

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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the Spokane Buddhist Temple
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activities and services. Visit us online at:
www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org
email: spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/SpokaneBuddhistTemple

May 2021

*Due to Covid-19, the Temple building is closed until further notice.
There will be Some Outdoor Services in May.*



Virtual Services at Spokane Buddhist Temple

We are now holding virtual services via Zoom. Services are
each Sunday through at least May 2021, at 10:30 am.

The service is also being live-streamed on Facebook. You can
view this service live stream anytime afterwards on Facebook or
YouTube. After the service, we will turn off the live feed and
you may stay and socialize and discuss the Dharma Message.
Please email the temple for the Zoom login at
SpokaneBuddhisttemple@gmail.com

May Schedule—All services at 10:30 am—Zoom or Outdoors

5/2	Sangha Service
5/9	(Mother's Day) Sangha Service & Shotsukihoyo
5/16	Sangha Service
5/23	Gotan-E Service (see Page 3) Shinran's Birthday
5/30	Sangha Service

Some of the May services will be **IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SERVICES**,
depending on the weather. Be sure to check Facebook and open the "chat
emails" from the Temple. Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get on
the chat & Zoom list. The outdoor services will also be live on Facebook.

****Outdoor Services: Masks required, bring your own chair.

Two BIG FUNDRAISERS in May **See Page 2**



Flower Fundraiser on May 8th
*** Order NOW**
(flowers for Mother's Day)

Rummage Sale on May 15th



Flower Fundraiser

Pick up May 8th - 11 am - 1 pm

At the Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 S. Perry, Spokane

Pick up Flowers for Mother's Day

Last day to order is Wednesday May 5th

****** Pay when you pick up ******

Single Flower \$1 Five Flowers \$5 Dozen Flowers \$10

Some limited delivery available for extra \$5

Surprise Mix of Spring Flowers

Includes a hand written note with your flowers (i.e., "Happy Mother's Day")

All proceeds go to the Minister Assistant & Reverend's education fund.

Thank you to our Sponsors: Costco & Trader Joe's

Either order on our website or Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com with the following info: Name, Phone #, Email, Flower order, message

Delivery in Spokane area = \$5. We will deliver within a 10-mile radius of the temple on orders over \$10. Please note full address of where you would like delivery. *Limited # of deliveries*



RUMMAGE SALE - May 15th

Spokane Buddhist Temple

Open 9 am

Collecting items from YOU Until May 13th

We have lots of beautiful jewelry, fashion accessories, loads of jigsaw puzzles, books, furniture, dishes, glassware, cooking utensils, sports equipment, lawn furniture, gardening tools, decorating items & lots more!

Contact Celeste (dcsterrett@yahoo.com) to schedule a time for pick up, or she will meet you at the temple to drop off your items. Also contact Celeste if you can come and help sort and price items.

Anyone that volunteered for the Teriyaki Fest or to help at the rummage sale can shop early on Friday, May 14th from 4-8 pm.

If you want to help for an hour on May 15 please contact Celeste - dcsterrett@yahoo.com.

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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 new 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.



Left to right:
Amanda Goodwin,
Minister Assistant in
training,
MA Chad Donoho,
Reverend Melissa Opel

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

---Minister Assistants---

Reverend Melissa Opel
MA Chad Donoho
Sensei Paul Vielle (ret.)
Amanda Goodwin (Aspirant)

---2021 Board of Directors---

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Have questions? Contact
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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/
Sanbutsuge https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/002_sanbutsuge_chanting/
Junirai https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/003_junirai_chanting/
Ondokusan https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/004_ondokusan_gatha/



GOTAN-E SANGHA SERVICE
Sunday — May 23rd — 10:30 am
Dharma Talk by Sensei Paul Vielle (retired)
Celebrating the Birthday of the founder of Jodo Shinshu
Buddhism, Shinran Shonin

Gotan-E means birthday gathering. Gotan-E is the celebration of the birthday of the founder of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism. Shinran's actual date of birth is said to be May 21, 1173; he was believed to be born in Hino near Kyoto, Japan. Until he died at the age of 90, Shinran's life was lived simply and humbly.

One important contribution that Shinran made was his effort to spread the path of Buddhahood to all beings. He understood that enlightenment was not meant just for those few who could abandon their home and family life, and live within the confines of the temple wall. Shinran understood that regardless of whether one is male or female, young or old, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, good or evil, all can attain Buddhahood through the working of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion. It is through the untiring efforts of sharing his insight that we can hear, today, the truth of the Nembutsu and gather together for the birthday of Shinran Shonin.

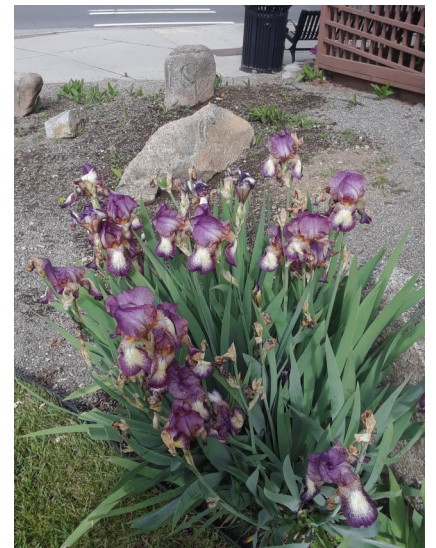
Help with the Landscaping at the Temple on Tuesdays!

