

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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Everyone is welcome to attend all
activities and services. Visit us online at:
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Calendar of Events

January 2019

- Jan 5th Sat 5:00 - 8:00 pm All Sangha Potluck Gathering - See below
- Jan 6th Sun 10:30 am Sangha Service
12:00 pm All Sangha Meeting
- Jan 7th Mon 7:00 pm Religious Education Committee Meeting
- Jan 13th Sun 9:15 am Shoshinge Chanting Practice
10:30 am Shotsuki Hoyo Sangha Service & Dharma School
12:00 pm Board Meeting
- Jan 18th Fri 4:45 pm Odyssey Dinner - See Page 5
- Jan 20th Sun 10:30 am **Hoonko Service with Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**
See Page 5 **Potluck After Service**
- Jan 27th Sun 10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School
12:00 pm Dharmalogue - "6 Paramitas" - See Page 2



ALL SANGHA POTLUCK GATHERING

SATURDAY, JAN 5th, 5-8 PM

KENDALL YARDS WELCOME CENTER
1335 West Summit Parkway, Spokane

(It is in front of Central Food Restaurant - Summit Parkway runs west from
Monroe, the first street on the north side of the Monroe St Bridge)

Please bring something to share
& beverage of choice (beer & wine ok too)

All ages welcome

Big screen available for sports fans, for the Seahawks & Zags games.

Sign up sheet downstairs at the Temple

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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. It is usually at 10:30 am on Sundays at the Temple. We meet after service for refreshments and sometimes a dharma discussion.



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www.facebook.com/SpokaneBuddhistTemple
 - ◆ Visit the **Buddhist Churches of American** Website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org
There is a wealth of information, podcasts, and information about Shin Buddhism on this site.
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1/27 Sunday Dharmalogue
“6 Paramitas”

Come sit around the table after snack, for a monthly discussion. Everyone is welcome to contribute.
Led by a Minister Assistant.

Spokane Buddhist Temple
Team

- Supervising Minister-
Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin
- Minister Assistants-
Sensei Paul Vielle (ret.)
MA Melissa Opel
MA Chad Donoho
MA Eric Kerkove
- 2019 Board of Directors-
Celeste Sterrett
Becca Opel
Shawn Boltz
Chad Donoho
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Tina Rodeen
Lisa Geiss
Patricia Ohashi
Curtis Cooley

Have questions? Contact Board
President Celeste Sterrett
at 509-599-8378
dcsterrett@yahoo.com

Shotsuki-Hoyo

The January Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Jan 13th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 13 people passed away during the month of January.



Asayo Heyamoto
James Horiuchi
Peter Low Kelsey
Sagata Kuwahara
Gregory Matazo Soejima
(Mrs) Sakae Wakayama
Manichi Yamaguchi

Michael Higashi
(Mrs) Shige Ida
James Kiyachi Koga
Jake Normandin
Grover C. Twiner
Richard Williams

Note from a group renting space in our Temple:

Introductory Passage Meditation Workshop

Introductory workshop introducing Sri Easwaran's form of Passage Meditation, specifically designed for the Western "monkey mind."

**4-week session - Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 pm
February 5th thru February 26th 2019**

Format: Video instruction and discussion followed by 1/2 hour of meditation.

More information: Sri Easwaran's book *Passage Meditation* is available at local bookstores and through the internet at Bmcm.org. NO FEE but a donation to the Temple is suggested. More information: call Mary Naber: 509-570-6876.

"The principle of meditation is simple: you are what you think. By meditating on words that embody your highest ideals, you drive them deep into your consciousness." **Sri Eknath Easwaran**

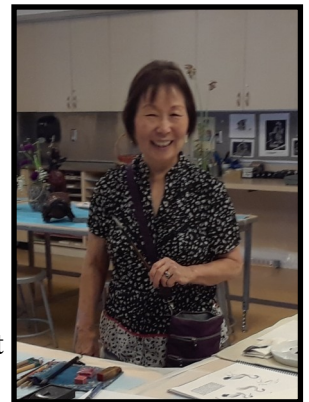
Other Groups Renting Space at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

Passage Meditation Group

See above Introductory Class - Tuesday evenings. We are focusing on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation and his 8-Point Program for daily living. "Learn to Meditate" on the web: <http://www.easwaran.org/introductory-passage-meditation-course-introduction.html>

Keiko Von Holt & Sumi-E Keiko teaches the Japanese watercolor art of Sumi-E at our temple. Please contact her if you are interested in her classes. Email: keikossumie@aol.com.

Keiko Von Holt



Temple News



Keiko Takeuchi is returning to her home town in Japan on January 1st. Thank you Keiko for volunteering at fundraisers, being a Dharma School teacher, dancing with the Bon Odori Dancers and for bringing your kindness and smiles to the Spokane Buddhist Temple. We will miss you!!!!

The Board of Directors would like to welcome our new Board Members

Lisa Geiss
Patricia Ohashi
Curtis Cooley

And thank the retiring Board Members

Alejandra Calzadillas
Mari Haworth

HOONKO SERVICE
SUNDAY – JANUARY 20TH - 10:30 AM SERVICE
WITH REVEREND JOSHIN DENNIS FUJIMOTO
Resident Minister Buddhist Temple of Alameda

Reverend Joshin Dennis Fujimoto was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1952, a member of a Jodo Shinshu Ministerial family. 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. He received Kaikyoshi status in 2005.



The Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple in Ontario, Oregon, was the first ministerial assignment for Rev. Fujimoto. He designs and creates sculptural art pieces, primarily of cast stone or metal, as the owner of Wood & Stone, and is the principal designer for The Jigokumon Collection. Since November 2018, he has been the resident minister at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, California.

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.

******Service Followed by a POTLUCK Lunch******



HOONKO SERVICE
Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service
SUNDAY – JANUARY 20th - 10:30 AM SERVICE

Hoon-ko commemorates the death of the founder of Shin Buddhism, Shinran Shonin. This holiday is observed in early January from the 9th to the 16th. This holiday is among the most important observed in the Jodo Shinshu tradition. The observance began after Shinran's daughter, Kakushinni carried on administration of Shinran's mausoleum, as did her descendants, who ultimately became the Monshu of Jodo Shinshu. In the word hōonkō; 'hōon' means "return of gratitude" and 'ko' means "to clarify the meaning of" or "gathering".

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DHARMA SCHOOL
Is now available the
2nd & Last Sunday of every month!

If you are interested in teaching Dharma School, we would love to hear from you. We need 2-3 more Dharma School teachers.

Please contact a member of the Religious Education Committee: Melissa Opel, Chad Donoho, Eric Kerkove, Mari Haworth & Celeste Sterrett

The SBT Board would like to thank Aiko Terao, Justin Kropff, Nanami Kerkove & Keiko Takeuchi for their time in the Dharma School room.

**We have "adopted" the Odyssey Youth Center
once a month, by providing a nutritious and fun dinner
to the teens & young adults at the
Odyssey Youth Center (in our neighborhood)
This month it is on Friday January 18th**

Meet by 4:45 PM at the Temple with a main dish, dessert, salad, etc. in a disposable container. Make a card showing the main ingredients (allergens, meat, dairy, etc.) We will walk the food up to the center.

Odyssey Youth Center is a youth-led, adult-supported organization committed to creating, sustaining, and advocating for safe and affirming programs, policies, and services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth community.

Contact Susan or Kathy to participate:
naturalke@gmail.com or susanhales2015@gmail.com

