



*Wend your way through the corridors of time,  
not as passengers on a free ride  
watching the seasons pass;  
Rather, steady mindfulness quickens  
the spirit, awakens the soul,  
and opens the Inner Gate that leads  
to the great Work so needed in these times.*

*LUMEN CHRISTI, HOLY WISDOM  
Nan Merrill*

# LISTENING AT THE GATE

a retreat in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Friends of Silence

October 20-22, 2017, at Still Point Mountain Retreat, near Harpers Ferry, WV

**"I've learned to love  
and to trust the  
Mystery....My essential  
course of action is  
simply to be in the  
Eternal Now, ready to  
follow the small, still  
voice heard in the  
Silence."**

—Nan Merrill

This retreat is an opportunity for those who cherish Friends of Silence to come together and discern, personally and collectively, our contribution to the "great Work so needed in these times." We will be carried by the gentle rhythms of ceremony, shared meals, silence, and walks in the woods. Inspired by the past story of Friends of Silence and the loving wisdom of Nan Merrill, we will listen at the Inner Gate for our way into the future as the FOS community and as individuals.

The heart of the retreat takes place on Saturday, October 21, from 9 am until 4 pm. We will be guided by Judy Walsh-Mellett and Katie Zimmerman in an intentional time of listening in the Silence and of council together.

You are welcome to arrive on Friday and stay until Sunday. This will offer spaciousness for deeper connection with one another and with the autumn woods, in this season known for Mystery and transformation.

**On  
Saturday, October 21,  
at 12 noon,  
we will have  
a special ceremony and  
Labyrinth Walk  
in gratitude for the life  
and loving wisdom of  
Nan Merrill and  
30 years of  
Friends of Silence.**



Adjoining the Rolling Ridge Foundation Wilderness Preserve, the four bedroom Still Point cabin overlooks the Shenandoah River. Known as the retreat home of Friends of Silence, Still Point Mountain Retreat offers simple yet comfortable accommodations in the breathtaking beauty of wilderness. We are located six miles south east of Charles Town, WV, in the tip of the Eastern Panhandle. Access is by car only. The last portion is over gravel, mountain road.

Please RSVP and register at [www.friendsofsilence.net/events](http://www.friendsofsilence.net/events) by August 20.