



Welcome to Spokane Buddhist Temple's Annual

# OBON FESTIVAL

A Cultural Festival Honoring our Ancestors

Sunday August 18th - 2 pm - 6:30 pm

927 S. Perry St, Spokane

Free Entrance - All Ages Welcome

## Obon Schedule

	Temple Basement	Bee You Organics	Temple Upstairs	In Grant Park
2 pm - 4 pm	Artists & Displays Snacks	Natural Cosmetics & Artists		
4 pm — 4:30 pm			Obon Service	
4:30 - 5:00 pm				Spokane Taiko
5 pm — 6:30 pm				Bon Odori Dancing

### Tables Downstairs in the Temple:

Keiko Von Holt (Sumi-E)

Kiara Juliette Lime (illustrator)

Harumi Norasakkunkit (artist)

Kim Hai Pearson (origami & crafts)

Olivia Waterman (Sumi-E)

Wishing Tree Books

Spokane United We Stand

Spokane Taiko

### And go see the Natural Cosmetic & Skin Care Products & Artists at:

Bee You Organics - next door to the north - 915 S Perry



## Come learn the Bon Odori Dances

Sundays 8/4 & 8/11 at 12:00 pm  
In the Temple Basement

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

A Community Dance Circle  
of Joy!



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 email: [spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com)  
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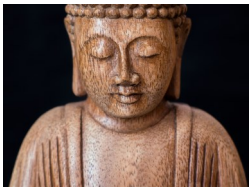
**August 2024**

**August Service Schedule - 10:30 am**

8/4	10:30 am	Sangha Service & Meditation (see below) & Dance Practice
8/11	10:30 am	Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service & Dance Practice
8/18	***	OBON FESTIVAL 2-6:30 pm *** Note: No 10:30 am Service
8/25	10:30 am	Hatsubon Service at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery

**\*\*\* Monthly Meditation Starting \*\*\***

Sunday 8/4/24 9:30 - 10 am Spokane Buddhist Temple



Join us for basic mindfulness meditation with Karen Vielle on the first Sunday of every month, prior to service. Karen is a yoga instructor and certified mindfulness coach as well as a long-time temple member. Sessions will include guidance and instruction. No prior experience with mediation is necessary.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 25th - 10:30 Service  
 HATSUBON CEMETERY SERVICE**

*(Note: No service at the Temple)*

Held at the Lower Terrace @ Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery  
 211 N Government Way, Spokane

***Please bring a lawn chair. We will have a canopy & some chairs. Note there are no public restrooms at the cemetery.***

Shin Buddhist Temples hold an annual *Hatsubon* service in July or August to remember those who have passed away in the past year.



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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.



Spokane Buddhist Temple  
Minister Assistants Team:  
Amanda Goodwin  
Chad Donoho  
Rev. Yasaki  
Eric Kerkove  
Jinny Worley (Aspirant)



Reverend Cynthia Yasaki  
our Supervising Minister

## Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--  
Rev. Cynthia Yasaki  
White River Buddhist Temple

---Minister Assistants---  
Amanda Goodwin  
Chad Donoho  
Eric Kerkove  
Jinny Worley (Assistant Aspirant)

Reverend Paul Vielle (ret.)

## --Your 2024 Board of Directors---

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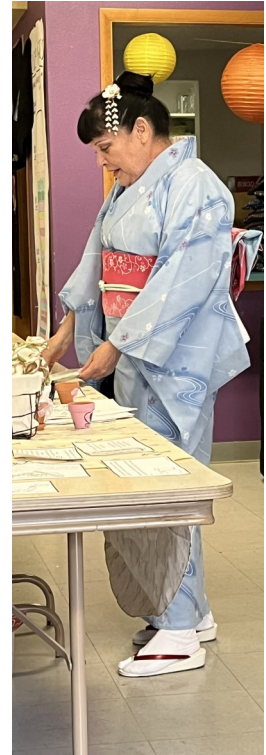


## Chanting At Home

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/)
- Junirai [https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/003\\_junirai\\_chanting/](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/003_junirai_chanting/)
- Ondokusan [https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/004\\_ondokusan\\_gatha/](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/004_ondokusan_gatha/)

# Scenes from Obon 2023





## *August Shotsuki-Hoyo*

On August 11th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records the following people passed during this month:

David Brady, Sr.  
Yuriko Ito  
Tomoyoshi "Tom" Kirihara  
Yuriko Kirihara  
Asao Oki  
Tsuneo Otsuki  
Joseph Phillip Workman  
Robert Hideaki Yamagiwa  
Carolyn Sakai

Tokujiro Ikeda  
Bobby Gene Jordan  
Yoneichi Kirihara  
John Francis Munighan  
Takashi Osumi  
Bob Wheeler  
(Mrs.) Fusayo Wakayama  
Leo Yukio Kiyohiro

### 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. To donate, 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 or do a BillPay transaction through /24your bank.

