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We all remember the first person who welcomed you to Zen practice. The person who showed you the ropes, the one you went to when you just didn't get it. Barbara was that person for me. In 1990 she was the Ino at Green Gulch when I signed up for my first practice period not having any idea what that meant. I sat next to her for what seemed like a zillion moments; I sat next to her in study, next to her in oryoki and we worked side-by-side. Barbara showed me by action rather than words what I signed up for.

When she gave her Way Seeking Mind talk she said I can make you laugh or make you cry. It depends on which memory comes up. My memory of Barbara is the way she moved in the Zendo like the dancer she was. Yes, when I remember Barbara I remember grace.