organization.

Cynthia Good
WE CELEBRATE! Highlights of 2014

Did you see it? Were you there? Here are some things we celebrate from 2014— a most blessed year.

1.) Thanks to a matching grant from the Methuen Festival of Trees, we rebuilt the entrance columns, repaired the surrounding walls, rebuilt the front steps and handicapped ramp.

2.) Thanks to many responding to our “Suds and Pipes” appeal, we repaired the damage done to the lower level after pipes flooded and ruined our walls and carpeting.

3.) The 4th annual Peace Conference with Andrew Bacevich drew a large, eager crowd.

4.) Gateways to God, our second spiritual Direction and Congregational Formation training, began.


6.) Hosted numerous community events including Weddings, Baby Showers, a Car Show, The Elder Services Winter Gala, and the North Andover Historical Society summer event.

7.) We said goodbye to Ridge Staff members Joanna Ouellette, Rebecca Nolet, and Hilton Cormey, and welcomed Laurie Brown, Sales Specialist; Sabina Majeed, head chef; Linda Atherton, Guest Services assistant; and new host staff, Virginia Keely-Bergson.

8.) We celebrate numerous building improvements: a refurbished, redesigned, and improved Board Room; upgraded and strengthened Wi-Fi throughout all our meeting spaces; hardwood floors refurbished; new bed pillows throughout the guest rooms, and décor in the sitting room enhanced. Plus over 600 facebook likes, over 2500 email followers, 2015 Calendar sales, 9 pieces of artwork sold from the Lakeside Gallery Dining room showcasing the work of the Andovers Artists Guild.

9.) Our mission statement revisited: “Changing the World...one retreat at a time”.

Thank You, Thank You

• Carpenter Foundation: your grant provided scholarships to Gateways Spiritual Direction Training and Drawing Near.

• United Methodist Foundation of New England— your grant supported Capital Campaign materials and visits.

• Festival of Trees— your grant began the courtyard restorations to the entrance pillars and stucco repair.

Art Reception/ Open House

Join us on Thursday evening, March 5, 2015 from 5:30pm-7pm for the new spring show by the Andovers Artists Guild, entitled “Life Exists”. Come and view, purchase, and enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages. Take a look at all the improvements at the Ridge!

Three of these beautiful chandeliers will soon adorn the magnificent Tyson Hall. “Not magnificent” you say? Oh...just you wait!
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Please let us know if you would like to receive information re: our annual appeals.

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Ellen Lewis
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Roberta Williams— for the donation of the new piano

Have you remembered Rolling Ridge in your will?

www.rollingridge.org
**Sustaining the Soul and the practice of Ministry**

A New 5-retreat program for Clergy led by Cynthia Good, begins in May of 2015. Each 3-day/2-night retreat will include input on a spiritual practice to sustain ministry, small group circles of trust, worship, community, meals, and sharing. Cost of the entire program is $1625. Scholarships are available. CEUs for each retreat. Register by April 1.


**New Groups at the Ridge**

Rolling Ridge recently welcomed the following new organizations:

- Alban Institute
- Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine
- International Sound Therapy
- Brooksby Village
- Center for Spiritual Integration
- Center for Collaborative Education

**Upcoming Events at Rolling Ridge**

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“Changing the World... One Retreat at a Time”
CAMPAIGN KICKOFF GALA

“Easter and Spring are here and the bones of Rolling Ridge are shaking with new life, built on the foundation of the past, but aching to be new. It is time to Restore, Rebuild, & Renew.”

210 people were engaged and inspired by these remarks of Executive Director Larry Peacock and the other speakers at the Kick-off Gala. Keynote speaker Dr. Kirk Byron Jones praised Rolling Ridge as a place of pause and power, as he pointedly and humorously spoke about the importance of pausing and resting from frenetic lives and a world sometimes overwhelming. He reminded us all that places like Rolling Ridge are rare and an invaluable way to rediscover our creativity and power.

Cynthia Good received the second Loaves and Fishes Award in recognition of “simple and faithful acts of sharing and compassion which transform lives, communities, and institutions”. She gave a powerful witness about her days at Rolling Ridge as a youth, young pastor, and Board member, calling the Ridge a place, “To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on the earth”.

