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Voice of the Sangha

Calendar of Events

September 2009

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| Sept 6 | Sunday | No Service |
| Sept 13 | Sunday | 9:00 am Buddhism 101 10:30 am Sangha Service ❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Mary Nabor ❖Kansho: Isaac Milne ❖Short Meditation: Robert Giles ❖Dharma Talk: Christine Marr ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Snack: Karen Vielle ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne |
| Sept 20 | Sunday | 10:30 am Ohigan Service w/Reverend Fujimoto ❖MC: Mary Nabor ❖Greeter: Hyacinth Dezenobia ❖Kansho: Robert Gilles ❖Short Meditation: James Boyd ❖Dharma Talk: David Fujimoto ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Snack: Kosuke Imamura ❖Dharma School: Barb Braden |
| Sept 27 | Sunday | 10:30 am Sangha Service - Jefferson Workman-Doshi ❖MC: Celeste Sterrett ❖Greeter: Mari Haworth ❖Kansho: Hyacinth Dezenobia ❖Short Meditation: Shirley Bennett ❖Dharma Talk: James Boyd ❖Flowers/Rice: Janet Tamura ❖Snack: Mary Nabor ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne |
| Sept 3, 10, 17, 24 | 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

September 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.



GUEST SPEAKERS ON THEIR WAY TO OUR TEMPLE!!

SAT, SEPT 19 – 1pm– 3pm – Workshop on Shin Buddhist Traditions and Etiquette. Presented by David Fujimoto, Minister's Assistant from Hawaii and currently at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. Mr. Fujimoto will also give the Dharma talk on Sunday.

SAT, SUN., OCT 17-18 – Reverend Harada from the Orange County Buddhist Church will present a beginning Buddhism workshop on Saturday afternoon and give the Dharma Talk on Sunday.

SUN, NOV 15 - Rimban Matsubayashi from the Seattle Betsuin will preside over the Eitaikyo Muen Service (Perpetual memorial to honor all deceased members of the Sangha). This service will be at 3PM.

SUN, DEC 6 – Reverend Castro will be back (we miss you – it's been months) to conduct the Bodhi Day Service at 3 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Buddhism 101 -

Are you curious about Buddhism; its teachings and practices? Have you ever wondered what the Buddhist approach is to solving problems of every day living? You might be surprised. Come to our Buddhism 101 class to learn more. The next class will be held at 9:00 AM, just before the regular service on 13 September.

Beginner's Passage Meditation Introductory Workshop -

We will be holding an introductory workshop introducing meditators to Sri Easwaran's form of Passage Meditation,

specifically designed for the Western monkey mind. 4-week session, Tuesdays, 6pm - 7:30pm beginning 9/8th thru 9/29th. The format will be video instruction and discussion followed by 1/2 hour of meditation. For more information: <http://www.easwaran.org>. Sri Easwaran's book Passage Meditation is available in our Temple bookstore. There will be no fee but donation to the Temple is suggested. For more information please call Mary 328-3829.

Book Club -

Next meeting of the Temple Book Club will be Wednesday, Sept 9th. We will be meeting at 7:00 PM at the Coffee Social on 113 W Indiana Avenue. We are continuing with the book "Buddha Is As Buddha Does", Chapters 3& 4. All are welcome to attend.

Thanks -

Many thanks to Toi Mulligan for her kind donations of flowers for our Obon service. Toi's shop is *The Gilded Lily* at 2218 N. Monroe. Stop by to say hello!

Help Needed For Upcoming Rummage Sale!!! -

Our Fall Rummage Sale is coming up Friday & Saturday, October 2nd and 3rd. From 10AM-5PM Friday, and Saturday 9AM-3PM. We are looking for volunteers and will have sign up sheets after the next few services in September with 1 and 2 hour time slots. We greatly appreciate any time Sangha members can help with. Item donations will be accepted up until Thursday, October 1st. Please call the temple (534-7954) to arrange a drop off time, or bring your donations on Sundays to leave after the service. **DOLLAR BAGS ON SATURDAY FROM 1-3PM**

Bookstore-

We are looking for someone to take over the Bookstore starting in September. Please see Hyacinth.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister-
Rev. Don Castro
Seattle Betsuin

