



# Spokane Buddhist Temple's Annual OBON FESTIVAL

A Festival Honoring our Ancestors  
Sunday August 6th - 2:00pm-6:30pm

Free - All Ages Welcome

*Come Dance With Us*

## Tentative Schedule

*Japanese Artists*

*& Crafts Displays 2-5 pm*

*Kids games 2-4 pm*

*Short Service 4 pm*

*Bon Odori Dancing 5 pm*

*Possible Food Sales*



## Mark Your Calendars for OBON!

Spokane Buddhist Temple's Annual OBON FESTIVAL, a traditional Japanese Buddhist festival where we honor our ancestors, remember and appreciate all they have done for us, and celebrate their ongoing presence in our lives. The festival features traditional Japanese music, dancing, and food, where many dancers dress in Japanese kimono, yukata or happi coats.



Everyone is invited to join in the dances, which are easy to follow, and led by Izumi Pierce, a certified Bon Odori Teacher. Come Dance With Us!

- Volunteers Needed
- Dance practice 7/16 & 7/30 at 1 pm
- Stay tuned for more details

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 activities and services. Visit us online at:  
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July 2023

## July Service Schedule

- 7/02 10:30 am Sangha Service with special guest from Thrive International  
(See Page 5)
- 7/09 10:30 am Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service followed
- 7/16 10:30 am Sangha Service
- 7/23 10:30 am Sangha Service
- 7/30 10:30 am Sangha Service followed
- 10:30 am **Dharma School** for Ages 4-11
- 11:15 am All Sangha Meeting downstairs

## Other Events in July— See Page 4

- Wed 7/12 Buddha & Beer—We are continuing our social get together at 6 pm at Iron Goat Brewing, 1302 W 2nd, Spokane. All ages and they have food.
- Wed 7/19 Buddhist Study Group will return, hosted by MA Eric Kerkove at 6 pm in the Temple basement. No previous reading required.
- Sat 7/15 **South Perry Street Fair.** We have a booth - Come enjoy the fair, with entertainment, food trucks, kids activities and booths.

**DHARMA SCHOOL**  
**July 30th - 10:30 during service**  
**Ages 4 to 11**  
 (Project subject to change)  
 Email: [SpoBuddhistTempleDharmaSchool@gmail.com](mailto:SpoBuddhistTempleDharmaSchool@gmail.com)



**OBON FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday 8/6/23**  
**Everyone is invited to**  
**Come learn the Bon Odori Dances**  
**on Sunday 7/16 & 7/30 at 1 pm.**

Izumi will teach you these easy-to-learn dances that you can do at Obon. No prior dance experience is needed. Obon is our annual festival honoring our ancestors.

Come dance for joy!





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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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Email: SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com
- ◆ Check out our website at **www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org**
- ◆ **For the latest Temple Information visit our Facebook page:** 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.



Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki  
our Supervising Minister

Spokane Buddhist Temple  
Minister Assistants Team:  
Chad Donoho  
Eric Kerkove  
Amanda Goodwin



## Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki  
Seattle Betsuin

---Minister Assistants---

Amanda Goodwin  
Chad Donoho  
Eric Kerkove

Reverend Paul Vielle (ret.)

---2023 Board of Directors---

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Have questions: Email Chad at  
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## Chanting At Home

Follow these links to access recordings of the following:

- Juseige [https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001\\_juseige\\_chanting/](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001_juseige_chanting/)  
 Sanbutsuge [https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/002\\_sanbutsuge\\_chanting/](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/002_sanbutsuge_chanting/)  
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## **BUDDHA & BEER**

Wed. July 12th at 6 pm

Iron Goat Brewing, 1302 W 2nd, Spokane

Come have a casual discussion about Buddhism. All are Welcome!!  
The gathering is a social get together for everyone and is not an Minister Assistant led discussion. This is an all-ages place and they serve food.



## **BOOK STUDY GROUP**



Join Minister Assistant Eric Kerkove on **Wed. July 19th at 6 pm**  
Downstairs at the Temple - New or Not New To Buddhism? - All Are Wel-  
come

We will be reading from either: Crossing Over To Jodo Shinshu: Discovering the Buddhist Path OR  
Everyday Suchness: Buddhist Essays on Everyday Living by Gyomay M Kubose  
These both have short essays that we will read together, so there is no preparation required.

July 15, 2023



10AM - 8PM

## **South Perry Street Fair**

Shopping • Food Court • KidsZone • Beer Gardens • Live Music

Come see our booth at the South Perry  
Street Fair.

Our Bon Odori Dancers will  
be dancing at 11th & Perry at  
11:30 am

Main Stage entertainment at  
10th & Perry is at right.