The enthusiasm, joy, and excitement were palpable throughout the evening as guests talked with the architect about the plans, looked at photographs old and new, read quotes from supporters. Several people stood up and spoke about their belief in the Ridge’s future and their commitment to the Capital Campaign. Twenty two guests made gifts and pledges to the Campaign at the gala (and more have arrived in the mail!!).

The time has come to Restore Rebuild Renew this treasure. Will you join the effort? Please call or email Larry Peacock for more information. Thank you and thanks to all who were part of our wonderful evening.

Larry J Peacock, Executive Director

FROM THE DIRECTOR

John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach of UCLA, guided his men’s teams to 10 national titles over 12 years in the 1960’s and 70’s. It is still a record in men’s college basketball. He once wrote, “when your past becomes more significant than your future, you’re done.”

It is not to denigrate the good successes of the past, nor does it undervalue learning from the past, but it does keep the focus on what is at hand, what is coming.

In that spirit, I vow not to talk so much about the winter we have just had. Yes, it was hard, historic, and often times just too much. But it is time to talk about spring, flowers, and baseball—where we hope for another last first place finish for the Red Sox.

For Rolling Ridge, we look toward summer work projects outside, our fifth summer peace conference with Dr. Susannah Heschel, and some new wellness groups bringing their national programs to Rolling Ridge. We are applying for a grant to bring on part time program staff for the Center for Spirituality and Leadership and anticipating a summer intern from Harvard Divinity School. We plan to paint the estate—some variation of pink (have you noticed our choices on the wall?) Following up on the kickoff gala, we will plot out some steps to make the vision a reality.

How about you? What are you turning toward? What are you excited about?

Together, let’s move into the new future. It is Easter time, spring time. We are not done. We are just beginning.

Larry J Peacock, Executive Director
GOODBYE TO SABINA MAJEED. IT WAS A SWEET BRIEF STAY WITH US HERE AT THE RIDGE. WE WILL MISS YOU GREATLY AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST.

DON’T THROW IT AWAY!

Our Wish List of things we sure could use if you don’t need them anymore:
- Bureaus/Dressers
- Rocking chairs (outdoor)
- End tables
- Coffee tables
- Night stands
- Serving dishes
- Patio furniture
- Area/Room Rugs (good condition)
- China Tea Service
- File Cabinets

Thank You, Thank You

- To Jane Gossard who has been leading drum circles at Rolling Ridge since November 2006—our longest running program.
- To Danny Smith, Ellen Lewis, and Lee O’Brien for assembling and organizing the tags, information and details of the Campaign Gala!
- To crocuses and daffodils that have emerged even after a hard, cold winter.
- To Joanna Ouellette, former Rolling Ridge staff, for a powerpoint show of Rolling Ridge for the Gala dinner.

PLAN AHEAD-

Gateways to God—our popular spiritual director program will begin a new two year cycle in May, 2016. Please consider participating in this spiritually rewarding program.

More info at: www.rollingridge.org/programs/spiritual direction training

Mother’s Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10, 2015
Lakeside Gallery Dining Room
Two Sittings: Noon and 2:30pm
By Reservation—$24.95 per person/children 12 and under: $12.95
Call 978-682-8815
Reserve on line at www.rollingridge.org

Reservations are now being accepted for the Mother’s Day Brunch Buffet on Sunday, May 10, 2015. With a choice of two sittings, Noon or 2:30pm, guests are encouraged to make reservations early, as the event sold out quickly last year.

Living in the Spirit!

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
With
Cristian de la Rosa, Mary Jane O’Connor Ropp,
Susan MacKenzie, Larry Peacock, Jana Marie Whitten & Dan Wilson

A New Title- (previously called “Nurturing Passionate Spirituality”) with the same great opportunities for learning and practicing spiritual resources for yourself and your church. May 12. Come for these workshops:

“Walking Prayer” with Susan MacKenzie, Professor, Colby College

“Interior Decorating” with Dan Wilson, Creative Designer and Pastor, Old Town, ME

Hispanic Spirituality with Cristian De la Rosa, Professor at Boston University School of Theology

Healing Ministries with Jana Marie Whitten, Deaconess

Training to facilitate Companions in Christ led by Mary Jane O’Connor-Ropp retired pastor,

Training to facilitate the Deepening Children’s Faith Module led by Larry Peacock, Executive Director Rolling Ridge

“Changing the World...One Retreat at a Time”
A Will can be the foundation of an estate plan that provides security for those dependent upon us, directs how assets we have spent a lifetime accumulating are to be distributed and remembers organizations such as Rolling Ridge that we supported during our lifetimes.

