

# Spokane Buddhist Temple

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## Calendar of Events

April 2011

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| Apr 2  | Saturday | <b>COME MAKE SENBEI (Japanese Crackers) -<br/>anytime between 7 am &amp; 2 pm</b>   |
| Apr 3  | Sunday   | <b>10:30 am Sangha Service</b> Doshi: Jefferson Workman<br>❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Virginia Saint Louis<br>❖Kansho: Lucinda Tompkins ❖Short Meditation: Karen Vielle<br>❖Dharma Talk: El Lapoint ❖Flowers/Rice: Janet Tamura<br>❖Snack: Celeste Sterrett & Mari Haworth<br>❖K-5 Dharma School: Ellicia Milne<br>❖YBA Dharma School: Paul Vielle ❖Music: Todd Milne                                  |
| Apr 10 | Sunday   | <b>10:30 am Sangha Service *Shotsuki-Hoyo*</b><br>❖Doshi: Jefferson Workman ❖Music: Todd Milne<br>❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Lucinda Tompkins<br>❖Kansho: Ellicia Milne ❖Short Meditation: Lucinda Tompkins<br>❖Flowers/Rice: Barb Braden ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne<br>❖Dharma Talk: Kosuke Imamura ❖Snack: Virginia St. Louis<br><b>**Sangha Discussion Group after The Service**</b>             |
| Apr 16 | Saturday | <b>FOOD PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY—8 AM—NOON</b>  |
| Apr 17 | Sunday   | <b>SUNDAY SERVICE IS OUR SPRING BAZAAR FUNDRAISER<br/>11 am—2 pm SEE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE</b>  |
| Apr 23 | Saturday | <b>7 PM - FREE EVENING LECTURE BY REV. DENNIS FUJIMOTO<br/>"THE SHIN BUDDHIST PATH &amp; THE DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL WISDOM"</b>  |
| Apr 24 | Sunday   | <b>10:30 am Sangha Service *HANAMATSURI* Flower Festival</b><br>❖Doshi: Paul Vielle ❖Hanamatsuri Flowers by Mary Naber<br><b>**Dharma Talk by Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**</b><br>❖MC: Celeste Sterrett ❖Greeter: Chris Keeling<br>❖Kansho: Lucinda Tompkins ❖Short Meditation: Karen Vielle<br>❖Flowers/Rice: Deborah Lapoint ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne<br>❖Music: Todd Milne <b>*POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE*</b> |

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Voice of the Sangha

To contribute to the Spokane Buddhist Temple newsletter,  
Email content to [Quilt4mari@yahoo.com](mailto:Quilt4mari@yahoo.com)—Deadline is the **Wednesday** before the last Sunday of each month



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## Announcements



**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 sometimes a dharma discussion.

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**Passage Meditation—**Satsang group is meeting regularly on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm. We are focusing on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation and his 8 Point Program for daily living. This form of meditation fits very well with any spiritual path. We suggest that interested people read Sri Easwaran's book - Passage Meditation - that can be found on the web <http://www.easwaran.org> or at Auntie's bookstore - then practice meditating for a month before joining our group.

A group of us will be carpooling to an upcoming meditation retreat: "Learn Passage Meditation." On Saturday, April 9, 2011, in Eugene, Oregon. The Blue Mountain Center of Meditation will offer this introductory retreat in which you can explore Sri Easwaran's program of passage meditation. We'd love to have you join us. More information, please contact Mary: 328-3829

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**Vipassana Meditation Sitting—**  
Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm. 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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BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents "**Crossing Over to Jodo Shinshu**" seminar. May 13-15, 2011 at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. \$75. It will provide you with a stronger foundation in Jodo Shinshu approaches to life. It is especially good for those coming from other religious traditions. Rooms are available at the center. [www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org](http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org) See also flyers at the temple.

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**Buddhist Meditation Class Begins** at the Spokane Unitarian Universalist Church on Monday nights, April 11 through May 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 at 4340 W. Fort George Wright Drive. Meditation lead by Venerable Thubten Semkye & Venerable Thubten Chonyi, Buddhist nuns from Sravasti Abbey in Newport. [www.sravastiabbey.org](http://www.sravastiabbey.org)

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### Upcoming:

**May 21-22: Rev. Kenji Akohoshi will be here for a workshop on Saturday May 21st & he will give the dharma talk on May 22nd.**

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## Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister-  
Rinban Don Castro,  
Seattle Betsuin

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Jefferson Workman  
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## The Green Corner By Karen Vielle

Remember that Earth Day is Friday April 22nd  
For a list of all of the Earth Day related activities going on in Spokane, go to [www.earthdayspokane.org](http://www.earthdayspokane.org). Or for more neat ideas from individuals just like you, check out <https://www.thegreenawards.com/Default.aspx>



## Japan Week Spokane 2011 A Celebration of Japanese Culture

**APRIL  
16th-24th**

Check out the full schedule at [www.JapanWeekSpokane.com](http://www.JapanWeekSpokane.com) & in local newspapers.

