

A BRIEF HISTORY OF STEBBINS

1967 - Toward Creative Dissent. This was the year the "hippies" were in full flower. Byrd Helligas, Ric Masten, Saul Alinsky were listed among the staff.

1968 - I and Thou. Clark Moustakas, George Johnson, Betty Reid, Ken Carter, Ric Masten. The LRYers were plentiful and we had a program just for them.

1969 - Hang Loose. Bob Kaufman, Robin King, Sue Guise, Howard and Rosemary Matson. We roomed in the old Historic Guest Inn, danced in Merrill Hall.

1970 - Magic, Myth, Madness. This was the year of the Tribes. Marty and Dee Marcus, Alan Dolit, Ric, Jeri and April Masten.

1971 - Shangri-La. Malvina Reynolds, George Johnson, Carol Loud, Red Thomas, Jack Albee, psycho-drama with Else Salter. Lots of unstructured workshops.

1972 - The Enchanted, Touchstone. Bob Kaufman, Carol Loud. Jane Loebel led a women's group. The women's movement was the topic of the day.

1973 - Changes and Polarities. Dick Nash led a workshop called "Human Lib Through Gay Lib." Gay liberation was the focus that year.

1974 - Extending our Boundaries. Alan and Kay Dolit, Bob Fraser, Jane Loebel, Chris and Dick Varnes, Marty Marcus, George Johnson. We handled snakes, wrote poetry and made kites.

1975 - 150 Anniversary. Carlos Espinosa, Sy and Fran Marcoe, John Grist, Lynn Herman, Angie Graf, Marge Selzer. Men's consciousness and female sexuality, metal sculpture, mask making, story writing, Gayle Voeller's boutique.

1976 - Free to Be... Wally Williams, Fran Marcoe, Judy Spencer-Levy, Zachary Zachon. Del Powers led a poetry workshop, Bob Bixler led a photography workshop, Sy Marcoe led an encounter group.

1977 - There Is A Time... John Grist, Red & Rachel Thomas, Del Powers, Angie Graf, Gayle Voeller, Sally Redick. Gail Clark led a workshop called "Developing Relationships." Prison alternatives was the social issue of the year.

1978 - Touchstones. Deans: John Grist and Aynslie Frederickson. Theme: Touchstones of Democracy Today, led by Richard Criley and Naneen Karraker. Gail Clark led a workshop called "Death: Out of the Hushed." Other workshop leaders included Angie Graf, Helen Lipton, Bonnie Chandler, Kathy Kemp, Sally Redick, Nick and Sharon Rosa.

1979 - Stepping Stones. Deans: Lynn Herman and Bob Bixler. There didn't seem to be a theme. Del Powers led a Poetry workshop, Gail Clark led a workshop called "Dealing with Death." Other workshop leaders included Bonnie Chandler, Patty Taylor, Sally Redick, Angie Graf and Ann Williams.

1980 - Freedom Within, Limits Without. Deans: Sally Redick and Jack Paddock. Some workshops included "Improv Theater" with Dee Marcus, "Aliveness" with Marjorie Minger, and "Creating your own Myth," with Persia Woolley. Other workshops were led by Alan Dolit, Tom Filcich, Ann Williams, Angie Graf, Kathie Kemp, and Lynn Herman. This was the year the teen agers got Stebbins into a lot of trouble and Asilomar told us we couldn't come back next year.

1981 - Stebbins Institute at U. C. Santa Cruz (Kresge College). Deans: Sally Redick and Jack Paddock, with Ursula Gobets as business manager and registrar. Wally Williams did a takeoff from the Seabreeze and the paper came out with other titles, including The Banana Slug. Many workshops from the previous year were repeated. There were 139 registrants listed on the roster. In the morning workshop slot there were 10 workshop to choose from, 8 in the early afternoon, and 8 in the late afternoon. Ursula Gobets negotiated with Asilomar and got them to agree to let us return to Asilomar in 1982.

