

EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Our Sunday **Children's Program** goes on hiatus for the summer and will resume again in September.

Several **work parties** are scheduled for Tuesday evenings—the 2nd and the 16th—during the month of July. This is an opportunity to explore practice within activity and to assist with the upkeep of the temple grounds. Work practice begins immediately after zazen and continues until dusk.

Names and contact information for the Board of Directors have been posted on the bulletin board in the front room and also are available upon request. Please contact anyone on the list if you have any concerns about the operation of the temple, issues which you would like discussed at future board meetings, or if you simply have any questions about what the Board of Directors is and how it operates.

We have posted a tentative **Ethics Statement** on the bulletin board in the front room and on the website which provides general guidelines for Sangha conduct, confidentiality, teacher/student relationships, and conflict resolution in our community. Our ethics statement was adapted from that of Shao Shan Temple, who made theirs available for use by members of the Soto Zen Buddhist Association. Since this is a work in progress, we welcome any feedback that you may have.

Please contact us via e-mail (butsugenji@eugenezendo.org) or sign up on the table in the front room if you would like to **receive the bulletin electronically** in PDF format rather than in printed form. This will help us save on printing and postage costs!

Please visit the **Zendo Facebook page** (Eugene Zendo – Butsugenji) where we are posting—hopefully on an increasingly regular basis!—announcements about special events and other items of interest.

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

Eugene Celebration Booth: This year, the Eugene Celebration will be just a bit more celebratory than usual, with our very own Zendo booth to be open on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. The booth will be located in the vicinity of 8th and Willamette in the community causeway section, where no admission fee is required for entry. Organizing a Eugene Celebration booth is a way of further establishing our presence in the local community and also of raising funds through the sale of zafus, tee-shirts, and other items. We're still in the planning stage at the moment, but other possibilities for the booth include a small altar, regular services, dharma talks, zazen and zazen instruction, and mini-workshops. A sign-up sheet is available on the front room bulletin board if you would like to join in the planning and booth design process, and sign-ups for staffing and setup/takedown should be available shortly. For more information, please contact Seiyo Kleinfelder, who is heading the project, either in person or via e-mail (brenk@comcast.net).

Fall Practice Term Information and Dates: Beginning on Sunday, September 18, we will once again enter into a ninety-day period of more structured practice. This term, the study topic will be Dana-Paramita, or the Perfection of Generosity. Term student and trainee programs will continue much as before, with more information to come as we get closer to the Fall. This time around, however, we will experiment with several different varieties of retreats, replacing the three-day sesshins which were held twice per practice term before. From Thursday, October 13 through Sunday, October 16, we will conduct a text study retreat, exploring in depth the first five chapters of the Diamond Sutra, with lectures, group discussions, individual study, student presentations, and zazen. Then, from Thursday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13, we will hold an introductory "Beginner's Mind" retreat on the theme of gratitude, generosity, and food. Beginner's Mind retreats are an opportunity for beginning and long-term practitioners alike to practice zazen and explore the Buddha's teachings in a less formal and more guided setting than a traditional sesshin. Finally, from Sunday, December 4 through Sunday, December 11, we will conduct Rohatsu sesshin. Mark your calendars! Full calendars for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 practice terms events are available on the table in the front room or on our website.

Sangha Beach Outing!: On Saturday, August 20, everyone is invited to join us for some fun in the sun as we descend upon Haceda Head beach (located 13 miles north of Florence along Highway 101) for our first ever Sangha beach party! We'll get started around 2:00 P.M. and continue through dinner, though of course people are welcome to arrive at any time. There is a five dollar day use fee per vehicle, payable at the site. Details are yet to be finalized, but stay tuned for more! A sign-up sheet for carpooling, food, and beverages will be posted as we get closer to the date of the event.




Summer Yard Sale Reminder: As we go to press, the dates of our annual yard sale—Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31—are fast approaching, and preparations for the sale have begun in earnest. Volunteers are still very much needed for pricing items, setting up for the sale, staffing it, and cleaning up afterward—if you would like to offer your help, please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the front room. We are continuing to accept donations of items for the sale, which can be dropped off at any time either on the back patio (for larger items) or in the yurt. Our thanks to everyone who has already donated items!

Looking Ahead

September 18	Fall Practice Term Opening
September 22	Joint Term Student and Term Trainee Meeting
September 25	Prajnaparamita Festival
October 13-16	Diamond Sutra Study Retreat
November 10-13	Beginner's Mind Retreat: Gratitude, Generosity, and Food

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Weekday Schedule	2 Weekday Schedule 7 p.m. Zazen and Work Party	3 Weekday Schedule	4 Weekday Schedule	5 Weekday Schedule	6
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Weekday Schedule (Summer):

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. Temple cleaning
7:50 a.m. Formal breakfast

8:30 a.m. Tea and work circle
11:30 a.m. Informal lunch

Sanzen will not be available during the month of August due to Ejo's annual trip to Japan and other travel plans.

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