

December 2018

Season's greetings to you and yours!

One of the real joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to

thank you

for our past year's success and to wish you peace and prosperity in the new year.

*From all of us at
La Foret*



Fall Giving Campaign

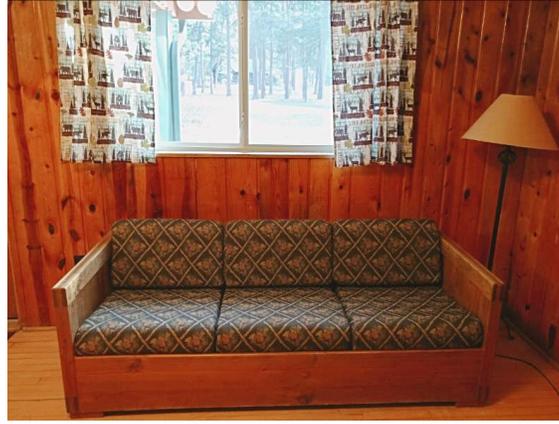
Thank you to all that have donated to our Fall Cabin Campaign!

We have raised enough money to have all the cushions in the cabins recovered, purchase fabric for the curtains as well as to purchase nightstands for the bedrooms.

We still need your help! We would love to be able to improve the lighting as well. We have an anonymous donor who will match \$3,000! Please consider making a tax deductible donation.

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To donate, please click the link above. You can also mail a check to our office:
6145 Shoup Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80908



Grant Awarded for Ponderosa Renovation



Work will begin again this winter and spring on Ponderosa Lodge, thanks to a \$200,000 grant that has been awarded to La Foret to continue the restoration project that began in early 2017. We will need to provide a match of \$66,700 for this project to take place.

Improvements will include the remainder of the rotten log replacement that is mostly around the foundation. The concrete on the porches will be removed and the large vertical columns on both sides of the building will be repaired. The windows and screens will also be renovated. All the work will be on the exterior of the building.

While very hard to do, we will try to complete this in steps in order to only slightly inconvenience our guests. We would like to allow the building to be in continuous use during the duration of the project. It is estimated that it will take two years to fully complete.

A New Addition to the La Foret Team

Please Join us in welcoming Logan

Bennett to the La Foret team.

Logan is our new Director of Transformational Programs. This is a new position here at La Foret, one that we are very excited about. The goal of this position is to strengthen an already vibrant outdoor ministry program, and to extend the capacity of La Foret to foster progressive thought, learning, and action throughout the region.



Logan Bennett
Director of Transformational Programs

*"La Foret is a sanctuary for so many. It's a place of deep peace and spiritual groundedness. For me, Black Forest is also my home. I have deep roots here. I'm grateful to be in a position where I can share this sacred place with more and more people."
-Logan*

Saying Goodbye to a Friend.



The staff of La Foret share in the sadness of the loss of Janet McCulloch, wife of Executive Director, Larry McCulloch.

Janet passed away peacefully at home on October 24th after a lengthy illness. Although we are deeply saddened with the loss of Janet, we share in the joy of her life that she shared so willingly with all of us. We are all better people because we were able to walk a part of our lives together with her.

A beautiful celebration of Janet's life was held on, December 8th at Plymouth Congregational UCC in Fort Collins.

A memorial has been established by the family. Per Janet's wishes all proceeds will be used to establish a native wild flower meadow in her memory. The wild flowers will be planted in the north end of the Meadow near Ponderosa Lodge. Gifts may be mailed to La Foret or given online at www.laforet.org.

A Note from Larry

It is not possible to say "thank you" enough to all of our supporters, donors and volunteers. We strive to be a place of peace and tranquility, providing natural sanctuary to all to consider the transcendent issues we each may face. Especially this time of year when our expectations, both secular and religious are high, our stress levels are also. If, like me, you have suffered loss this past year or for any reason think time spent in a quiet, natural setting would be healing, please drop in at La Foret for a private time in the forest. This gift of sanctuary to you is the least we can do to say thank you.

Peace,

Larry

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