
“Now is the season to know that everything you do is sacred.”

Hafiz

Dear Friend of Sacred Art of Living,

Autumn-Winter, 2017

Over the past two decades there have been significant changes in the kind of persons who participate in workshops and retreats offered by **Sacred Art of Living Center...**

- A shift from persons mostly associated with hospice care to a diversity of health caregivers
- A greater percentage of non-professional participants from the general population
- More participants from diverse cultural and spiritual backgrounds— including persons with no particular formal religious affiliation
- Younger participants, couples and persons in business, education and diverse walks of life

We believe that these are indications of a growing hunger for the kind of soul work to which **SALC** is committed. Just as the international hospice movement gave birth to increased cultural awareness of mortality and sacredness of the end of life, **SALC** has been on the vanguard of overcoming perceived barriers between the sacred and the ordinary, soul and role and the sacred arts of living and dying. Richard and Mary Groves always said that our mission should extend to every living person regardless of background, profession or belief. They also fearlessly committed **SALC** to the principle that no one should be excluded from our programs because of financial limitations. This challenges our staff and board of directors to work very hard to fulfill their promise.

Your support of our **Annual Appeal** is also what makes this important work possible. Though we have never raised our appeal goal, our non-profit center has increasingly essential needs that depend on our fund raising efforts...

It is your generous contributions— both financial and spiritual— that help to sustain and expand our mission to new venues and the generations following us. Each year we hope and trust that our friends will help us reach our \$75,000 goal—and this year is no exception!

We know that you have many priorities but humbly request that you include **Sacred Art of Living** in your generosity. We remain indebted to you as we enter into the third decade of our mission. In whatever way you are able to support us during this annual Season of Gratitude, you are truly contributing to the healing of our world. Know that everything you help us do is sacred.

On behalf of the entire **Sacred Art of Living** family,



Dean Sharpe MD, Board Chair and Fellow Friend of SALC