

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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Calendar of Events

April 2019

- Apr 7th Sun 11 am - 3 pm TERIYAKI FEST
- Apr 13th Sat 5:00 pm **All Sangha Potluck** - see below
- Apr 14th Sun 9 am Religious Education Committee Meeting
10:30 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School
12 - 1pm **Introduction To Buddhism** Lecture (see below)
12:00 pm Board Meeting
- Apr 19th Fri 4:45 pm Odyssey Dinner (See Page 5)
- Apr 21st Sun 9:00 am Shoshinge Chanting Practice
10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School
- Apr 28th Sun 10:30 am **Hanamatsuri Service** (see Page 3) & Dharma School
12:00 pm **Bon Odori Dance Refresher** (see Page 3)

Introduction To Buddhism Lecture

Sunday April 14th - Noon - 1 pm

Join Minister Assistant Eric Kerkove for a brief introductory lecture, followed by an opportunity for discussion with questions and answers. The lecture follows the 10:30 am Service, so come to both.

If you are new to the Temple or to Buddhism, this is a good beginning class. All Are Welcome!



ALL SANGHA POTLUCK

April 13th - 5:00 pm

Our monthly Sangha gatherings have been fun. Come get to know your Sangha.

2091 South Parkwood Circle, Spokane (Parkwood Clubhouse)
After going through the gate at the top of the hill, turn right.

All Ages Welcome

(South on Thor/Ray from I-90, Turn right on 19th, immediate left on Greene St which turns in to Parkwood Dr, right on Parkwood Circle)

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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. Services are 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 America** Website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org
There is a wealth of information, podcasts, and information about Shin Buddhism on this site.

No Dharma Exchange In April
(formerly called Dharmalogue)
Join Minister Assistant Eric Kerkove for a brief introductory lecture, followed by an opportunity for discussion with questions and answers.

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Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

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Seattle Betsuin



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Hanamatsuri – Flower Festival Sangha Service

Sunday — April 28th —10:30 am

Join other Sangha members in the special annual kanbutsu ritual

Hanamatsuri, literally flower festival, is celebrated in April, commemorating the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, who became enlightened and is known as Buddha.

According to our tradition, the historical Buddha, Sakyamuni, was born in Nepal on April 8, 566 B.C. He was born the son of King Suddohana and Queen Maya. There are many flowery descriptions of the scene at his birth, including celestial birds singing beautiful songs, beautiful flowers, and a sweet gentle rain bathing the baby Buddha. It is not necessarily the beauty of the flowers, the sounds of the celestial birds, nor the sweet gentle rain that fell, but the vibrant fact that on this day was born the greatest of sentient beings who became the Enlightened One, the Buddha.

A special altar—the **Hanamido**—is erected and decorated with flowers representing the garden in Lumbini, southern Nepal, where it is said that Queen Maya went into labor. A statue of the infant Buddha is placed in a pan and, in a ritual known as kanbutsu, water or sweet tea is poured over it in remembrance of the “sweet rain” that descended from heaven at the moment of the birth.



Have you danced at the Obon Festival? Do you want to learn the Bon Odori dances? They are easy to learn folk dances.

You are Invited to a **Bon Odori Dance Refresher Class** on **Sunday April 28th** at Noon in the Temple basement lead by Jacqui. Other classes will be scheduled later to teach you the dances.

We are dancing on:

May 8th at SFCC for their Japan Day

July 20th & 21st for Obon Festival at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

Thank you to all of the volunteers and those who came to eat at the 29th annual Teriyaki Fest on April 7th.



We had fun and made a profit. The money raised pays for the Dharma School, the Minister Assistants education, utilities, and all of the other things that keep the doors of your temple open.

Shotsuki-Hoyo

The April Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on April 14th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 18 people passed away during the month of April of their respective year:

Craig Bruebaker	Kenneth Clark
Koji Hayashi	Takeshi Kan
Akira Katayama	Isako Mary Kimura
Kazuo "Kaz" Kuwada	Yasumasa Moriya
John Naber	Chiyono Nakanishi
Minoru Terao	Mary Barna Twiner
Fumi Uyeji	Bradley Whitehouse
Chiyono Yamaguchi	
Tomiko Yamamoto	
Mariechen Oldsen Morgenstern	
Walter Kurt Morgenstern	



MARCH BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

We received a \$1000 donation from the Japanese American Citizens League, and voted to put \$250 of the JACL donation to facilities and the other \$750 to the education of our Minister Assistants. Thank you JACL! The Board President is going to look into having our shed torn down. We signed up for Amazon Smile (see below), to support the Temple with every purchase the Sangha makes. Minister Assistant Melissa Opel received a \$500 scholarship from the NW district for her education. The Perry Street Fair is July 20.

Other Groups Renting Space at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

Passage Meditation Group

Tuesday evenings. We are focusing on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation and his 8-Point Program for daily living. This form of meditation fits with our Buddhist as well as any spiritual path. Passage meditation was designed specifically for the Western "monkey mind." It is a very disciplined approach to slowing down and focusing. It is difficult, but very rewarding! We are currently studying Easwaran's book, Essence of the Upanishads. Please read Sri Easwaran's book - Passage Meditation - that can be found on the web at easwaran.org - then practice meditating for a month before joining our group. More information: call Mary Naber: 509-570-6876. Also, "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.

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DHARMA SCHOOL

will be available **Every Sunday!**



*Thank you Aiko, Jacqui, Marji
& Nanami*

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**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 April 19th**

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



**THIS SEPTEMBER, THE GOMONSHU
KOJUN OHTANI WILL BE VISITING THE
NORTHWEST DISTRICT!**

**09/02/19 -
SPECIAL BUDDHIST NAME PRESENTATION AT
OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**09/03/19 -
VISITS TO WHITE RIVER AND TACOMA AS WELL
AS A SPECIAL BUDDHIST NAME CONFIRMATION
CEREMONY AT THE SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST
TEMPLE**

**THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A WELCOME
DINNER FOR MEMBERS**

***MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AS THE DATE
APPROACHES. PLEASE CHECK SEATTLEBETSUIN.ORG FOR MORE
UPDATES AND INFORMATION AS THE DATE APPROACHES**