As part of Japan Week: **Julie Otsuka** will read from her book “**When The Emperor Was Divine**”, about her family’s experiences in WWII, on Saturday, April 16th at 3 pm at the River Park Square Mall downtown. Her grandfather was imprisoned in 1942 for being a Japanese immigrant, and her grandmother and mother were taken from their homes & spent 3 years in a camp in Utah.

### Donations Received in March from:

Celeste Sterrett, Saloshni and Chris Keeling, Shirley & Jim Bennett, Paul & Karen Vielle, Anonymous, Helen Hart, Michelle Bockemuehl, Virginia Saint Louis, Mary Naber, Anastasia Hilton, and Karen & Kaila Yoshitomi

### Welcome New Members Kaye Bartholomew and John Scott

Total Collective amount sent to the BCA Social Welfare Fund for the Japan Disaster Victims was \$2,085.00

### Dues Received in March

Tina Rodeen, Yuri Kiyohiro, Bob Brost, Lucinda Tompkins, Paul & Karen Vielle, Rachel Scrudder, Elwyn & Deborah LaPoint, Lareesa Holford, Kaye Bartholomew and John Scott, Mari Hawthorn, May Naber, and Aiko & Justin Terao-Kropff

### Shotsuki- Hoyo Dana:

Kam & Fumi Uyeji in memory of  
Wilson Burdett  
Christine Marr in memory of  
Kengo Kato  
In memory of M. Peterson from  
Martena Peterson

### *Shotsuki-Hoyo*

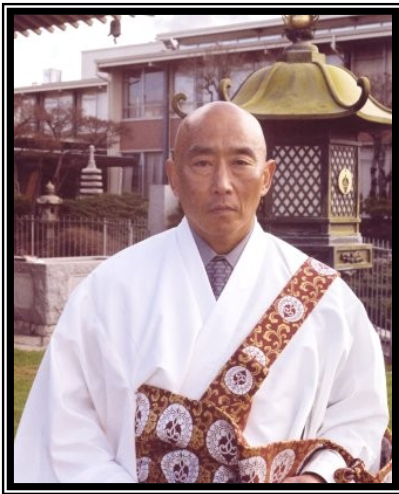
The April Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Sunday, April 10th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 10 people passed away during the month of April. They are:

**Koji Hayashi  
Takeshi Kan  
Akira Katayama  
Kazuo "Kaz" Kuwada  
Yasumasa Moriya  
Chiyono Nakanishi  
Minoru Terao  
Mary Barna Twiner  
Chiyono Yamaguchi  
Tomiko Yamamoto**

Please contact the temple if you wish to have a name added to the Shotsuki-Hoyo service. Please give us their name and date of death.

## **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

We always can use copy paper, coffee, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, coffee filters, tea, large garbage bags, and many, many other supplies. This helps free up our budget for the emergencies, like a new igniter for the furnace and the plumber for the overflowing grease trap. If you’d like to donate anything, give the temple a call and ask what we need. We’d be happy to let you know what we’re low on at that moment. Email [spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com) or call the temple and leave a message.



## Special Guest REVEREND JOSHIN DENNIS FUJIMOTO As Part of Japan Week

**SATURDAY - APRIL 23, 2011 - LECTURE - 7 PM**  
***"The Shin Buddhist Path and the Destruction of Personal Wisdom"***  
**FREE AS PART OF JAPAN WEEK**

**SUNDAY - APRIL 24, 2011 – 10:30 AM**  
**“HANAMATSURI” (FLOWER FESTIVAL) SERVICE**  
**WITH A DHARMA TALK BY REV. DENNIS FUJIMOTO**

Reverend Joshin Dennis Fujimoto is the Reverend at the Idaho Oregon Buddhist Temple in Ontario, Oregon. He is the son of Madame Suiyo Fujimoto and the late Reverend Hogen Fujimoto. He is also the brother of BCA minister Reverend Ken Fujimoto of the Buddhist Church of Lodi. Reverend Fujimoto received his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1974, and his M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, in 1980. He received his Tokudo Ordination in San Francisco in 1981 and his Kyoshi Ordination in Kyoto, Japan, in 2004.

