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Voice of the Sangha

Calendar of Events



March 2009

Mar 7	Saturday	1:00 pm Hina-matsuri Doll Ceremony
Mar 8	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service ❖ MC: Mary Nabor ❖ Greeter: Robert Gilles ❖ Kansho: Ann Heineman ❖ Short Meditation: Karen Vielle ❖ Dharma Talk: Paul Vielle ❖ Flowers & Rice: Janet Tamura ❖ Snack: Martena Peterson ❖ Dharma School: Barb Braden 12-1 pm DVD lecture
Mar 15	Sunday	3:00 am Reverend Service with Don Castro - Shotsuki-Hoyo and the observance of O-Higan (Spring Equinox) ❖ MC: Martena Peterson ❖ Greeter: Geoff Glenn ❖ Kansho: Todd Milne ❖ Short Meditation: Mary Nabor ❖ Dharma Talk: Rev. Castro ❖ Flowers & Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖ Snack: Robert Gilles & Jason Crowley ❖ Dharma School: Ellicia Milne 12-1 pm DVD lecture
Mar 18	Wednesday	7:00 pm Book Club
Mar 22	Sunday	8:30-10:15 am Pancake Feed—\$5 10:30 am Sangha Service ❖ MC: Martina Peterson ❖ Greeter: Mary Nabor ❖ Kansho: Ann Heineman ❖ Short Meditation: Ellicia Milne ❖ Dharma Talk: tba ❖ Flowers & Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖ Snack: left-overs from pancake feed ❖ Dharma School: Ellicia Milne 12-1 pm DVD lecture
Mar 29	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service ❖ MC: Ellicia Milne ❖ Greeter: Sara Millsap ❖ Kansho: Lucinda Tompkins ❖ Short Meditation: Todd Milne ❖ Dharma Talk: Justin Kropff ❖ Flowers & Rice: Karen Vielle ❖ Snack: Fumi Uyegi & Janet Tamura ❖ Dharma School: Aiko Terao 12-1 pm DVD lecture
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays	5:30-6:30 pm Vipassana Meditation Sitting ❖ Led by Mary Webster - a trained Vipassana meditation teacher leads the sessions. Come and see for yourself how meditation can smooth out the wrinkles of our chaotic lives and add depth to your practice.



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Announcements

March Sangha

Services — Our Sangha Service (Sangha is the Sanskrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi. We meet after service for refreshments and discussion.



DVD Lecture Series Continues -

Each week following our coffee and tea, we will be screening a lecture upstairs in the Hondo. This is a DVD series on Buddhism by Professor Eckel of Boston University. Lecture is 30 minutes followed by a discussion. 12-1pm. Drop ins are welcome! We will have a new topic each week.

Rummage Sale -

We will be having a rummage sale on March 27-28, 2009 from 9 am-3 pm in the Temple basement. If you have things to donate (items that you yourself would buy), please bring them to the Temple before Thursday March 26th to be sorted and priced. Needed are household and children's items. If you would like to help, please contact Aiko Terao Kropff at 455-4261 or email her at laniaiko@q.com.

Doll Festival -

The Japanese Doll Festival, or Girls' Day, is held on March 3, the third day of the third month. Platforms with a red himōsenare used to display a set of ornamental dolls representing the Emperor, Empress, attendants, and musicians in traditional court dress of the Heian period. Our ceremony will be held Sat, March 7th at 1 pm.

Pancake Feed -

We will be having a Pancake Feed featuring pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and tea. The cost is \$5 (such a deal) and will take place at the Temple downstairs from 8 am-10am. Come visit with friends and then head up to service at 10:30 am.

Bodhi Seals Now Available in the Bookstore!

If you are a new Sanga member, or not familiar with the Bodhi Seals, the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) creates a new Bodhi-Enlightenment stamp each year as a way for members to support their temples and the BCA. They are generally sold 2 sheets for \$8.00, with half the proceeds going to the temple and the other half going to the BCA. The National Headquarters for the BCA in San Francisco included the quote in their letter about Bodhi Seals this year, "A single

Seal may seem insignificant, yet a wide usage of the Bodhi Seals by the Sanga will help others to become aware of the Buddha Dharma in America." Members are encouraged therefore, "to use the Seals on all correspondence stationary throughout the year as an expression of the ideal of the Nembutsu".

So for our awesome growing Sanga- check the bookstore after the service, or you can pre-pay through the mail to our temple address and we will gladly mail some back to you. To our Sanga members who have already contributed- Thank You for your continued participation!!

