

EUGENE ZENDO

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Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Becoming a Zendo Member: With our annual membership meeting coming up, those interested in providing input as to the future of the temple and cementing their commitment to the community are encouraged to consider membership. Please contact Carmelita for more information (carmel@efn.org).

Tuesday Night Classes continue on the topic of Zen's ancestral lineage. We will use material from an anthology called *The Roaring Stream: A New Zen Reader*, with copies available at the zendo for \$15.00.

Sunday Tea and Cookie Volunteers Needed: Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to bring a snack, set up tea and coffee tables before service, or help clean up afterward. Snacks do not necessarily need to be homemade. Please see Kogen if you would like to learn how to set up the tables.

Extended Morning Schedule: Everyone is invited to participate in all or part of the schedule. See the reverse side under the calendar for details.

Fusatsu: Our monthly atonement ceremony is held on the night of the full moon. In April, Fusatsu will be Wednesday the 28th at 7:00 p.m..

Dharma Talks Online:
<http://www.eugenezendo.org/mp3/>

***Spring Membership Meeting*:** The date for our biannual membership meeting has **moved** to Sunday, April 11 at 12:00. We will continue to discuss the proposed formation of a zendo residency program and the creation of a comprehensive community temple further down the line. This meeting is an especially important opportunity to make your voice heard. The Board of Directors depends upon membership meetings to gauge the feeling of the larger community and determine our direction for the coming 6 months, so your presence is truly needed and appreciated. Lunch will be served beforehand in the yurt as part of the Buddha's Birthday Celebration.

Buddha's Birthday Celebration: Also on Sunday, April 11, we will commemorate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha into our world with a special "bathing of the baby Buddha" ceremony. The ceremony will begin at around 10:30, after zazen and kinhin, and children are encouraged to participate. Lunch and cake will be served afterward in the yurt.

Fundraising for a New Fence: Kogen has generously volunteered to design and construct a new deer-proof cedar fence on the south side of the zendo. To help offset the environmental toll, he will plant 50 cedar trees in various locations. Since we are still short of the \$500 dollars needed to cover costs for materials, donations are very much appreciated.

Bodhisattva Path Workshop: A workshop on various aspects of the Bodhisattva Path will be held on the afternoon of Sunday the 25th. Lunch will be offered after the morning program and then workshop

participants will meet in the yurt from noon until 3:00 for teaching and discussion. The workshop is oriented towards those who are new to the Buddha's teachings, but all are welcome to attend.

Board Notes: In February the Board of Directors welcomed new members, Bren Seiyo Kleinfelder and Zak Zuishin Madrone. Outgoing members included Carmelita Thompson (Zendo Board president) and Gensei Morris (member-at-large). We discussed board offices, and will finalize new and continuing officer positions at our next meeting in March. Other topics included a financial review and report from the Temple Visioning Committee. **Finances:** In spite of increased expenses, the Zendo continues to break even. We are not amassing any savings, however. **Temple Visioning:** Ejo presented an initial report from the committee exploring our transition from a zendo (where our activities are completely centered on the practice of zazen) to a comprehensive temple facility, where our relationship to the community is more "porous" and where our practice can unfold ever more freely with and for all beings.

Looking Ahead

May 12-16	End of Term Sesshin (Weds. 5:10 a.m. to Sun. 11:30 a.m.)
May 16	Spring Practice Term Closing and Shosan Ceremony

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Term Student Meeting 1 a.m Secret transmission ceremony	2 Morning Schedule	3
4 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk	5 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	6 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Ancestors Class	7 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	8 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	9 Morning Schedule	10
11 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Buddha's Birthday Celebration Membership Meeting	12 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	13 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Ancestors Class	14 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	15 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	16 Morning Schedule	17
18 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk	19 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	20 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Ancestors Class	21 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	22 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	23 Morning Schedule	24 7:30 p.m. Gamelan Sari Pandhawa Benefit Concert Please see insert for details
25 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk, Workshop: The Bodhisattva Path	26 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen	27 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Ancestors Class	28 Morning Schedule 4:30 – 6 Sanzen 7:00 Fusatsu	29 Morning Schedule with sanzen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	30 Morning Schedule	

Morning Schedule:

5:10 Zazen
5:50 Kinhin
6:00 Zazen
6:40 Morning Service
7:25 Cleaning
7:45 Breakfast
8:30 Work
11:15 Lunch

Sanzen:

Sanzen is an opportunity to meet privately with a teacher for the purpose of studying the Buddha Way. Sanzen is available on a regular basis Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please come to the zendo between 4:30 and 6:00 and follow the posted instructions. Sanzen is also available during the second period of morning zazen (6:00 a.m.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sit at the seats marked sanzen next to the door and listen for Ejo's bell.

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