He was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1952, and in 1953, his family moved to the United States. He received his BA from the University of California in Berkeley, in 1974; his MA from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, in 1980; his Tokudo ordination in 1981; and his Kyoshi ordination in Kyoto, Japan in 2004. Kaikyoshi status was received in 2005. The Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple is the first ministerial assignment for Rev. Fujimoto. He is now in his 6th year at the Idaho-Oregon temple in Ontario, Oregon. In the previous 22 years, Rev. Fujimoto was the owner of Wood & Stone, and the principal designer for The Jigokumon Collection. He designed and created sculptural art pieces, primarily of cast stone or metal.

ON HIS SCULPTURES: It is my hope that my sculptures have a settling presence and exude a meditative calm. In this busy life, perhaps they can serve as a sign, a reminder to stop and breathe. ON THE CREATIVE PROCESS: I look upon the creative process as a form of meditation. The end sculpture is a reflection on the human struggle towards enlightenment. ON BUDDHISM: Buddhism encourages its followers to strip away the frivolous; to recognize and move away from the relative world of material gain and personal pleasure, towards an awakening to the absolute. The Buddhist life is to walk this path from relative to absolute and to help others along the way.

**Hanamatsuri**, literally means “flower festival”. It is celebrated in April, commemorating the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, who became enlightened and is known as Buddha. The Sunday 10:30 am service on April 24th will have a dharma talk by Rev. Fujimoto.

**\*JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK AFTER the 4/24 SERVICE\***

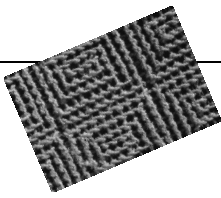


### **Board Notes**

While we mourn the loss of life from the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, we have a way to help those who survived. The Buddhist Churches of America, our parent organization, has a Social Welfare Fund that has been in existence since 1979. Your tax-deductible donations can be made out to the Spokane Buddhist Temple with a notation on your check for the Japanese earthquake relief. 100% of these funds will go to relief organizations in Japan.

On a happier note, we will be gearing up for our temple fundraiser on April 17th featuring our Teriyaki Bentos, as well as Senbei, sushi and other goodies for sale. We need a lot of help to pull this off, so please volunteer, even if it's only a couple of hours. We have a lot of fun and you get to visit with other Sangha members. These fundraisers are vital for us to keep the lights on and keep our services going. That following Sunday may be Easter for some, but for us it's Hanamatsuri, celebrating Shakyamuni Buddha's birth. There will be lots of flowers and a visiting minister, Rev. Dennis Fujimoto. In Gassho, Martena Peterson, SBT President

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By Sensei Paul Vielle will resume in May



## BUDDHIST BOOK DRIVE—DURING APRIL

**DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED BUDDHIST BOOKS OR TAPES?????**

Do you have Buddhism-related books or tapes that you have read and are willing to share? Bring them to the Temple during April for sale at our Bookstore Sale Table. This is a eco-friendly way to support your temple.

## SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE ANNUAL SPRING FOOD BAZAAR

**SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2011 - 11 AM - 2 PM**  
**at 9TH & Perry, Spokane**  
**TAKE OUT ONLY**

**—PRE-ORDER BEFORE APRIL 10TH—**  
**—WE SOLD OUT BY NOON LAST YEAR—**



### INCLUDING:

- **TERIYAKI CHICKEN DINNER with Tsukemono & Rice**  
**TAKE OUT ONLY - \$10**
- **SENBEI (Japanese Crackers) - \$4**
- **SUSHI - \$5 (Inari\*, Sutomaki\* & California Roll) \*Vegetarian**
- **BAKED GOODS**



NOTE: THIS IS ONE OF OUR TWO **BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS.**

SUPPORT YOUR SANGHA & **VOLUNTEER** TO MAKE  
TERIYAKA, SENBEI & SUSHI—SEE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE TEMPLE  
FOR SUNDAY & FOOD PREP ON SATURDAY (8AM-NOON).

INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO ORDER A CHICKEN DINNER.

### Kudos Corner

Thanks to Diamond Press for the years of expert mailing of our monthly Newsletter. They closed in April & we appreciate your many years of excellent service to the temple. We also appreciate the many people who stepped up to put on the Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Memorial Service in April. Special thanks to Celeste Sterrett, Martena Peterson, Eileen Tanaka, The Crowley Family and The Keeling family for juice, coffee and tea, tissue paper and paper towels, and green cleaning supplies donated for temple use. A Big thanks also to Chris, Sally, Jessica, Jamie and Gabe for giving up their time on a Saturday in March to take a turn cleaning the Temple from top to bottom!

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