Anyone who could meet me the 2nd through 4th Tuesday of every month from about 2-4:30 pm, we could try to put a dent in the weeds! Even one day would help. It looks a little overwhelming, but many hands make it much easier. Just call Mary ahead of time in case I can't make it. Bring your "implements of dandy destruction." Or I have extra tools that I'll bring. Mary 509-570-6876 or email me at peacenik_49@msn.com

LANDSCAPING COORDINATOR NEEDED

As Spring approaches, our beautiful Temple grounds will need some work. We are looking for someone who can coordinate outdoor maintenance. This person would not need to perform the maintenance work themselves, but would periodically check the Temple grounds for issues, meet workers (ex., yard care) at the Temple, help with getting estimates for work as needed, etc.

Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com



Thank you to all of the volunteers and those who came to eat at the 31st annual Teriyaki Fest on April 28th.



We had fun and made a profit. The money raised will help pay for the utilities, the new stove, and all of the other things that keep the doors of your temple open.

OUR NEW COMMERCIAL STOVE

Thank you SANGHA!! Teriyaki-fest was a success. One of the greatest things about fundraisers is the Sangha gets to spend time working alongside each other getting to know each other on a deeper level. Another benefit of these types of fundraisers is the message to the community that we are here and super friendly. The bonus is the money, which we haven't quite calculated yet as not all the invoices are in, but I think we met our financial goal for this one. I appreciate all who came out - it was so lovely seeing everyone after a long year of Covid and to meet the new people we've "seen" on zoom. Thanks for all you do for the Spokane Buddhist Temple.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Board of Directors



May Shotsuki-Hoyo

On May 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 17 people passed away during the month of May of their respective year:



Gunemon Fujita

Dick Imada

Hatsutaro Kajita

Yoichi Oba

(Mrs.) Taneyo Sato

Tatsuhei Sugikawa

(Mrs.) Fumiko Takasugi

(Mrs.) Sadako Yamamoto

Murray (Chip) Madeen

Paul Noboru Gow

(Mrs.) Fumiko Itano

(Mrs.) Sayoko Oba

Frida Kahl Oldsen

(Mrs.) Chizuko Shegenobu

(Mrs.) Toyo Sugikawa

Toshio Uyeji

Natalie Houle

Although we are closed, many of our monthly bills continue to be owed. We appreciate any donations to offset those costs. Either click on the Donation button on the website, or email a check to us. If you want 100% of your donation to go to the Temple, please send a check.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues and/or given donations
from 2/22 to 4/23/2021

Izumi Pierce
Steve Verhoef
Kiku Terao
Lisa Geiss
Eric Kerkove
Mary Naber
Kelly Gordon
James Sayles
Jun Yugawa

Fred and Lianne Inaba
Staci Carr
Chad Donoho
Joseph Bracco
Judy Broverman & Marji Mitchell
Becca and Melissa Opel
Joan Schilling
Jeremy Trigsted
Mari Haworth

Hifumi En Society Foundation
Paul & Karen Vielle
Tricia & Bob Ohashi
Tina Rodeen
Brian Tennant
Amanda Goodwin
Susan Hales



**Check out the new Website for the
Buddhist Churches of America:**
<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>



SEEN BUDDHIST
SERVICE BOOK

Other on-line sources of the Dharma you might want to check out:

Website "Everyday Buddhist" <https://www.everydaybuddhist.org/>

Buddhist Churches of America website
<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>

SERVICE BOOK TO DOWNLOAD:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Kl4SOj0EyQPmaF9NHeC5m1nLBJL6PDA/view?fbclid=IwAR2aD6JKqj-RQqapONoYXe98r5vKpR0xmBr7AKLpZBjpdA1_WDkPvphfPQQ



2021 CBE Seminars Online For All SUMMER: JUNE ~ AUGUST

All events listed in Pacific Time - Check your local time

<p>SATURDAY JUNE 19 *11 am - 1 pm REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>EMBRACED AND NEVER ABANDONED: JODO SHINSHU AND LGBTQ+ Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple</p>	 Rev. Umezu 
<p>SATURDAY JUNE 26 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>KINNARA: THE ROOTS OF TAIKO IN THE US Discussion with Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus, and Johnny Mori & other members of Kinnara Taiko Moderator: Rev. Jerry Hirano, CBE Director</p>	 Rev. Kodani  Johnny Mori
<p>SATURDAY JULY 3 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>SHINSHU AND CHRISTIANITY Rev. David Quirke-Thornton Shin Buddhist Fellowship, United Kingdom</p>	 Rev. Quirke-Thornton 
<p>SATURDAY JULY 24 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>CREATING INCLUSIVE SANGHAS: WORKING COMPASSIONATELY WITH OUR THOUGHTS & ASSUMPTIONS Mushim Patricia Ikeda East Bay Meditation Center Rev. Harry Bridge Buddhist Church of Oakland</p>	 Mushim Ikeda  Rev. Bridge
<p>SATURDAY AUGUST 7 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>THE ESSENCE OF THE THREE PURE LAND SUTRAS & HOW WE CHANT THEM Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara Berkeley Buddhist Temple Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple</p>	 Rev. Kuwahara  Rev. Kusunoki
<p>SATURDAY AUGUST 21 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>RENNYO'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONGWANJI THOUGHT Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra Orange County Buddhist Church</p>	 Rennyo Shonin  Rev. Wondra

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2021 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 pledges of \$240 or more are sustaining members of the Temple. Those contributing at lower levels are non-voting associate members of the Temple. Although \$240 is the minimum pledging amount for sustaining membership, additional pledges are greatly appreciated. It costs about \$50,000 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% 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 \$ _____

* 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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