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With Gratitude

Lee Hartline and Raven Wood

Lee Hartline and Raven Wood, along with dogs Tashi and Julien, moved to a wonderful, spacious nearby home in the country after many years of service as caretakers at Serenity Ridge. Lee's magnificent koi moved from the pond in the meditation garden to Sangha member Ananda Cronin's fish pond earlier in the summer. Lee has generously left the equipment for the five new little goldfish that now inhabit the pond.



The sangha would like to thank Lee and Raven for being so giving and so kind-spirited, and so fun in helping Rinpoche over all of these years realize his ever-evolving vision for Ligmincha! And a special thank-you for compassionate service in helping assure that Serenity Ridge has remained a magical and transformative place for all of us to keep coming home to.

Thanks, too, for all of the dedicated care you have given behind the scenes to ensure that the grounds and the gardens looked as beautiful as ever all year round, and that the dorms, the lamas' quarters and all the facilities—even the tent sites—were all in tip-top shape for each retreat and workshop.

And heartfelt thanks for repeatedly going the extra mile to make sure that students on retreat at Serenity Ridge have always felt welcome and at ease. You set up the perfect foundation for our being able to come back into balance for receiving the full wisdom and compassion of the teachings and practices that Rinpoche has offered over almost 15 years of retreats at Serenity Ridge.

Finally, sincere thanks to Lee for the decade of service to Rinpoche in maintaining the office and administration of Ligmincha from 2000–2010, and for being the kind, reliable and helpful voice on the telephone for the day-to-day running of the organization.

We hope you both are enjoying your new home, the view from its amazing wrap-around porch and the wonderful shrine room you have there. We also know that the loving care and affection we have shared over the years will abide as we all continue our magical Bon journey with Rinpoche.