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Echoing Shay's sentiment, it is difficult to draw a line between what is BB and what is not in my life. Where I go, what I do, and who I am are so deeply influenced by the organizing principles of Beyond Boundaries, that every step is the weaving of my individual thread with the tapestry of the wider community and story.

The year started with stewarding Three Creeks with Shay: learning a new relationship to this place, deepening my love, intimacy and history here, and supporting other BB members to be away. It was holding basecamp for the wider quest of our lives. I feel like my calling since returning from the BB pilgrimage is to learn how to take care of 'place', to be in relationship with our environment, to be a steward. Being here for five and a half months (2013-2014) was a real, tangible, and spiritual education in the diversity of that responsibility. In addition to the care of the land, I was helping take care of the finances of BB; helping file and deposit donations, organize receipts, and send out thank you letters. It was an exciting challenge to balance the physical work outside with the mental work inside.

I moved on from Three Creeks back to the east coast to start an apprenticeship at a community supported farm. This furthered my education while mixing in the experiment of living and working with four strangers through the growing season. The research into how do we live and work together and discover (or not) what sustainability is, was at the forefront of the whole experience. BB has prepared me to go out into such experiences with intention and care, to think like a circle and find the ways we can support each other being ourselves and asking for what we need.

And now I am back at Three Creeks! Returning again, sharing what I have to give, and opening to the peace of this place as I prepare for another excursion out into the wider circles of the world. It feels poignant that I come back here, like sonar being shot out to different parts of the world and returning with new information. This time I am taking care of the finances with more focus and attention to detail and using the skills I am learning as my gift to give here

Grateful, as always, for the ask...and for the support to be myself, to follow my heart, and to keep coming back! May it continue...