1982 - Stebbins Institute at Asilomar. Deans: Del Powers and Tom Filcich. Gail Clark led her first Poetry workshop. Rosemarie Danelle led a psychic workshop, other workshops seemed to center around the mythology theme. Vespers was held each evening.

1983 - Let it Be a Dance. Deans: Megan Stanley and Bob Lindsay. Workshops were led by Ann Williams, Jack Paddock and Joanne Skerritt, Red Thomas, Bob Ross, Dee Marcus, Ruby Long, Sally Redick, Gail Clark, Bonnie Chandler, and quite a few others. We had Merrill Hall for dancing, Wally Williams and Persia Woolley were the Seabreeze editors. The old Guest Inn still existed.

1984 - I Am Thou. Deans: Rosemarie Danelle and Alan Dolit. Jody Shipley was Chaplain (listed as Jody Schilling), workshop leaders included Beverly Rubik, Ellie Gilbert, Dee Marcus, Jack Paddock, Gail Clark, Bonnie Chandler, Marge Minger, and Helen Campbell. Gayle Voeller supervised a boutique. Program centered around bonding and ritual and included workshops on massage, faith and theology, folk dancing, poetry writing, book discussion, improv theater, clay mask making, photography, and others.

1985 - Three Ring Connection. Deans: Jody Schilling and Bill Chapel. Chaplain: Rev. David Sammons. Business Manager: Ursula Gobets. Program was made of many workshops and did not seem to have a central theme. In-Gatherings were held in the mornings, Vespers in the evenings.

1986 - Soundings. Deans: Bill Greer and Aynslie Frederickson. Workshops were in abundance, and workshop leaders included Gail Clark, Helen Campbell, Megan Stanley, Bonnie Chandler, Rosie Danelle, Kay Dolit, Chuck Lee, Frank Levy, Dee Marcus, Marge Minger, Sally Redick, Beverly Rubik, Red Thomas, and Sam Zutler.

1987 - Seasons of the Spirit. Deans: Bill Greer and Aynslie Frederickson. Judy and Dick LeBlanc were the Registrars and Ursula Gobets was Business Manager. Gayle Voeller's Boutique was offered, and Kay Dolit and Daphne Pearson led the Children's and Youth programs. Bob Bixler led a workshop on Financial Planning, Marge Minger did her Aliveness workshop, along with many others.

1988 - Interweaving Our Stories. Deans: Judy and Dick LeBlanc. Til Evans was the theme speaker, and Jody Shipley led the morning InGatherings. Among others, Bob Bixler again led his Financial Planning workshop, Dolores Thomas led folk dancing, Kat Dolit led Maskmaking, Pat Spake led a workshop on Sand Trays, and Loretta Williams led Revitalizing Social Action. Erllys Jedlicka published the Seabreeze with the help of Adam Miller and others.

1989 - Kaleidoscope of Family: A Dynamic Variety. Deans: Sharon Wood and Bob Lindsay. Chaplain: Jody Shipley. Program included Keynote Speaker, Rev. Victor Carpenter speaking on the Family at Home and in Society. The program included InGatherings, Folk Dancing, Poetry, Boutique, Photography, Book and Video Discussion, Massage, Sexuality, and Family Orchestra. June and Cecil Bridges published the Seabreeze.

1990 - Our Home: The Earth and It's People. Deans were Joy Bradley Cutting and Meg Stanley. Keynote Speaker was Stephanie Kaza, a teacher of Environmental Ethics at Starr King. Workshops centered around environmental issues and ecology.

1991 - Symphony of Religious Diversity. Deans: Bill Chapel and Jean Nickell. Theme speaker was Rev. William Houff speaking on One Mountain, Many Paths. Jeremy Taylor, dream worker, headed the list of more than a dozen workshops.