-Minister Assistants-
Paul Vielle
Christine Marr

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Tidbits

O-higan is the observance of the Fall Equinox. The perfect time between the seasons, neither hot or cold to observe gratitude and study Buddhism and the Six Paramitas. Higan means "other shore" of Nirvana as opposed to "this shore" of Samsara where we are caught in the cycle of birth and death.

from the book
Cocktails by Rev. Kodani

“Introduction to Jodo Shinshu” Class starts in October

A four week “Introduction to Jodo Shinshu” class will be offered in October. Classes will meet Wednesday evenings at the Temple on Oct 7, 21, 28 and Nov 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (No class Oct 14.) This is not a book study. The format will be lecture and discussion based on selected readings (handouts). The aim is to offer beginners, information about the basic teachings of Shinran Shonin, the founder of our *Jodo Shinshu* (or True Pure Land) sect of Buddhism. We’ll begin with a brief review of the basic teachings of Shakyamuni, then go on to consider such questions as: Who is Amida Buddha? What is the Pure Land? What is the meaning of *Nembutsu*?

Minister’s Assistant Paul Vielle will facilitate the discussions. Pre-registration is requested along with a \$20.00 fee to offset the cost of handouts. Please fill out the registration form and mail (or bring) it to:

Spokane Buddhist Temple
Attn: Paul Vielle
927 S. Perry Street
Spokane, WA 99202

For more information you may e-mail Paul at paulv78w@sisna.com

Registration

I’m planning to attend the *Introduction to Jodo Shinshu* classes
starting on October 7, 2006.

Name _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

___ \$20.00 enclosed

___ Will pay at door

Dharma School Updates

Our Dharma School room is being transformed to a nursery/toddler room so parents with little ones can slip more easily in and out of the services, or relax in a rocking chair with their little ones while listening to the service over the speakers from the nursery.

Dharma School for children will be held downstairs in the basement, where we will continue to utilize the lawn or the gym (a little more easily now), as well as the space by the cashier window for art projects. Be prepared for a new table arrangement in the basement...

Also, our first Sunday back, September 13th, our attending Dharma School students, will be sharing a short play with the Sanga during the service called “The Spade Sage”. The Spade Sage is a lesson on being attached to things we possess that hold us back from happiness and an enlightened mind. Dharma School students will have a chance to display their art work and members of the Sanga may be asked to participate by assisting in reading a part. We look forward to sharing, group participation, and seeing everyone back!



Have you wondered about why we chant,
what do the candles or the
Buddhist Statue represent?

Attend our Seminar:
Buddhist Symbols, Services and Rituals to find out.
This will be an interactive discussion
- questions will be welcomed -

Rev. David Fujimoto from Honolulu Hawaii,
currently studying the IBS in Berkeley, will pre-
sent this informative lecture/discussion.

Sept. 19th 2009 1:00 - 3:00

Sunday Sept. 20th 10:30 am
Rev. Fujimoto will be officiating our Service

Kudos Corner

Kudos to our Board Vice-President Martena Peterson for helping us get through all our maintenance struggles this summer!

To Jefferson Workman who has agreed to work towards becoming an Assistant Minister for our temple. Jefferson's dedication over the years is greatly appreciated and his calm, strong voice as Doshi creates a wonderfully peaceful presence to our services.

To Bob Gilles for donating a piano to our Sanga so we might revive some Gatha singing at our services. It may take a few months before the piano is settled and tuned in it's new space in our Hondo, until then, we can all appreciate it's beauty.

To Aiko Terao for organizing and working through our first Clothing Exchange, which I am glad to report seemed to go very well! Many families in our community who saw flyers and/or advertising on Craig's List showed up on the Saturday morning of the event with bags full to exchange, and left with full bags for their happy kids.

Shotsuki-Hoyo

The September Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Sunday, September 20 (Fall Ohigan) According to temple records and other sources, a total of 7 people passed away during the month of September. They are:

- Dat Nguyen*
- George Nomura*
- Harry Uchida*
- Harry Yamauchi*
- Hazel Sanders*
- Kenji Sugiyama*
- (Mrs) Mary Sueko 'Sue' Shimizu*

