

SUMMER SESHIN AT STONES & CLOUDS

Seven Thunders' Summer sesshin was held again this year at Stones and Clouds Zendo, from July 15 to 19. A seasoned group of participants filled the zendo from dawn until darkness each day with strong sitting and diligent maintenance of both personal practice and the sesshin container. Participants hailed from local areas, other parts of the country and even as far as Korea. Sunshine, blue skies and delicious vegetarian food were supplied each day and appreciated by all.



At the end of sesshin, a ceremony was held for Lee Ann Nail, guiding teacher of the Salem Zen Center. Lee Ann has thirty years of Zen experience, first and for many years with the late John Daido Looi Roshi, and in more recent years with Jan Chozen Bays and Ruben Habito. She has continued her training with Leonard Marcel for the past several years and has been a pillar of sangha life during that time. In recognition of her clear Dharma eye, upright character and talent for guiding others on the Way, she was appointed during this ceremony as an apprentice teacher in the Diamond Sangha lineage. ✍