1992 - Interbeing : Exploring Religious Pasths to Harmonious Living. Deans: Jann Rose Schaub and Bill Chapel. Keynote Speaker: Riane Eisler author of The Chalice and the Blade. Special Speakers: Rebecca Parker and Jeremy Taylor. Other presenters included Jody Shipley, Dick Boeke, Ken Collier, Sally Redick, Bob McNalley, Bill Wentz and Dawn Rose. Victoria Strowbridge led a drumming workshop, Angel Michaels led singing, Erllys Jedlicka led an orchestra workshop.

1993 - Creation and its Many Manifestations. Deans: Dawn Rose and Brad Youngman. Keynote Speaker, Rev. Matthew Fox. Special Speakers, Kevin Kelly and Dr. John Jungerman. Some workshops were "Order out of Chaos," with Karla Jones, "Dreamwork" with Jeremy Taylor, "Ritual in Everyday Life" with Sally Redick.

1994 - Choice, Chance, Circumstance. Deans: Dick and Judy LeBlanc. Mark Belletini and Jody Shipley presented the Theme for the week, exploring another aspect of Community. Workshop leaders included Deb Donovan and Tom Cushing, Gail Clark Hall, Helen Campbell, Dean and Chris Clark, Joyce Mohrman, Dolly Thomas, Regina and Jack Liske, Victoria Strowbridge, Pat Grabinsky, Erllys Jedlicka, Joy Cutting, Jan Feldman.

1995 - Nourishing the Spirit in Community. Dean: Marilyn Gentile. Theme speaker was Kurt Kuhwald. Workshop leaders were Cynthia Tucker, Kurt Kuhwald, Pat Grabinsky, Erllys Jedlicka, Mary Ann Weisberg, Marlin Lavanhar, Joyce Mohrman, Helen Campbell, Eileen Plunkett, Gail Clark-Hall, Ellie Gilbert, Dolores Thomas, Jack Liske. Main meeting room was Nautilus. Jody Shipley served as chaplain, Helen Oxley as registrar, Alan and Margaret MacLane as business managers, June and Cecil Bridges as Sea breeze editors. Coffeehouse was run by Nan Yarbrough, evening programs by Sally Redick, and Jane Barlow was in charge of spontaneous happenings.

1996 - Doorways to Wisdom. Deans: Sam Zutler and Ruth Levitan. Workshops by Marilyn Van Veerson and Bren Chambers, Lowell Brook, Heather Pierce, Vern Calkins, Pat Grabinsky, Joyce Mohrman, Daniel Panger, Bonnie Chandler, Gail Clark, Ellie Gilbert, Joanna Bonnell. Jean Gillett led a workshop about the Hemlock Society. Music by Gail Wetrogen, evening programs by Sally Redick. Main meeting room was Chapel; coffeehouse was in Viewpoint West, hosted by Regina Liske. Group photo was taken. Registrar was Helen Oxley; business manager, Marian Showalter; chaplain, Lowell Brook.

1997 - Living our Values. Dean: Adrienne Smith. Associate Dean, Kim Cooper. Theme talk by Barbara and Bill Hamilton-Holway. Workshop leaders included John Haas, Pat Pickford, Stephen Hart, Pat Grabinsky, Heather Pierce, Dolores Thomas, Bonnie Chandler, Gail Clark, Joan Swift. Main meeting room was Nautilus with workshops in Hilltop LR, Surf & Sand, Dolphin, and Fireside Forum (across the road); coffeehouse was in Triton. Evening programs by Dean Clark, coffeehouse hosted by Chris Clark. Registrar, Lavonne Gates; business manager, Terry Throop; chaplain, Lowell Brook.

1998 - Living a Creative Life. Deans: Kim Cooper and Joan Swift. Theme speaker: Kay Jorgensen. Chaplain: Meg Whittaker-Greene. Workshop leaders were Pat Grabinsky, Bonnie Chandler, Dolores Thomas, Barbara Bye, Regine Wilson, Megan Wagner and Jim Larkin, Marilyn King, Gail Clark, Margo Locke, Joseph Stinson, Sam Zutler. Evening programs by Jim Burneo. This was the year our whole conference was held across the road in the Fireside buildings. Since we were no longer allowed to bring our own wine and snacks to the coffeehouse, which was held in the Woodside living room, we had some hosted private rooms open each evening to serve refreshments. Viki Markham gave a workshop on the Enneagram on Thursday, the free day. Registrar was Judy LaBlanc, business managers were Terry and Kate Throop; music was provided by Marge Chapel.