11:00-11:30 am  
Spokane Taiko Drummers

12:00-12:30 pm  
Christopher Anderson Solo Violin

1:00-2:00 pm  
Atomic Jive

2:30-3:30 pm  
Angela Marie Project

4:00-5:00 pm  
Jenny Anne Mannan, Karli Fairbanks,  
and Caroline Fowler

5:30-6:30 pm  
Zoramena

7:00-8:00 pm  
Leftover Soul

### **Dues and Donations**

We are grateful for your donations and dues, which offset our expenses. You are helping us keep the doors open at the Spokane Buddhist Temple and continue to spread the Dharma.

#### Dues & Donations received in June 2023

Kris Birdsell

Wednesday Meditation Group

Kevin Tremblay

Stacy Carr

Paul & Karen Vielle

Loren & Carolyn Nishimura

Lena & Curtis Cooley

Mary Naber

Tuesday Meditation Group

Chris Nerison

Eric Inaba

Izumi Pierce

Trish Ohashi

We are also grateful for the cash donations left on Sunday and bookstore purchases.



### July Shotsuki-Hoyo

On July 9th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 15 people passed away during the month of July of their respective year:

If you wish to have someone added to the Shotsukihoyo list, see one of our Minister Assistants.

Shelby Craig  
Paul "Skip" Glenn  
Teruichi Kayahara  
(Mrs.) Katsuko 'Katie' Nakagawa  
Takeo "Dan" Terao  
Osamu "Paul" Yamagiwa  
Sutematsu "Pat" Uneno

Jan Gauthier  
(Mrs.) Fumiko Heyamoto  
Taki Mayeda  
Kasue Ogohara  
Sutematsu Uyeno  
Jerry Potvin

### Come see our Bon Odori Dancers at KuroNekoCon 2023 - July 7th-9th

Spokane's three day celebration of anime, video games, and culture.

**KuroNekoCon 2023**  
JULY 7-9 \*\*\* SPOKANE, WA

Now hosted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center  
Spokane's three day celebration of anime, games, and culture is back!  
Registration will be capped at 800 attendees, so register early to join the fun!

COSPLAY    GUESTS: VOICE ACTOR: DOROTHY FAHN    CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

COSPLAY CONTEST ★ BOARD GAMES ★ CULTURAL EXHIBIT  
FAN PANELS ★ LIP SYNC BATTLE ★ ARTIST ALLEY ★ VENDOR HALL  
ESCAPE ROOM ★ PANELS ★ AND SO MUCH MORE!

KuroNekoCon @ [Facebook] [Instagram] \*\*\* www.KuroNekoCon.com

Spokane Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Dancers are at 2 pm on Friday, July 7th.

Tickets are available at [www.Kuronekocon.com](http://www.Kuronekocon.com)



Photo from  
2018 Kuronekocon

SEE THE BCA'S EVENT PAGE for info and links to the many workshops & learning opportunities: <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education>



