



## Fundraising Auction, New Retreats Coming Up Soon

### A Letter From Ligmincha's Executive Director



Dear Sangha and friends,

Warm greetings from Ligmincha Institute and Serenity Ridge! I have some news to share with you, including updates about our fundraising auction and ways you can join from afar, registration for upcoming retreats at Serenity Ridge and additions to Rinpoche's worldwide teaching schedule.

First, as we move closer to the beginning of our [20th annual summer retreat](#) , we also are preparing for our **annual summer fundraising auction**, scheduled for Friday, July 6. As our main fundraiser for the year, we gather together many wonderful ritual and other dharma-related items to inspire practice and a heartfelt connection to the precious teachings that we receive. I invite you to participate either by:

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- donating a dharma-related practice item to be auctioned. If you would like to donate an item, please [email us](#) . It must be sent in time for us to receive it no later than Sunday, July 1, 2012.
- placing a bid on some of the [specially selected items](#) that we will post online
- [making a general donation](#)
- [attending the auction in person](#) , if you are able.

As we bring different items together to auction, we'll post them [on the Ligmincha website](#) , so do check back in the next few weeks to see what might be perfect for your shrine room, your home or your personal use!

All auction proceeds will go toward furthering the efforts of Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche in manifesting his vision for Ligmincha Institute and its Serenity Ridge Retreat Center. Our plans include bringing a resident lama to Serenity Ridge, creating more programs and other opportunities for learning and practice, and doing the preliminary design for a new kitchen and dining hall at our retreat center. Ligmincha Institute is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Other news: Registration is now open for our [annual fall retreat](#) **with Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche** , October 10–14, 2012, titled “Awakening the Luminous Mind.” If you haven’t already purchased it, his latest book by the same name is now available from our [Bookstore and Tibet Shop](#)

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An additional retreat has just been added to our schedule in response to many requests for a beginner’s meditation retreat. Registration is now open for “**Beginner’s Mind—Starting a Meditation Practice**” **with John Jackson**, scheduled for Nov. 10–11, 2012. [Learn more or register](#)

New dates have been added to Tenzin Rinpoche’s worldwide teaching schedule. You will find newly scheduled talks and retreats in Canada, Paris, London, Mexico (date change), Peru and Colombia [at this link](#) .

Wishing all of you a wonderful summer,

Sue Davis-Dill