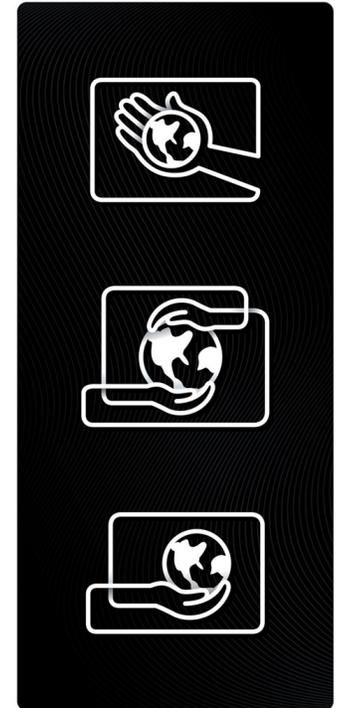


The Green Corner - by Karen Vielle

On Tuesday evenings a satsang group meets at the temple to meditate and study the teachings of a wonderful Indian writer and meditation teacher, Eknath Easwaran. I've enjoyed many of his books over the years and I recently read a very small book that he wrote in 1992 entitled "Your Life is Your Message". It includes many short and simple essays on the various ways our behavior impacts others and therefore ourselves. Several of the essays address how our behavior affects the planet we live on. We use the word ecosangha but in one of these essays Easwaran proposes the word "agridharma, from agri, meaning 'field', and dharma, meaning 'law or divine order'. It is an entire way of life, which respects the needs of the earth and all creatures even as it seeks to fill the needs of human beings."

Easwaran grew up in the south of India where he says they were taught to never do anything to deprive Mother Earth. The care for the earth was not just something that was taught in agriculture schools and classes but was passed down through all the generations. In the book Easwaran says, "Through deforestation and modern industrial agricultural methods – the methods of 'agribusiness' – the world is losing twenty-four billion tons of topsoil every year. The United States is no exception. Iowa once had an average of sixteen inches of topsoil. Now it has been reduced to one half, just eight inches. We call this progress. Every year we peel off another layer of skin from our Mother Earth. How long can it last? As an American humorist said, "They ain't makin' real estate no more'..."

Easwaran goes on to say, "When you raise your own vegetables and fruits, when you buy locally grown organic produce, when you adopt a vegetarian diet to help protect the rain forests, you are helping to replace agribusiness with agridharma, violence with love." That sounds like an ecosangha to me.



Welcome New Members

Midori Gow
Mari Haworth

Dues Received in July

Tosh Kirihara
Tom Anderson
Robert Gilles
Barbara Braden
Colin Fitzgerald
Janine Kardokus
Tina Rodeen
Midori Gow
Leo Kiyohiro
Anne Paulin
Rachel Scudder
Paul & Karen Vielle
Mary Naber
Paul Harrison
Robert Brost & Patricia Simonet
Toshie Kawahara

Dues Received in August

Barb Braden
Todd & Ellicia Milne
Dawn Lindblom
Mari Haworth
Robert Gilles
Paul Harrison
Tina Rodeen
Jeremy Phillips
Aiko & Justin Terao & Kropff
James Lea
Marcelline Burdett
Paul & Karen Vielle
Tom Anderson

July And August Memorials

In Memory of Fumi Heyamoto

From Fumi and Kam Uyeji and Christine Marr

In Memory of Takeo D. Terao

From Kam and Fumi Uyeji
and Marcelline Burdett

In Memory of Tom Kirihara

from Kazuko Kirihara

In Memory of Kengo Kato

From Jun Yugawa

In Memory of Bob Wheeler

From Jun Yugawa and Janet Tamura

In Memory of Roy Soejima

From Tosh Kirihara

In Memory of Amy Kirihara

From Tosh Kirihara

In Memory of Paul Yamagawa

From Fumi & Kam Uyeji

In Memory of Mr. Munighan

From Paul & Karen Vielle

In Memory of Paul Gow

Hatsubone and One Hundred Day Service
From Midori Gow and Family

Dana Received in July and August

Martena Peterson
Jim & Shirley Bennett
Mari Haworth
Anonymous
Jeff Glenn
Paul Gerhards
Mary Naber
Kenji & Karen Akahoshi
Lenni Terao
Joyce M Terao
Tuesday Night Meditation
Group
Barb Clapp
Hisako Oki
Satoshi & Mary Terao

OBON Dana

Dan & Celeste Sterrett
Richard Terao
Herman Sugimura
Marcelline Burdett
Paul & Karen Vielle
Tosh Kirihara
Erin Kuima
Martena Peterson
Jim & Shirley Bennett
Kam & Fumi Uyeji

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