#### Donations and Dues received 5/26/24 - 7/21/24

Kris Birdsell  
Wednesday Meditation Group  
Martena Peterson  
Narong & Ura Norasakkunkit  
Karen & Paul Vielle  
Michelle McCartney  
Celeste Sterrett  
Tyler Hanson  
Harumi Norasakkunkit

Jennifer Anderson  
Tuesday Meditation Group  
Kevin Tremblay  
Izumi Pierce  
Loren & Caroline Nishimura  
Constance Curtin  
Frances & Susan Okano  
Dorothy Browder  
Lisa Geiss

We appreciate those who bring flowers and fruit or rice each Sunday for service.

## Introduction to Buddhism

Intro To Buddhism & Shin Buddhism Classes

9/8 & 9/15 - 11:30 am After Service

Are you new to the Temple? Have questions about Buddhism?  
Join MA Kerkove for this two-part Buddhism class. 9/4 General Buddhism - 9/15 Shin Buddhism  
There will be time for questions.

### **MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDAR**

9/13-15 Northwest District Buddhist Convention in Auburn, WA  
9/29 Reverend Cyndi Yasaki returns to Spokane for Sunday Service

SBT Calendar link is: <https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org/calendar/>

TIME TO REGISTER IS NOW!  
We're heading to the NW District Buddhist Convention in September.

*White River Buddhist Temple Presents the 2024 Northwest District Buddhist Convention*

# CONNECTIONS: BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

September 13 - 15, 2023  
Muckleshoot Resort & Casino

REGISTER NOW



## Message from the White River Buddhist Temple

We are thrilled to be hosting this year's 2024 Northwest District Buddhist Convention on September 13th - 15th at the Muckleshoot Resort and Casino, in Auburn, WA! (<https://muckleshootcasino.com/>)

Featuring keynote speaker Reverend Candice Shibata of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, the convention's theme is ***Connections: Building for Tomorrow***, where we hope to explore the historical interdependence in our community, as well as how we can foster relationships in the future.

The website and registration is now live at: [www.nwdconvention.org](http://www.nwdconvention.org).

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Each year, there is a get-together of the NW District Shin Buddhist Temples in WA, ID & OR for a convention with services, workshops and a banquet. This is an opportunity to hear messages and take workshops from ministers that you have not met, and make new friends from the other Temples. We hope to rent a van from Spokane to Auburn.

The Summer Pacific Seminar is hosted by BCA, IBS & JSIO. Please join us for this very interesting discussion with our three panel speakers.

# SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

**AUG 3, 2024** In-Person & Streaming

**"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ORTHODOX TEACHING IN JODO SHINSHU"**

REVEREND JOHN  
PARASKEVOPOULOS

Buddhist priest from Australia ordained at Nishi Hongwanji in 1994. Holds a first-class honours degree in Philosophy. Publications: "Call of the Infinite", "The Fragrance of Light", "The Unhindered Path" "Immeasurable Life"



REVEREND DR.  
TAKASHI MIYAJI

H.E. Koshō Ohtani Professor of Shin Buddhist Studies, Assistant Professor of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies, Resident Minister of Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church.



REVEREND  
KIYONOBU KUWAHARA

Program Director for the Jodo Shinshu International Office, and resident minister for the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and Supervising minister for Buddhist Temple of Marin.



**Jodo Shinshu Center**

2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

<https://tinyurl.com/SUMPAC>

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO



## PATHS IN JODO SHINSHU

Women have long played an important supportive and largely "behind the scenes" role in the expansion of the Dharma and at BCA. Today we have many opportunities to grow in leadership, engage in our Sanghas, and share the Dharma.

**SEPT. 28, 2024, SAT**

**9:30AM-5:00PM**

optional activity Friday & Saturday evenings

*Keynote Speakers*



**REV. CANDICE SHIBATA & REV. MELISSA OPEL**



*Come be inspired to forge your own path!*

**Jodo Shinshu Center**

2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley 94704 - and parts online -

**Register by Sept. 15, 2024** at <https://forms.gle/Bm7BysFcYpZRZfwM9>

**\$50 Registration & Meals, Register for online Free\***

Some rooms available to stay overnight at the JSC

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# Can We Grow Relationship Lotuses from Muddy Conflicts?