1999 - Dreams for the Millenium. Deans: Bill Chapel and Joy Cutting. Theme speaker: Jeremy Taylor. Workshop leaders included Jeremy and Kathy Taylor, Ann Fagen Ginger, Nancy Schimmel, Joyce Mohrman, Gail Clark, Pat Grabinsky, Margo Locke, John Haas, Allyson Rickard, Kim Cooper, Sam Zutler, Syl Scherzer, Chris Clark, and Dolores Thomas. Workshops were scheduled in non-regular afternoon time slots, and most were for three days only, in order for the morning program not to conflict with other workshops. Alan and Margaret MacLane were business managers, Judy LeBlanc was registrar, and the chaplain was Jody Shipley. Seabreeze editors were June and Cecil Bridges.

2000 - Building Community for the 21st Century. Deans: Jody Shipley and Dean Clark. Theme speaker was Lila Forest, with Lynne White and Bill Wentz. No workshops were scheduled opposite the theme program in the mornings. Afternoon workshop leaders included Elise Peeples, Bonnie Chandler, Phyll Marangoni, Marilyn King, Gail Clark, Eve Gilmartin, and Stephen Hart. Dean Clark hosted the coffeehouse and was also recognized as our official web master for Stebbins presence on the internet. Lodging and meeting rooms were in the North Woods area. Registrar was Margaret MacLane, business manager was Alan MacLane, and Chris Clark took care of the evening programs. Seabreeze editor was Jean Nickell.

2001 - An Odyssey of the Body, Mind and Spirit. Dean: Dean Clark This year's goal was to have a program with an emphasis on FUN, with new workshops and outdoor activities. Our

lodgings and meeting rooms were in the Sea Galaxy area, with our main meeting room in Nautilus. Workshops were held in all three time periods. Workshop leaders were Roger Jones, Forrest Gilmore, Marilyn King, Bonnie Chandler, Scott and Deborah Cleere, Gail Clark, and Harry Campbell. Seabreeze editors were June and Cecil Bridges. Gail Clark handled publicity, registrar was Elizabeth Fuss, and business manager was Cleopatra Ewing. Chaplain was Roger Jones. Syl Scherzer hosted the Hub (formerly the coffeehouse). Main meeting room was Nautilus with workshops and lodging nearby.

2002 - Faith in Action and Experiencing Stebbins. Deans: Kim and Joyce Cooper. Rebecca Parker gave keynote speech. Pam Allen-Thompson was Chaplain, Syl Scherzer hosted The Living Room (Hub), workshops were led by Gail Clark, Pam Allen-Thompson, Bonnie Chandler, Pat Grabinsky and others. The Chapel was our main meeting room, lodgings were in Whitecaps and Stuck-up Inn (formerly Hilltop). Registrar was Eileen Plunkett, business manager was Cleopatra Ewing. We had 62 registrations.

2003 - Challenges & Pleasures. Coordinator: Gail Clark, with committee. Rev. Kurt Kuhwald was Chaplain and led a workshop on Peace. Other workshop leaders were Helen Oxley, Gail Clark, Bonnie Chandler, Pat Grabinsky, Julie Cockroft, Marilyn King and Mary Brooks. Registrar was Eileen Plunkett, business manager was Judy LeBlanc. Lodgings were in Scripps and main meeting room was Scripps Patio Room. We had 53 registrations.

