

Ruscombe Mansion Holistic Health Center News

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Growing Trend for Self Care

Self care is personal health maintenance. It is any activity with the intention of improving or restoring health, or treating or preventing disease. When we asked Ruscombe Practitioners Round Table to share their favorite self care tips, we were looking for not only the special things they do for themselves to stay well throughout the seasons, but also how they protect themselves while treating clients. Most holistic practitioners know they are susceptible to picking up negative energies while working with their clients, and the good ones have figured out what works for them so they don't go home with a sore knee like the one they were working on that afternoon.

Here are some of their favorite personal self care practices:

- Get Enough Sleep: Your sleep rhythm is as important as a good diet. Go to sleep and get up at the same times. Wind down an hour before bedtime reading positive materials; avoid the over-stimulation of either TV or computer.
- Physical activity is the best thing to get rid of stress. Find an activity that suits you (Hint: Pets make great workout buddies!)
- Working in the garden and getting your hands in the dirt is a great stress reducer. How can you get any pleasure from the garden during the winter? Do a lot of composting, or you can walk in the garden. You can also enjoy looking at seed catalogues and planning for Spring.
- Especially for practitioners: Many find it helpful to start the day and/or each client session with a simple dedication or prayer. Learn to keep a strong sense of self maintain boundaries and stay in the present. You can stimulate superficial fascia along your legs and arms by tapping and rubbing. This brings you into the present. Wash hands and/or feet and rub with salt to discharge outside energies, or go outside and stand on the earth. Take a shower or bath with or without salt also discharges energies you can pick-up that are not your own.
- More Self Care Activities: Massage, baths, sleeping in! Music and dancing! And lots of good food enjoyed with friends!

Please remember to go easy on yourself as you adopt any new practices. Self-care should be enjoyable and not difficult or stressful! Pick the things that you like to do, and do a little bit every day.

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We have one lovely practitioner office for rent on the second floor in the Mansion building full time, as well as several openings for part timers. Approximately 185 sq. with ample closet space and located close to the rest room. Corner office with 2 windows. Monthly rental including practitioner fee is approximately \$670. Please contact our Central Office for more information: 410-367-7300.

Enhance Your Wellness: Classes at Ruscombe

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QiGong for Health January 7, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

<u>Tuesday Yoga</u> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Friday Morning Slow/Mo +
Restorative Yoga
Every Friday at 10:30 AM - 12:00
PM

NIA movement class Every Sat 9:30

Complete listing and updates on Ruscombe classes at www.Ruscombe. org. Subscribe to our email list for updates and special discount offers.

Dr. Ina Grundman Integrative Holistic Medicine



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