

EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Our children's program continues this month, with meetings on April 3 and 17. All grade school-aged children are welcome. For more information, please contact us.

Becoming a Zendo Member: With our biannual 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 on "Practicing With Foundational Buddhist Teachings" continue on a weekly basis. Classes begin around 8:00 P.M. in the yurt and all are welcome to attend. Copies of the study text, Kyogen Carlson's "Zen Roots," are available at the class or on request. A supplementary packet with more technically-oriented materials is also available. Donations to help cover the costs of printing are greatly appreciated!

The **Front Room Expansion** continues! Hopefully, the extra space will be available in the near future, but we are still soliciting donations to cover costs for necessary improvements, such as flooring and paint. There is an envelope on the sangha bulletin board for donations. If mailing checks, please note on checks that you would like your dana to go toward the project.

Our **Beginning Practitioners' Discussion Group** meets for the third and final time on Wednesday, April 20 with zazen at 7 p.m. and an informal discussion at 7:30.

Electronic Bulletin and Zendo Facebook Page: The future of our print bulletin is still unclear, but for now please e-mail us if you would like to receive an electronic version instead, in .pdf format. Also, please visit our new Facebook page (Eugene Zendo – Butsugenji) where we have begun to post announcements about special events and other items of interest.

Campus Zazen meets on Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. in the Koinonia Center) whenever UO classes are in session. All are welcome!

Dharma talks are available online at www.eugenezendo.org/mp3.

Sendai Update and Earthquake Relief Fundraising: As many of you know, Ejo's father-in-law and mother-in-law live in Sendai, the city closest to the epicenter of the recent earthquake. Sendai is also where Ejo's teacher and his temple, Shurinji, are located. Nobody directly connected to Ejo and his family was hurt, though Shurinji's main hall did sustain some minor structural damage, and this will certainly be a difficult time for everyone in Sendai and elsewhere in Northern Japan. The Japanese Soto School will be conducting a fundraiser to help assist those affected by the earthquake and tsunami, though more work needs to be done to assess where funds are needed the most and how we as a Sangha might best direct our resources. Please stay tuned for more information.

Buddha's Birthday Celebration: On Sunday, April 6, we will commemorate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha into this world. Known in Japan as the "Flower Festival," this is a festive occasion and an opportunity for members of the wider Sangha who might not come on a regular basis to converge at the Zendo. People are especially encouraged to bring children to the event. A brief ceremony will begin at 10:20 to 10:30, in which everyone will have the opportunity to participate in the ceremonial bathing of the baby Buddha. Please be at the Zendo around 10:15 if you would like to attend just the ceremony. Lunch will be served afterwards in the yurt and will include a desert of delicious rice pudding. All are welcome!



Sweetcake Enso Traveling Art Exhibit and Request for Artwork: Inaugurated at the Empty Hand Zen Center in New York, Sweetcake Enso has since traveled to a number of Zen centers throughout the country, exhibiting works by artists from various sanghas. Drawing upon the enso, or circle, as its guiding form, the exhibit seeks to find a way for the contemporary and the traditional in art to meet and to provide a space for the expression of practice. Works from the exhibit will be on display at the Eugene Zendo on Saturday, June 4 from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. This event will serve as a fundraiser for our temple, and refreshments will be provided, including doughnuts to be fried by Ejo! Sangha artists and writers of every medium, genre, and skill level are encouraged to submit work, most of which will be exhibited at the local show. The curator will determine the extent to which works will be on display in forthcoming shows or in the event's publicity materials. For more information, visit the Sweetcake Enso blog at sweetcakeenso.blogspot.com or e-mail Tina Soen Schragger, coordinator for the local show, at dandt@efn.org.

Board Notes and New Fundraising Committee: The Eugene Zendo Board of Directors met on Tuesday, March 10, primarily to discuss budgeting for the remainder of 2011. The Board decided to present two sets of numbers to the wider temple membership at our Spring meeting (scheduled for Sunday, May 1)—first, a budget covering only our basic needs, and second, a budget which would account for desired supplementary costs, such as repairing the covering over our back porch, which is leaking badly, and

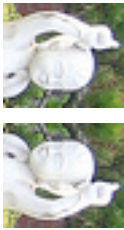

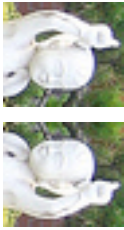

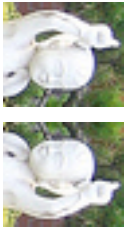
inviting guest teachers or scholars to come to the Zendo and give teachings. A Fundraising committee, headed by Carmelita, is forming to discuss possible ways to raise money to help cover our projected shortfall for the year and to help organize fundraisers. Please contact her (carmel@efn.org) if you would like to join the committee or if you have ideas for possible fundraisers.

Looking Ahead

May 1	Spring Membership Meeting
May 5	Joint Term Student and Term Trainee Meeting
May 11-15	Five-Day Sesshin
May 15	Term Closing and Shosan Ceremony

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Children's Program Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service/Zazen 10-20 Buddha's Birthday Celebration!	 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings class	 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen (No sanzen)	 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 12 pm Campus Zazen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	1 Weekday Schedule 1 a.m. Secret Transmission Ceremony	2
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Weekday Schedule:

5:10 a.m. Zazen
 5:50 a.m. Robe verse and kinhin
 6:00 a.m. Zazen
 6:40 a.m. Morning service

7:25 a.m. Morning cleaning
 7:50 a.m. Oryoki breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Tea and work circle

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 p.m. 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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