COMING THIS SUMMER

Thanks to a grant from Methuen Festival of Trees, Pizzo Construction will return to restore the curved seated area (the Exedra) and the crumbling foundation walls around the fountain. Armando Pizzo’s excellent work can be seen in the restored courtyard walls and the new front steps. He is a treasured craftsman from the old school and we are delighted to have him return.

Plus, in June, we expect a visit from the Garden Conservancy to explore ways of putting the Rolling Ridge landscape of Fletcher Steele on the national map of American’s Best Gardens.

PRAY, PADDLE, AND RENEW

Fifty years ago, Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Heschel walked across the bridge in Selma, Alabama. Susannah has written about the close spiritual and activist kinship her father felt with Dr. King. But what about today in the aftermath of Ferguson and Brooklyn killings? Are we at another crossroads—whether to form coalitions across faith traditions for peace and justice or separate into calls for violent action. And what are the consequences of those choices? Join us as scholar, author and teacher, Susannah Heschel takes us into history so we can live more justly and peaceably today.

SUMMER PEACE CONFERENCE

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Visit our website at www.rollingridge.org

INTRODUCING

From her days at Boston University, studying with Julia Child and Jacque Pepin, our new Chef, Karen Albee, has combined classic cooking with a passion for local farms and healthy eating. She has lived on a farm in Dracut for over twenty years, managed farm to table dinners for local CSA’s, and taught culinary classes at Fresh Roots in Lowell. Welcome Karen.

Welcome

Welcome to Maxine Meilleur, a third year student at Harvard Divinity Seminary, who will be spending the summer at Rolling Ridge as an ministry intern. She will be observing and participating in the programs and operations of Rolling Ridge. Introduce yourself to our summer intern.

Spring special!

WE HAVE DATES! Take advantage of this special by booking by JUNE 1st.

BOOK ONE NIGHT, get a SECOND night's stay for FREE! (Select mid-week dates only. Groups of 10 or more, overnight stay only, not incl. meals)

Call Laurie Brown, Sales Specialist to discuss availability and rates.

AVAILABLE DATES:

May 12-15
May 17-20
May 25-28
June 10-12
June 16-19
June 29-July 3
July 21-24
July 27-31
August 17-21
August 24-28
August 31-Sept. 3
September 7-11
September 16-18

New Groups at the Ridge

Rolling Ridge recently welcomed the following new organizations:

- International Nurse Coach Association iNurse Health Coach Training Program
- U Mass Medical Mind Body Institute Stress Reduction Program
- Temple Shir Tikvah Women’s Retreat

- Christ Church United of Lowell
- Adcare Educational Institute
- International Integrators Living Whole Retreat
- Bikram Yoga Merrimack Valley Teacher Training Program
- Nancy Chippendale’s Dance Studio International Summer Training Program
- MA Education TISHE Training Program

Art Reception

The Spring Show by the Andovers Artists Guild entitled “Life Exists” has been a huge hit! The SUMMER show, “Wet was the light” will be put up on May 13th. The Art Reception will be on Thursday, May 28 from 5 to 7pm in the lakeside gallery dining room.

Upcoming Events at Rolling Ridge

Programs at Rolling Ridge are a wonderful way “to be cradled in an atmosphere of contemplation and hospitality”

Come join us for these upcoming programs:

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5/10 Mother's Day Brunch (reservation only)
5/12 Living in the Spirit!
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7/19-21 Pray, Paddle, Renew
7/20 Summer Peace Conference

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Still Waters, in the Style of Taize

Takes place on Sunday, June 21 From 5:30-7:45.
Register at www.rollingridge.org
Other Still Waters Dates: 5/17, and 7/19

“Changing the World... One Retreat at a Time”
Rolling Ridge is committed to offering programs to renew our spiritual practices and foster creative and inspired leaders through its new Center for Spirituality and Leadership.