## New Social Welfare Community Outreach Projects

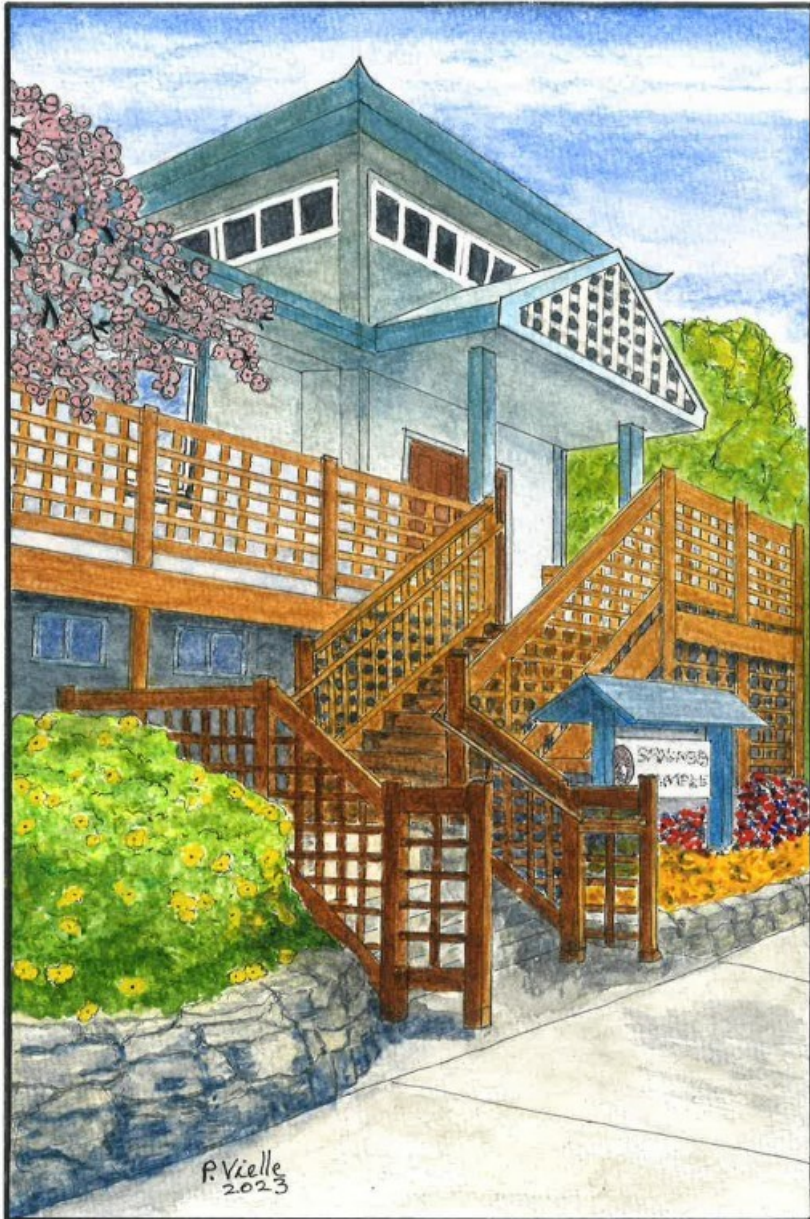
### Thrive International

On Sunday, July 2nd, we will have a special speaker to introduce our Sangha to Thrive, International. Thrive is a new, non-profit organization serving Ukrainian, Afghan, and other immigrants and refugees resettling in Spokane.

The Social Welfare Committee has identified Thrive for a potential community outreach project, expanding our service to those less fortunate than ourselves. Emily York Hughes, Thrive's Community Engagement Manager, will join us for our Service on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to present a PowerPoint about Thrive and talk with us about how we may become involved.

### Second Harvest Food Bank

The Food Bank offers our Temple the opportunity to schedule group volunteering work parties during evening and weekend hours, as well as, during the workweek. Please contact Shawn Bolt, project lead ([mshawnboltz@gmail.com](mailto:mshawnboltz@gmail.com)) to let him know you are interested. The Food Bank volunteering schedule fills up fast so we can look for a first volunteer work party in the Fall or later.



Sensei Paul Vielle has created this beautiful painting of our Temple.

Thank you!

Postcards are available in the bookstore and other items will be available in the future.



## 2023 Pledge Form

Dear Members and Friends:

When you find yourself taking refuge in the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha) and feel like this is a place where you would like to grow, then perhaps you'll consider membership to the Spokane Buddhist Temple.

The concept of Dana (selfless giving) is not only a Buddhist teaching but a manner of how we exist and do business. Dana comes in many forms; not only monetary, but also your time and talents. Membership empowers individuals who rely on the nembutsu to remember their responsibility to help sustain the Dharma in Spokane and surrounding area.

By joining or renewing your membership, you honor the legacy of the families and individuals who founded this Temple in 1945 and will help maintain the foundation for the future. Your membership is critical for keeping the Dharma alive in Spokane for the benefit of current and future generations.

In Gassho,  
Spokane Buddhist Temple Trustees

Membership pledges are made/renewed on a yearly basis every November and can be paid in numerous ways and increments. Pledges can be paid by check, credit card, or an e-check from your financial institution. You can pay annually, semiannually, quarterly, or monthly.

Individuals who make annual pledges of \$300 or more are sustaining members of the Temple. Those contributing at lower levels are non-voting associate members of the Temple. Although \$300 is the minimum pledging amount for sustaining membership, additional pledges are greatly appreciated. It costs about \$60,000 annually to run the Temple, including: operating expenses, building upkeep, visiting minister costs, our minister's education, and dues to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and the NW District. Membership pledges make up about 25-30% of our revenue, and we depend on them to be able to keep the Dharma alive in our community.

Printed Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Emails \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method (please check)  check  e-check  cash  credit card

Payment frequency (please check)  annually  semi-annually  quarterly  monthly

Pledge amount for current year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check that you understand that your Membership includes membership in the BCA and you will receive the BCA monthly newsletter "Wheel of Dharma" in the mail.

\* Please consult your tax advisor for specific questions related to charitable donations.

\* If over the age of 70 ½ please consult your financial planner for using your required minimum distribution for charitable donations.

\*Members of the Spokane Buddhist Temple are always welcome to request our financial records. Please contact the treasurer if you would like information on the Temple's budget and financial holdings.

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