Strategies for Working with  
Conflict & Disagreement

August 10, 2024 | 11:00-12:45 PM, Online



GUEST SPEAKER

**Gregg Krech**

Founder of the ToDo Institute, a Naikan Education and Retreat Center in Middlebury Vermont, and one of the leading authorities on Japanese psychology in North America.

Conflicts are often muddy. Relationships are tricky. Issues can be sensitive. How do we navigate this landscape without sinking into the mud? Is it possible to grow a lotus under these circumstances? Managing a conflict offers the prospect of increased suffering, but the promise of growth, greater understanding and, in the end, a stronger relationship.

In this seminar, Gregg will offer some ideas of what to do and what not to do, based on his experience with Japanese Psychology and Buddhism.

Register for Free:

[forms.gle/MdUSyTQ1MXDwc9F76](https://forms.gle/MdUSyTQ1MXDwc9F76)



## CALL FOR ENTRIES 4th Annual BCA Virtual Art Exhibit

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

**Open to all members of our BCA  
Sangha Community!**

**Submission Deadline: Aug 31, 2024**



Buddhist Churches of America

ART BY MAYU GARNER



## **SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 MEMBERSHIP**

We are profoundly grateful for your interest in the Spokane Buddhist Temple. By joining or renewing your membership, you honor the legacy of those who founded this Temple in 1945 and help provide a broad and deep base of support to sustain the sangha far into the future. Your membership pledge is an acknowledgment of your commitment to bringing the Dharma to the Spokane area so that everyone interested can hear the teachings of the Buddha and learn about the rich heritage of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Your pledge is a concrete example of dana, or selfless giving. Dana is usually listed first among the Buddhist paramitas, or virtues to be cultivated. At the Spokane Buddhist Temple (SBT), this takes the form of pledges and monetary contributions, gifts in kind, and volunteer efforts to maintain the Temple and sustain the sangha.

### **Membership Levels and Benefits**

Sustaining Members pledge \$300 per year or more.

Young Members are under 30 and pledge \$50 per year.

Both sustaining and young members are eligible to serve as Trustees and can vote in all Temple elections. They are members of our parent organization, the Buddhist Churches of America, and receive the Buddhist Churches of America's (BCA) monthly publication The Wheel of Dharma.

### **When To Pledge and How To Pay**

Renewals are due in November. This facilitates our planning and budgeting for the upcoming year. New members who join earlier in the year can pledge a prorated amount of \$25 per month; please consult the SBT treasurer or bookkeeper.

Pledge payments can be made in the following ways:

check

credit card

e-check from your financial institution

cash

You can choose the number of separate payments you make:

annual (1 payment)

semi-annual (2 payments)

quarterly (4 payments)

monthly (12 payments)

### **Where Your Money Goes**

Membership pledges and other cash donations from sangha members make up close to a third of SBT's annual revenue. Although as a religious nonprofit we do not pay property tax on the Temple, our expenses include utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance, security, travel and honoraria for visiting ministers, subsidies for ministers' education, and dues to the BCA and NW District. SBT spends a total of about \$60,000 each year to bring the Dharma to Spokane.

### **Tax Info**

If you itemize your Federal income tax, you may be able to deduct your contributions to the Temple. If you take a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement accounts, you may be able to designate those funds to go to SBT. Please consult a tax professional for details applicable to your situation.

### **What We Do With Your Information**

We provide your name and mailing address to the Buddhist Churches of America. We do not share any information about sangha members with any other individuals or organizations.

# SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 PLEDGE FORM

Amount pledged for Spokane Buddhist Temple membership for 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation to support Temple activities in 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment (check one): check \_\_\_\_\_; e-check \_\_\_\_\_; credit card \_\_\_\_\_; cash \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of payment (check one): annually \_\_\_\_\_; semi-annually \_\_\_\_\_; quarterly \_\_\_\_\_; monthly \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your completed pledge form to the SBT office, and consult the SBT Treasurer for further details, if needed. Members will receive a summary of all pledges and contributions they made in 2024 in January 2025.

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Name(s) (PRINTED):

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Signatures(s):

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Phone(s):

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Email address(es):

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