2004 - The Stebbins Experience. Deans: Dick LeBlanc, Syl Scherzer and Gary Schaub. 3-track program with Jeremy Taylor and Monterey tours as well as regular workshops. Ingatherings were led by Jann Rose Schaub and Jeremy Taylor. We had 98 registrations and lodged in Longviews, Breakers, White Caps, Afterglow, Guest Inn. Main meeting room was Kiln. First time we hired bartenders for fivish and had open bar. New workshop leaders were Constantine Lolos, Mehrdad Fakour, Bette Johnson, Karla Jones. Others were Helen Oxley, Marilyn King, Bonnie Chandler, Gail Clark, Eryls Jedlicka, Pat Grabinsky, and Julie Cockroft. Registrar and business manager was Judy LeBlanc.

2005 - Reach for the Stars while Grounded on Earth. Deans: Ruth Lorain and Dick LeBlanc. Registrar and Business manager was Judy LeBlanc. Theme speakers were the Rev. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow presenting "The Great Story." We had 112 registrants and roomed in the Sea Galaxy area with Nautilus as our main meeting room. Workshop leaders were Bonnie Chandler, Marilyn King, George Marotta, Marsha Hudson, Gail Clark, Mary Brooks, Connie Lynch, Helen Oxley, Carol Lackey, Jack Lackey, Jane Fenton, Pat Grabinsky, and Gail Ferrens. Milos Radakovich was our naturalist; Seabreeze editors were June and Cecil Bridges.

2006 - Finding our Way Forward, Connecting Forgiveness, Self Discovery and Global Healing. Dean: Marsha Hudson. Co-Registrars and Business manager, Judy and Dick LeBlanc. Program Co-ordinators, Jann Rose Schaub and Joan Redding. We had 95 registrations and lodged in the Fireside area and Stuck-up Inn. Our main meeting room was Fred Farr Forum. Theme speakers and workshop leaders were Cathleen Cox Burneo, Fred Luskin, Clarice Rikli, Milos Radakovich, Sharon Danaceau, Bonnie Chandler, Laura-Maureen Smith, Marge Chapel, Jay Roller, Jann Rose Schaub, Dale Two Eagles, Gail Clark, Helen Oxley, and Eryls Jedlicka. Seabreeze editors were Kim and Joyce Cooper.

2007 - Cruise Stebbins – Nautical but Nice. Dean: Ruth Lorain, who was unable to attend for health reasons but led the Exec pretty much through email. Business manager / Registrar was Judy LeBlanc, who assumed the role of dean in Ruth's absence. Our chaplain had to drop out as well, and we experienced a lay-led conference with volunteers filling in various roles. We had 48 registrants after refunding money to those who dropped out. Workshops were led by Gary Hartz, Vera Fontaine, Eileen Plunkett and Erlys Jedlicka, Pat Grabinsky, Bonnie Chandler. Seabreeze editor was Nicki Clark and Marge Chapel was our music person.

2008 - Making the World a Better Place. Coordinator, Dean Clark. Co-Coordinator, Gail Clark. Business managers, Kathi and Murray Bullis, outgoing business manager, Judy LeBlanc. Chaplain, Lynn Kelly. Publicity and Seabreeze editor, Ruth Lorain. We had 46 registrants. Workshops were led by Murray Bullis, Nicki Clark, Pat Grabinsky, Erlys Jedlicka, Jenni McLean, Laura-Maureen Smith, and Brucey Slama. Lodging was in Stuck-up Inn and Spindrift with Viewpoint East and Curlew as our meeting rooms. At the COW meeting the difficult decision was made to discontinue Stebbins after 2009.

2009 - Celebrate! Deans, Judy and Dick LeBlanc. Business managers, Kathi and Murray Bullis. Chaplain, SierraLynne White. Publicity and Seabreeze editor, Ruth Lorain. This was the last planned Stebbins and we spent time honoring long time attendees and remembering wonderful times together. We had 62 registrants and lodging was in the Fireside area, with Kiln as our main meeting room. Workshops were led by Patrice Vecchione, Neal Whitman, Erlys Jedlicka, Murray Bullis, John Stroud, Ann Williams, Valerie Millar, Syl Scherzer, Sylvia Wedderburn, Nicki Clark, and Jenni McLean. Bill Wentz was our music person.

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