

12/31/17
SPECIAL



Our Fall 2017 Transition

Shaun and Debby's Chronicle of their
Journey...with Gratitude for the Blessing
of Time and the Support of our circle of
Friends and Family

8/26/17
SHAUN'S TRANSITION
CELEBRATION

SO MANY WORDS, SO MANY TEARS OF GRATITUDE



Thanks to all those who shared their thoughts and perspectives and their music reflecting on Shaun's life and work:

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Musicians: Squeek LaVake, Bob Reid and June Joplin, and Drinking with Clowns

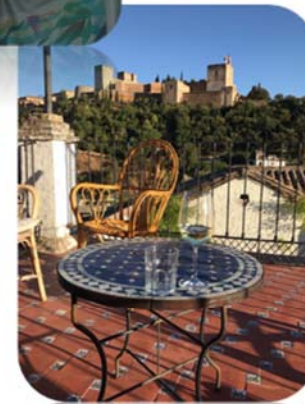


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12/31/17 PAUL FOR THEIR GIFT OF SPACE TO "TRANSITION!"



First Stop: Spain (8/31-9/16/17)

Shaun and I left with a naive notion that letting go and letting down would be immediate and transformative. It was a slow process that started in community—one that we've visited and developed strong ties with since 2004—Granada, Spain, and specifically the Albaycin.

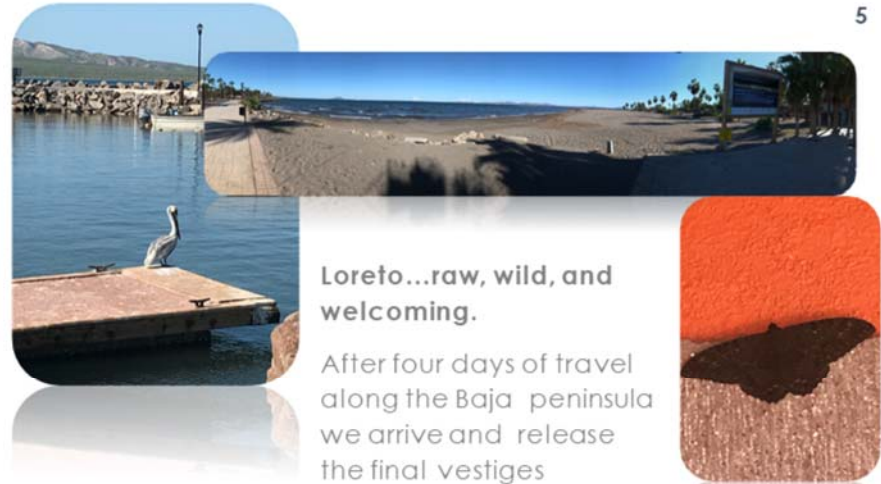
Cody and Suze joined us the first week and Dale and Marg the second. We found our way to the homes of friends, Laura and Antonio, Marilo and Antonio, and later Allan, an artist and new friend—and to many old and new haunts: Cortijo del Solano, the Arabic Baths, the Alhambra, our favorite tapas bars, Flamenco dance and Andaluzian and Moorish music, Lorca's birthplace—Fuente Vaqueros, the torreon at 10 Calle Rosal and even the summit at the ski resort of the Spanish Sierra Nevadas (well Cody and Shaun did) on a wild bike ride.



NEXT STOP: IRELAND

9/16-9/28/17:

Another transition, this time to loving communities of artists. Tommy and Catherine Sands in Rostrevor, NI, where we lived for seven weeks in 2002, welcomed us with peat fires and pub concerts and French home-cooked meals. We celebrated with Brendan and Tony during Clifden's 40th Arts Festival, and were grateful to stay with John and Margaret at their B&B (now closed). We rode to Roundstone and later spent our final days there at the Island View B&B.



Loreto...raw, wild, and welcoming.

After four days of travel along the Baja peninsula we arrive and release the final vestiges

of the journey... hope, fear, attachment to things we cannot control...and simply settle in to greet each day, be present in the embrace of sun, sky, sea and the smiles of our new neighbors here in Loreto, Mexico: two-legged, winged, webbed, and finned.



Shaun proceeds to paint the second and third in a triptych series of the Rohingya refugees. Other mornings he joins Debby for rowing and riding excursions.

Debby enjoys two kayak rides and begins three weeks of contemplative practice in preparation for the Warriors for the Human Spirit training she'll participate in during 2018.



Shaun and Debby dress up for Dia de los Muertos: Dragonfly and Arab Pirate

There's always time to play, party and share candy with the stream of costumed children...and of course, lick ice cream cones!



Tortillas—fresh and hot are brought to the table and the distraction is enough to remind

me of the Mexico I've missed. Imperfect, paperlike, golden goodness. Whether at our own table or out with friends, tortillas are the perfect complement.

Our first and final boat ride led us to kindred spirits:
The restless heart curled in wonder, that in the space of two days, and in the company of six, a community was born, on the decks of the Alley Cat, in the waters of Danzante, and at the tables of the Clam Shack, and rooftop sunsets.

The desert is testimony to Mother Earth's desire to give life and expression to what might thrive if given the chance. I believe in the desert. I believe in giving second chances...am grateful when we allow that for ourselves as well.

HOMeward BOUND VIA GREEN VALLEY, AZ AND A VISIT WITH DICK AND STEPH ...LIFE GOES ON AND WE RE-JOIN THE STREAM OF LOVING CELEBRATIONS

ALIX AND JASON CIRAC-STERRETT MARRY 11/18/17



ALL THE GRIFFINS UNITE FOR THANKSGIVING WITH GRANDMA (MOM) JEAN GRIFFIN 11/23/17



BACK AT 112 S. K STREET...A VIEW FROM OUR WINDOW

From Heart Snippets 11/7/17 on Leaving Loreto:

We cling to the hope of a better world, of service, and poverty eradicated. Freedom to choose, as we did, this journey of soul and connection.(DLG)

The Fall of Shaun's Transition



Last days in Roundstone, Ireland

When I asked Shaun what gift he received as he stepped out and away this past fall he shared that it was

“An opening of time that feels like the distance out my window.”