

Announcements

Training for Temple Positions: It takes work to keep the temple functioning, and there is always room for help. Learning a temple position is a way to offer your effort, deepen your practice, and become more involved in the life of the temple.

-Presenter: The person who leads the chanting, beats the drum, and rings the bells. Please talk to Soen.

-Jisha: The priest's attendant, who carries incense and assists at ceremonies and dharma talks. Please talk to Yoe.

-Tenzo: The chief cook, who maintains the kitchen and organizes sesshin eats and Sunday treats. We are especially looking for help with Sunday tea. Please talk to Kogen.

-Chiden: The person who cares for the altars. This job happens mostly between times, and involves cleaning the incense braziers and ceremony preparation. Please talk to Anyu.

-Greeter: Arrives early to welcome newcomers and give them an introduction to the temple and zazen. Please talk to Carmelita.

-Jikido: The Timekeeper. This person rings the bell to call the assembly to the hall and to begin zazen. Please talk to Yoetsu.

Library Books: To help us keep track of the library traffic, please read the new checkout instructions, and to return books please always put them in the basket to the lower right of the Kwan-Yin altar. Gassho.

Extended Morning Schedule: You are welcome to participate. The schedule is on the reverse side under the calendar.

Fusatsu: Our monthly atonement ceremony is held on the night of the full moon. In March Fusatsu will be Monday the 29th at 7:00 p.m..

Dharma Talks Online:

<http://www.eugenezendo.org/mp3/>

March Sesshin (silent meditation retreat) will begin at 5:10 a.m. on Friday the 26th and continue through the morning program on Sunday the 28th. Schedules and sign-up forms are available at the zendo and for download on the website. As always, early registration is much appreciated. If you would like to provide a snack or an evening meal of soup and bread, please speak to Kogen, the Tenzo.

Establishing a Practice: A series of three Wednesday-night meetings, beginning March 3rd and ending March 17th, will introduce the life of Buddhist practice, (or the practice of Buddhist life). The series is oriented towards those interested in learning about how to take up the Buddha's teachings in their own lives. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the zendo front room. If you have any questions, please ask Ejo or Carmelita.

Workshop: A workshop on two fundamental teachings of Buddhism, Karma and The Four Noble Truths, will be held on the afternoon of Sunday the 21st. Lunch will be offered after the morning program and then workshop participants will meet in the yurt at noon for teaching and discussion. The workshop is oriented towards those who are new to the teachings of the Buddha and all are welcome to attend.

Hospice Volunteers: Hospice of Sacred Heart is looking for persons of all faiths who are interested in providing practical and emotional assistance to patients and families dealing with terminal illnesses, both in the home and in care facilities. An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Home Health Office, 1121 Fairfield Ave, Eugene. Classes for patient care volunteers will be held during the fourth and fifth weeks of April and the first week of May. For more information or to register for the March 16th meeting (with no obligation), please call Victoria Spear at (541) 242-8755 or email at vspear@peacehealth.org.

Spring Tuesday Night Classes are on to the topic of the Buddha Ancestors. We will use material from an anthology called *The Roaring Stream: A New Zen Reader*, available at the zendo for \$15.00.

Practice Partners: If you are interested in meeting another sangha member for informal discussion and support, please put your name in the Practice Partners envelope on the bulletin board. Ejo will pair you with another interested person and help you start planning meetings for a time and place of your choice.

Looking Ahead

April 1	Term Student Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
April 11	Buddha's Birthday Ceremony and Flower Festival
April 25	Bodhisattva Path Workshop