Rev. Mike Davis, seasoned pastor and coach will be coordinating the CSL team and program and training opportunities.

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Evening reception and Dinner begins at 5:30pm with Dr. Heschel in the Lakeside Gallery Dining Room, with exceptional buffet, remarks, and Book Signing. By Reservation $40. Public address at 7:30 (no charge) For Dinner Reservations, call 978-682-8815 or go to www.rollingridge.org.
PRAY, PADDLE, RENEW: Three amazing summer days at the Ridge

Beginning on Sunday Afternoon, July 19, settle in before dinner and STILL WATERS, the monthly contemplative service at Rolling Ridge. Spend the night then enjoy a hearty breakfast before a contemplative kayak experience on the lake led by Kent Harrop, our guide to quietly observing and listening to wonders around us and within. Rest and relax after lunch or explore some of the “renewal prompts” provided by Larry Peacock. Opportunity to walk the labyrinth or a short late afternoon canoe or kayak. Monday evening, enjoy the dinner and reception at the FIFTH ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE with Dr. Susannah Heschel before her public talk on Monday evening. One more night of rest before another morning paddle and time of reflection. Depart after lunch on Tuesday.

July 19-21
$295 per person
Register at www.rollingridge.org

Includes all programs, overnight, and meals.
Attendees are encouraged to bring own kayaks, but some will be provided.

GATEWAYS TO GOD

Spiritual Direction Training
The third session of Gateways to God is open for registration. The two-year spiritual direction and congregational formation training program will begin in 2016. Participants will explore one-on-one direction and practices to work with congregations. Lay and Clergy persons from New England and beyond are invited to apply. There are no specific educational requirements but those who apply should have an active, growing spiritual life, a deep love for all of God’s people, and ability to embrace diversity and strength in deep, purposeful listening. To register, visit www.rollingridge.org/programs/spiritual direction training. For further information, email Beth Garnaas-Holmes at gateways.rollingridge@gmail.com.

SUSTAINING THE SOUL: A Renewal series for Clergy
Four Retreats. Three Days. Two nights. Each retreat will have: Input on one of the generative SPIRITUAL PRACTICES – including Silence, Lectio Divina, Discernment, Rule of Life, Prayer of the Heart, WORSHIP and MEDITATION, SMALL GROUP CIRCLES of trust (modeled after the work of Parker Palmer), guided by a facilitator, PERSONAL REFLECTION, SABBATH time, Community Sharing, delicious meals, Labyrinth and trail walking at Rolling Ridge, coordinated by Cynthia Good and other staff. For registration, visit www.rollingridge.org

PICNIC DAYS

Celebrate summer at the Ridge! Host your Family Day, reunion, church or school event or celebration at Rolling Ridge. Enjoy delicious catered picnics, Clambakes, and BBQ’s starting at $16 per person. Call Laurie Brown today!

FIELD TO TABLE DINNER

Rolling Ridge will host a “Field to Table” dinner on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 5pm to benefit the restoration and cultivation of the farm land at Rolling Ridge, providing fresh produce for those in need. The event is co-sponsored by Rolling Ridge, South Church Giving Garden, and the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project.

Your donation of $75 per person includes an all inclusive dinner buffet and drinks, featuring freshly harvested produce grown locally, and expertly prepared by the culinary team at Rolling Ridge.

The event is Rain or Shine. Register on line at www.rollingridge.org, or call the office at 978-682-8815.

Our Mission:
Changing the World– One Retreat at a time
Our Goal:
To be the premier retreat and conference center in New England and beyond.
Who we are:
A True Oasis of Quiet Beauty and Gracious Hospitality

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PRESENTING THE WORD
Sunday Evening Conversations
at Rolling Ridge
June 5, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:45pm
Come to Rolling Ridge for an evening of song, silence and prayer in the style of Taize on June 21. Dinner at 5:30pm ($20 per person). Call for reservations 978-682-8815. Worship at 6:30 with guest musicians, Mike and Shelly Tworoger.