Fundraising -

Colin Fitzgerald has graciously accepted the chairmanship of the Fundraising Committee. One of our biggest fundraisers is at the start of Japan Week and will be on April 18 from 9:30 to 2 pm. We will again have our Chicken Teriyaki bentos for \$10 along with a variety of Japanese specialties: senbei, maki and inari sushi as well as mochi. To make all of this happen we need help and lots of it. If you've ever wanted to learn how to make any of the specialties, or would like to get involved on any level (it's a lot of fun!), please contact Colin at cfitzgerald3372@msn.com.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

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The Green Corner - by Karen Vielle

Last month a group from the temple attended the Northwest Buddhist Convention in Portland, Oregon. In the days leading up to the convention, I was thinking about the experiment from last month's newsletter. The experiment suggested keeping track of everything you throw away for one day. Even though Portland has a good reputation as a very environmentally friendly city, I imagined that a hotel and travel situation would provide a good example for a worse-case-scenario. It seems like there are always a lot of disposable containers and single use items provided at a hotel or at conventions that would generate a lot of garbage in just a couple of days.

I have to say that I was pleasantly surprised. One of the themes of the convention was "Buddhism in an Interdependent World". The Portland temple and convention organizers had chosen the Red Lion Hotel with the best green practices and the result was very impressive. The hotel itself has an extensive recycling and composting program. It was almost impossible to find a regular garbage can or anything to put in one. In the rooms and lobby there were recycling containers for all types of paper, plastic, glass, and cans. There were also composting containers in the lobby for food waste. The restaurants in the hotel also composted all of their food waste.

Shotsuki-Hoyo

The March Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Sunday, March 15 during Rev. Castro's afternoon service. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 10 people passed away during the month of March.

Iku Horiuchi
Shoichi Kayahara
(Mrs) Asano Kirihara
Charlie Nakanishi
Yoshito Norisada
(Mrs) Marguerite Peterson
Joe Takeshita
Kuhei Tsuchi
Toshiko Uyeno
Kana Yamamoto

The Portland temple continued this theme by providing a compactable, reusable bag. There were no more paper copies of things in the registration packets than absolutely necessary and the only snack type goodie in the bag was an apple. There was no bottled water; all of the drinking water was from filtered jugs with real glasses. These are just a few of the examples of the green practices that I noticed during the weekend.

This convention and the Portland Red Lion demonstrate how easy it can be to introduce green practices into any setting. What a good example they have set for future conventions. If they can do it, we can do it. Way to go Portland and Red Lion!

We Gratefully Acknowledge Membership Dues Received Dec -Feb

Barb Braden
 Marcelline Burdett
 Colin Fitzgerald
 Robert Gilles
 Jenifer Johnston
 Craig & Janine Kardokus
 Kengo Kato
 Leo & Yuriko Kiyohiro
 Kazuko Kuwada
 Marta Lowenhoff
 Todd & Ellicia Milne
 Mary Nabor
 Pat Omine
 Martena Peterson
 Anne Paulin
 Tina Rodeen
 Leanne & Greg Sapp
 Aiko Terao
 Paul & Karen Vielle
 Janet Tamura

New Members

Lucinda Tompkins
 Melissa Gray
 Alejandra Calzadillas
 Tom Anderson
 Paul Harrison

For questions and/or comments regarding membership dues, please contact us by e-mail: spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com or leave a phone message at 509-534-7954, and we will gladly get back to you as soon as possible.

Donations

Richard Terao
 Kristine & Steve Becker
 Marylynn Bernard
 Paigan Burris
 Myena Davis
 Guy & Dawn Bloom
 Mary Nabor
 Jim & Shirley Bennett
 Jason Crowley
 Paul & Karen Vielle
 Leo & Yuriko Kiyohiro
 Janet Tamura
 Fumi Uyeji
 Marianne Goodrich-Haworth
 Kent Hull
 John & Sandra Hoye

In Memory

of Ed Parker

Paul & Karen Vielle, Jun Yugawa,
 Ellicia & Todd Milne,
 Celeste & Dan Sterrett

of Lynn Beler Vielle

Paul & Karen Vielle

of Mike Higashi

Janet Tamura

Kudos Korner

Great thanks to Kosuke Imamura and his Temple Cleaning Team (currently Alexa James and Ellicia Milne) for volunteering to do the dirty work of cleaning the temple. You can see them and work after service on most Sundays. Feel free to lend a hand. Also, let Kosuke know if there are maintenance issues that should be addressed.

We've had to two dharma talks this past month from Steve Becker and would like to acknowledge our gratitude for such illuminating stories and observations.

Our sangha runs our temple on a volunteer basis. There's no paid staff. If there is someone you think has done an outstanding job for the temple, please let us know so we can acknowledge it here.

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Please Join Us...

*For Our First Annual
Spring Indoor
Rummage Sale!!!
Friday & Saturday,
March 27th & 28th
9am-5pm
(1/2 Off on Saturday!)*

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