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Mary Ann Granieri



Kate Luna



Dinna Withrich

Mary Ann Granieri has been on a spiritual path for as long as she can remember. Throughout her life she has been attracted to teachings and practices that promote increasing self-awareness, self-acceptance, and opening to Life and Spirit. She first came to the Center in 1989 and has been active in a variety of volunteer activities including the nursery, youth classes, the AIDS/LifeCycle team, and our new welcoming team. "Back in the day," Mary Ann worked on fundraising and did demolition and cleanup of the old Star Skate building that has become the Center's current home. For the past 31 years she has worked as a physical therapist in a variety of settings, most recently in a pediatric clinic.

Kate Luna has been attending services and taking classes at the Center for the past five years. She currently works as a public speaking coach, offering one-on-one support for clients who are local, national, and international speakers. Kate has always cared deeply about spirituality/religion. She studied Eastern religions, spent a year traveling in Asia seeing religion woven into culture and everyday life, and realized that her interest was not so much in the philosophies but in how to live life and do good work in the world. Kate says, "Each time I take a class here, listen to a talk, or sing from my heart, I come away with another stepping stone on my path—coming home to what is true and possible."

Dinna Withrich grew up in a small farming community in northeastern Ohio. As a young adult she attended college in Virginia and after marriage, raised her family in California. Dinna (pronounced Dinah) has worked as an instructional assistant for grades K-6, a church secretary, and an administrative assistant at Santa Rosa Junior College, a position from which she recently retired after 24 years. She is a member of our One Heart Choir and has volunteered in the bookstore and at special events. Dinna enjoys quilting, going for walks, bird and whale watching, and sports. Now that she is retired, Dinna looks forward to continuing to build a more expansive spiritual life with her husband Walt.