ALSO join us on Sunday evenings, July 19, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 22, and December 13th from 5:30pm-7:45pm for our regular “Still Waters” evening worship at the Ridge. For more info, go to www.rollingridge.org/programs

PRIDE at the Ridge
Saturday, August 1, 2015 11am-3pm
Join us on Saturday, August 1 from 11am-3pm for the first “Pride at the Ridge” picnic for LGBTQ family and Friends. The day will feature a family fun day of lawn games, field sports, LIVE music by “Vinyl Strut”, and spirit worship at Point of Pines. It is a BYO BBQ/Picnic. Rolling Ridge will provide beverages, paper products, charcoal, and grills. The event is NO CHARGE and is RAIN or SHINE (tent will be available if needed).

LGBTQ Family & Friends Picnic
RESTORE, REBUILD, RENEW-
The Capital Campaign for Rolling Ridge

In the middle of August, our favorite mason showed up to begin restoration work on several landscape features. The curved seat and the fountain walls are two primary projects which will begin to restore the grandeur to Fletcher Steele’s design.

Thanks to a matching grant from the Methuen Festival of Trees we are able to undertake these significant restorations. We are grateful for your gifts to complete the match. Visit www.rollingridge.org/donate to make a gift.

Later this fall, we plan to begin a renovation of the Moses/Carriage House, to include personal bathrooms, more bedrooms, and improved accessibility. The meeting room will be renovated with new lights, a coffee bar and accessible bathroom. (continued on pg. 2)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Though it has been quite a few years since I was in school in September, I still feel excitement and newness in the air every Fall. It is time to get a haircut, a new shirt, start a new program, get ready for something different.

The lyrics to a song come to mind, “this is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on...to show and share what love can do...our God is making all things new.”

I enter this fall with a backpack full of hope and excitement. We plan to begin significant renovations of the Moses Conference Building. The old Carriage House will be transformed with new bedrooms and bathrooms and increased accessibility. The meeting room will have a new coffee bar area and a new accessible bathroom. This will be the first phase of the Capital Campaign building projects.

We are excited to begin a support group for breast cancer survivors, a new interfaith sharing group and some excellent day retreats with excellent leaders.

There is more so please enjoy this newsletter with more stories of hope and excitement. And come to a program or bring your group here.

Happy Fall, blessed new beginnings!

Larry

CENTERS FOR SPIRITUALITY AND LEADERSHIP

A new Interfaith Coordinating Council under the leadership of Rev. Mike Davis has begun to shape the programs and training of Rolling Ridge. CSL serves as the “dreamers and facilitators” of programs that nurture spiritual renewal, foster interfaith reverence, encourage spiritual leadership and re-envision faith communities.

We rejoice in receiving a second grant from the Carpenter Foundation to fund a part time staff person to coordinate Rolling Ridge programs and to begin a new two year program for Black clergy in their last year of seminary and first years of ministry under the leadership of Dr. Imani-Sheila Newsome-Camara.

The restoration of the amazing Fletcher Steele fountain walls continues, with incredible workmanship by Pizzo Masonry.
A View from the Ridge

RIDGE ON THE ROAD

Executive Director, Larry Peacock, will be leading a retreat on September 19th at Christ United Methodist Church in Groton, CT. “Spiritual Practices for Ordinary, Busy and Distracted People” from 9am -3pm. Register with Rev. Ho-Soon Han at hosoon09@gmail.com.

Fall special!

WE HAVE DATES! Take advantage of this special by booking by SEPT. 30th

BOOK ONE NIGHT, get a SECOND night's stay for FREE! (Select mid-week dates only. Groups of 10 or more, overnight stay only, not incl. meals)

Call Laurie Brown, Sales Specialist to discuss availability and rates.

WISHING…

Our Wish List of things we sure could use if you don’t need them anymore, or if you’d like to purchase and donate these items:

- Table cloths, runners, doilies & bureau scarves
- Rocking chairs (outdoor)
- End tables
- Night stands
- Serving dishes
- Patio furniture
- Area/Room Rugs (good condition)
- Good commercial pots and pans
- Gently used commercial kitchen utensils

WE THANK YOU!

