

The Threshing Floor

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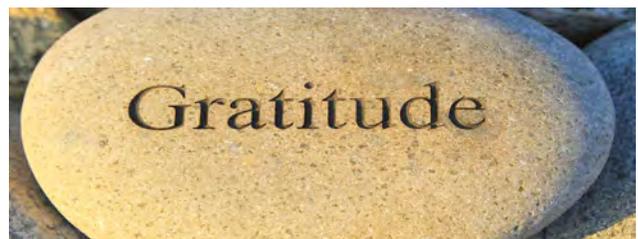
Guild Mission: Guild seminars offer a way of psychological and spiritual transformation that inspires individuals to live their purpose, expand consciousness, and discover and create meaning in their lives and community.

A Note of Gratitude---Belated!

By Mariann Burke, RSCJ

Going through my notes, journals, and books in preparation for my move to retirement, I took from my bookshelf a faded blue, dogeared notebook, still clearly readable, which I had kept from the early '70s, a precious remembrance of a Records seminar at Four Springs led by Elizabeth Howes. I had been studying Scripture with Walter Wink at Union Theological Seminary as part of a renewal program as an RSCJ and Walter suggested that I go to Four Springs. ("They offer scholarships," he added.) I found the program exhausting, mind-blowing, and heartwarming down to my core. I loved watering the fig trees, moving to music in the mornings, joining in the Christmas ritual, and mostly being "awakened" to the symbolic life. When I left I was "on fire" and could

have preached to the world. My religious community wasn't too interested (though they had encouraged me to attend); life moved on. But times change, theologies change, psychological theories develop. The Spirit moves through the Nothing. Many years after my Records experience, I graduated from the Jung Institute in Zurich, a further gift and "awakening." It's so gratifying that your programs continue to offer seekers a way of "psychological and spiritual transformation." Thank you for your vision, your labor. You inspire, and your work bears much fruit often unknown to you. Cheers



Rudy Marcus

From Clare Morris

Rudy Marcus died at home on May 21st. He was ready to move on and had some remarkable dreams as he neared death. He was, literally, in good spirits as he departed.

Rudy was a leader of Guild seminars for several years, before he and Cat moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was a chemist for the Navy for many years and when he was asked by the government to develop a chemical weapons program, he refused, for reasons of conscience. His decision resulted in closed doors, whenever Rudy tried to find another position.

In his retirement, Rudy volunteered to write columns on science and ethics for many of the journals in his field. One of these columns resulted in an invitation from some of the workers in the Los Alamos laboratory to give them an informal talk on his most urgent questions regarding morality and science. I had a chance to go with Rudy and Catriona to that evening's experience. Rudy's message encouraged individuals in the Lab to examine what they were doing, to think for themselves, to struggle with hard questions and difficult feelings. Throughout the dialogue that ensued, Cat and I noticed the heavy drinking and smoking around us.

In addition to Rudy's columns, he developed an online series of workshops, in which Rudy offered individuals a chance to dialogue with him, with a focus on questions and stories—his and theirs.

Shortly before Rudy died, he and Cat bought a house in Santa Fe, where Cat will live for the time being. Her address is:

3220 Calle de Molina,
[Santa Fe, New Mexico 85707](#).

August Birthdays

Marilyn Baldauf Cooney	Aug 7
Skip Light	Aug 8
David Mann	Aug 9
Susan Hartz	Aug 11
William Snorf	Aug 15
LynneAnne Forest	Aug 16
Manuel Costa	Aug 20
George Stenger	Aug 20
Bob Ridder	Aug 21
Richard Christensen	Aug 23
Raiford Gaffney	Aug 25
Susan Warner Smith	Aug 25
Carnella Gordon-Brown	Aug 29
Patricia Calcagno Stenger	Aug 30

I am like a child who awakes
At the light, so safe and so sure,
Free from night's fears when dawn breaks,
In Thee I am ever secure.
There are times when doubts over me steal
But I know Thou are there and awake.
Thou art—and art—and I feel
No surging of aeons can shake

Thee—Life is a ring, I have found—
I am child, boy, man, more—I learn
The circle is rich, the full round
Complete in its perfect return.

I thank Thee, Thou deep force that falls
Imperceptibly on me, to grace
My working day on the hard lands,
To smooth it—as back of dim walls
And like a far-off Holy Face
Thy radiance shines on my dark hands.

Rainer Maria Rilke, 1875-1926, German poet,

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