
Salon duc Tape – Your Last Act on Earth – November 18th

What are some alternatives to the standard American funeral?

Join **Sally Dowiatt**, Salon co-organizer, and three of her friends in a discussion on death, dying and natural funeral options in Northern Colorado on November 19th. The standard American funeral is a billion dollar industry designed to distance us from the realities of our own mortality. It also makes our last act on earth, burial or cremation, contribute to the climate crisis. The good news is that there are alternatives that are good for the earth. This Salon will discuss aqua-mation and human composting as green alternatives to traditional burial. We will discuss both why we should consider these alternatives and how the two processes work. Sally, **John Reichhardt**, **Meagan Blatter** and **Jane Anderson** will share some of their own stories that lead them to search alternatives in funeral options.

John Reichhardt is a retired Estes Park chiropractor and has had a life-long interest in alternative and traditional healing. He and his wife, Ann, were care givers for her parents throughout their aging, sickness and subsequent deaths in hospice. As practicing Buddhists, they were able to prepare her parents bodies in the Buddhist tradition. John is a proponent of reclaiming our dignity and humanity in life, death and grief. **Meagan Blatter Winokur** is a somatic psychotherapist living in Los Angeles California. She has been curious about decisions made surrounding the death of a loved one since as far back as middle school. In her work as a psychotherapist she became aware of how choices in death and burial affect people's grief process. She is now a proponent of the Death Positive Movement, and believes that learning about alternative death practices has given her peace about her own mortality and a deeper connection to humanity. **Jane Anderson** is a Clinical Herbalist, a Death Midwife, and a Holistic Funeral Coordinator with The Natural Funeral. She currently facilitates the Rocky Mountain End-of-Life Collective, which is a network of death doulas and midwives offering death care in Northern Colorado and also co-facilitates the Open Mind Open Heart death discussion group in Longmont.

Salon duc Tape, a public forum sponsored by the **Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future**, usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** via Zoom. We will meet on the third Friday of November only. **You will need to register in advance for this salon [here](#).** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information – including a new link – about joining the salon.