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Dear Gakyil and Tsegyalgar Community members.

As you can see from the pictures above the Memorial Garden is now starting to take place.

This fall I advanced funds and commissioned Gordon Meadows to grade and level a terrace, spread coarse gravel for surface and in addition spread golden stone dust on top and Goshen stone around the terrace and the walkway.

Gordon rented an excavator and trailer and with the help of Dave Hayes and the community tractor they got everything done more or less in a week.

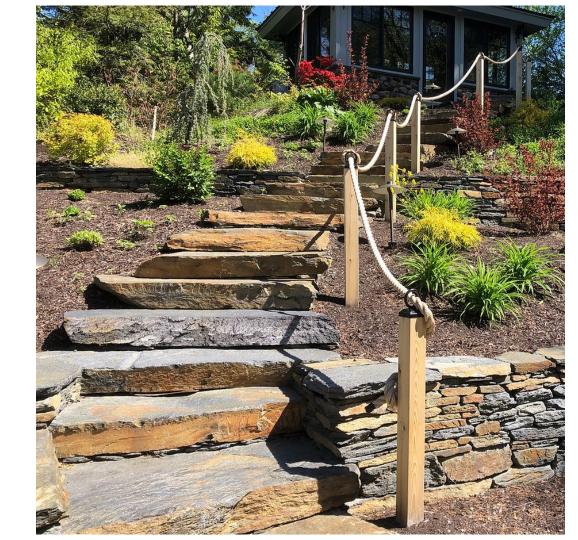
Due to the winter coming soon, next spring will be the time of getting compost and mulch and select the different plants and bushes and prepare all of the beds.

At the moment we have two temporary benches, but these will deteriorate with time so replacements will be needed.

I further would like to install a simple railing along the walkway and enclose a picture of the kind I have in mind. In addition due to the slanting pathway the stone dust will wash away in the rain and I suggest we lay down pavers to make a firm walkway that can handle anything with wheels.

Example of railing and pavers:





Example of memorial stones:

Furthermore I have engraved three memorial stones for Kathy, Francine and Jacqueline as you can see from the pictures below at the cost of \$50 each.

However at this moment I have about 20 people on a list of departed community members, but now I think maybe we better do smaller signs in metal and possibly hang them on the remaining oak tree next to the terrace.



Longsal Symbol

I also suggest that we honor our memorial garden with a sign in memory of Rinpoche as the founder of Tsegyalgar East and Khandroling including a nice Longsal symbol, and at the moment I am working on how to get that done.

Founder of Tsegyalgar East Chogyal Namkhai Norbu -1938-2018



Appeal

On behalf of our Community I am therefore making an appeal to all of our members and other friends to help make our Memorial Garden an honorable place where we can remember our sangha brothers and sisters who have already left this realm.

Furthermore, since we all experience that time is passing and knowing that everything is impermanence, we really do not know how much time each of us has in this very dimension, so please reflect on the possibility to help create a dedicated area on Khandroling in memory of our beloved Dzogchen Community teachers and members.

Thank you and be well, Marit Cranmer

Opportunity for Participation

Donate here: https://www.tsegyalgar.org/support/donateonline/

On our website it is possible to give a donation to this project (link) and if you are interested in a special gift like plants, bushes or trees, compost, mulch, pavers, stone benches, a nice firepit, a birdbath, a watering system, a sunroof for shade, etc. Please specify. The possibilities are kind of endless.

Here are some examples:

stone benches examples:





flowers & plants examples:





fire pit examples:





birdbath examples:





The Memorial Garden is situated on the edge of the field below the pond cabin with a possible extension in the little valley below.

This photo is from Google Earth and was taken before we removed the first wooden Mandala platform and also before we cut down all of the old big pine trees.