THANK YOU EAGLE SCOUTS

This summer, two Eagle Scouts have been finishing projects at Rolling Ridge: Thomas Doughty has built a raised walkway over a marshy part of the trail and John Ballerini is completing information and directional signs for the trails. Soon, Rishabh Shah will begin making benches for the fire pit area and two new Adirondack lawn chairs. We are grateful for the contributions of these young men from Scout Troop 87 in North Andover. We are all blessed by this community partnership.

ART RECEPTION/OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on Thursday evening, September 17th from 5:30pm-7:30pm for the opening of the Fall Show by the Andovers Artists Guild entitled “Dancing on a Windy Day”. The show will remain in the Lakeside Gallery Dining Room until mid-November. Please bring a friend; enjoy the complimentary refreshments; take a peek at the new and exciting improvements at the Ridge; support local artists; and enjoy a wonderful evening doing something different!

BLOOMING IN THE COURTYARD

The gardens of Fletcher Steele are not only historically significant, but they add color, beauty and joy to guests. The Rolling Ridge Board has initiated a drive to restore the courtyard plantings with the flowers, shrubs and trees from the palette of Steele. You may purchase a flower tag to make a gift of between $25 and $100 to make the courtyard bloom. You may also donate on line at www.rollingridge.org/donate/ courtyard restoration project.

RESTORE, REBUILD, RENEW

(continued from page 1) It is not too late to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. Call Larry Peacock to discuss how you can make Rolling Ridge the premier conference Center.

MOVING FORWARD: A Women’s Program for Continued Healing after Breast Cancer Treatment is Done

A ROLLING RIDGE EVENING PROGRAM Ten Tuesday Nights 6:30-8:30pm Begins 9/15 and runs thru to 12/8

FACILITATED BY: SUETTA TENNEY, M.D.

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HOLIDAYS AT THE RIDGE

It’s not too early to book your holiday lunch or dinner at the Ridge. Church group, business group, non-profit staff or family gathering—come enjoy the manor house decorated for the season, fireplaces aglow and delicious food served in the beautiful lakeside gallery dining room. Call Laurie Brown 978-682-8815 ext. 12. Call today!

OH SO FABULOUS!

Special thanks to Lee Carpenter for the donation of beautiful furniture, beds and bureaus, armoire and curio hutch, oriental rug, and more to make our guests more comfortable. THANK YOU, LEE!!!

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• Include Rolling Ridge in your estate plan and join the Arches Society—Your generosity makes the Ridge a better and healthier place.

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Upcoming Events at Rolling Ridge

Programs at Rolling Ridge are a wonderful way “to be cradled in an atmosphere of contemplation and hospitality”

Come join us for these upcoming programs:

9/17: Family Caregivers Take Time! w/ Mary MacDonald
9/19: Reconnect to the Rhythm of your Soul w/ Monique Morimoto
9/21: Drumming for Joy w/ Jane Gossard
10/13: Look a Squirrel! Spiritual Practices for the Unfocused and Distracted w/ Mary Jane O’Connor-Ropp
10/20: Poetry of Prayer w/ Steve Garnaas-Holmes
11/2: Thomas Merton w/ Padraic O’Hare
11/9: Drumming for Joy w/ Jane Gossard
11/17: Embrace the Mess: The Spiritual Gift of Failure w/ Ben Yosua-Davis
12/1: Advent Quiet Day w/ Larry Peacock
12/3: Book Play– Origami Books w/ Susan Kapuskinski Gaylord
12/9: The Gifts of the Magi w/ Jana Marie Whitten
12/10: Birthing God; an advent retreat for LGBTQ Ministers w/ Ken Orth
12/12: Another Downton Abbey CHRISTMAS

Visit WWW.ROLLINGRIDGE.ORG for a complete description of our programs and registration. Click on “Programs” and “Day Apart Retreats” or “special events”.

STILL WATERS– MONTHLY WORSHIP AT ROLLING RIDGE

Come gather with a growing community one Sunday evening each month, for a renewing time of food, conversation and prayer. After the week’s stress, gather at Still Waters for refreshment and rejuvenation with dinner at 5:30 and worship and prayer at 6:30. Dinner reservations, $20.

- September 13: TAIZE song and prayer
- October 18: Changes and Transition
- November 22: Thanksgiving
- December 13: Holy Anticipation

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