

Dark Retreat Cabin proposal and request for participation

Agenda item for Nov 10 2025 community meeting- submitted by Lauri Marder (after consultation with Gakyil, Vern Harrington, Paula Barry, Naomi Zeitz, Nancy Paris, Carisa O'Kelley, Jim Smith and others).

We have an existing dark retreat cabin which needs heavy yearly maintenance and is not on community land. It has the empowerment of the Master, and has been used by many practitioners. It can be updated, and prepared for use which would involve yearly work and expense.

We have land with ample space to have a new dark retreat cabin, easily accessible by an attendant. We could have one constructed that would be rodent resistant, allergen free, safe and comfortable. Would include composting toilet, ventilation. We have contacted a builder who would be able to construct it. It may be able to be constructed to be usable as either a dark retreat or light retreat cabin.

In order to move either or both of these options forward, a group of people must do the research into the best options, create a plan specific enough for a builder to follow, plan and initiate financing, and other aspects and report back to the Gakyil.

Are any of the people who signed up for prior Khandroling development committees, or anyone else, interested and available to work on this project? We can meet online, or in person.

The desired outcome is a start date on construction and/or refurbishment in early spring of 2025.