It was an event that 850 people will find it difficult to forget. Perhaps, the retreat "Cultivating the Mind of Love" on September 28nd-October 2nd, 2011 with Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, affectionately known as Thay, and the delegation of monks and nuns in the Plum Village tradition was the most memorable event for many people. Approximately 850 friends coming from many states to learn the art of mindful living, how to transform suffering into happiness. The energy of the retreat continues to resonate at Magnolia Grove Meditation Practice Center.

With each step we make and each look we do today, we continue to feel Thay's presence: leading the walking meditation, giving the Dharma talks with gentleness, love and peace. It is not possible for us to forget seeing friends coming back to their breathing, enjoying the present moment, making peaceful steps on Mother Earth, waiting in line to serve food in silence with much joy, having private consultation with the monastic, helping with pot washing, cutting vegetables, meditation hall, etc. Thank you for your peaceful, joyful presence and your wonderful practice.

It is our happiness to share the pictures of the retreat with you. We are also very happy to receive pictures from you. If you have pictures of the retreat and would like to share, please email them to us at office@magnoliagrovemonastery.org.

May you have happiness, peace and smile while looking at these pictures.

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