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September 2023

September Service Schedule

- 9/3 10:30 am Sangha Service
- 9/10 10:30 am Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service
- 9/17 10:30 am Sangha Service
- 9/24 10:30 am Sangha Service
- 10:30 am **Dharma School** for Ages 4-11

Buddha & Beer at Iron Goat Brewery - 6 pm Wed. 9/13
Buddhist Study Group at the Temple - 6 pm Wed. 9/20

See Page 5 about donations to the Temples in Hawaii that were destroyed in the wild fires in Maui



BUDDHA & BEER

Wed. Sept 13th 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. Sept 20th at 6 pm**
Downstairs at the Temple - New or Not New To Buddhism? - All Are Welcome

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.

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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



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--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

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Amanda Goodwin
Chad Donoho
Eric Kerkove

Reverend Paul Vielle (ret.)

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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/
- 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/



Thank you Rinban Kusunoki for coming to Spokane with your family and for your Dharma Talk at the 8/13/23 Hatsubon Cemetery Service.



September Shotsuki-Hoyo

On September 10th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 11 people passed away during the month of September of their respective year:

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

Dat Nguyen
 Harry Uchida
 Hazel Sanders
 (Mrs.) Mary Sueko 'Sue' Shimizu
 Kengo Yorioka
 Joanne Heyamoto

George Nomura
 Harry Yamauchi
 Kenji Sugiyama

 Anton Brecek
 Haruko "Janet" Tamura

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

Note: Entry deadline is 8/31/23

BCA Buddhist Churches of America
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VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT




Please share your art in this wonderful exhibit showcasing the talent of our BCA Sangha community

SEPT 17, 2023
buddhistchurchesofamerica.org


SUBMISSION & INFO:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ARTBCA](https://tinyurl.com/artbca)

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BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY


Monthly study series on how Buddhist teachings understand the world and provide us with guidance



REV. CJ DUNFORD
The non-essential self as community in a hyper-individualistic society: opposing worldviews to promote mutual care
September 24, 2023



REV. KIYONOBU KUWAHARA
Gifts from Buddha: how Buddhist teachings transform our lives
November 12th, 2023




CATHERINE SHAW
What is a Buddhist? What do Buddhists do and why? Ethics, practice, and worldviews
October 29, 2023

Final wrap-up session: review, discussion, and Q&A with all speakers
December 10, 2023

Hosted by the
BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

60-minute hybrid sessions
1pm after Sunday Service

390 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA
Walk-ins Welcome
Suggested donation: \$20



Scan for more info or to register

DIAL THE DHARMA

Call the toll free number - 800-817-7918 to hear Bishop Harada's message

Push "1" for English and "2" for Japanese

Statement regarding the Wildfires and Destruction in Maui, Hawaii From Reverend Marvin Harada, Bishop

We are all watching in great sadness and horror, the loss of life and destruction of homes and communities in Maui, Hawaii, due to the devastating wildfires. Our thoughts go to all there who have lost loved ones, homes, businesses, temples and churches, and their community. What a tremendous loss for everyone.

I recall a story from the Jataka Tales in our Buddhist tradition. Once there was a huge forest fire and all of the animals in the forest were running away from the fire for safety. One little bird was flying into a lake, dipping its wings in water, then flying over the forest fire dropping little drops of water to fight the fire. Back and forth the little bird flew. The other animals shouted to the little bird, "What are you doing? You cannot put out the fire that way?!" The little bird shouted back, "I may not be able to stop the fire, but this is all that I can do. I must try."

In the face of such devastation, we will all do what we can do, whether it is to contribute to the disaster relief, to share our encouragement, or for those in Maui, to begin to rebuild, one step at a time, doing what they can do.

Gassho,
Rev. Marvin Harada
Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America

Donation Links:

<https://bca.kindful.com/>

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2023/08/09/fire-updates/>





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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