

# EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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## December 2010

### Announcements

#### **Openings for the Temple Board:**

Beginning in January, there will be two openings for the Butsugenji Board of Directors. A few names have already come forward, but we encourage all interested Temple members to touch base with Ejo as soon as possible.

Board terms are for three years, and entail monthly meetings and typically some degree of oversight for Temple or Board functioning (e.g. serving as Temple treasurer or Board Secretary).

**The final Children's Program date of Fall is December 12.** The program will resume again in January. Check in with Yoan for details -- or contact the Zendo at butsugenji@eugenezendo.org

#### **Campus Zazen resumes January 6.**

Our University of Oregon sitting group will its last sit for Fall term on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us again after the new year.

We meet whenever UO classes are in session, on Thursdays at noon at the Koinonia Center: 14<sup>th</sup> and Kincaid.

#### **Note from Upstairs at Butsugenji:**

*The residents make many bows of gratitude to everyone whose gifts have helped keep us warm and comfortable in the new living space! We are still looking for a few basic furnishings to make it more like home:*

- Twin mattresses/futons for the dormitory bunk beds
- Twin bed frames or platforms for futons
- Bookcases and shelving
- A coat rack or hooks
- Area rug for the upstairs common area

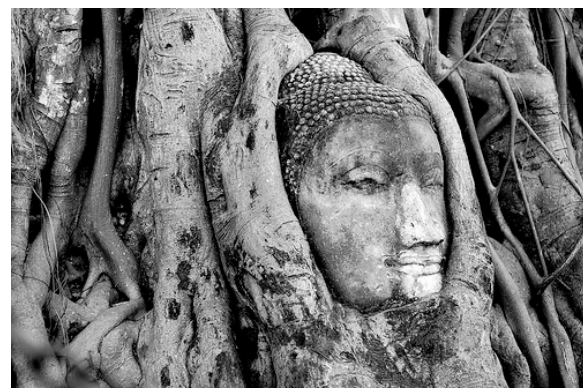
*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

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If you would like to donate any large furniture items or funds to purchase those items, please touch base with Ejo, Myoshin or Sogaku beforehand -- or simply email/call the Temple directly.

#### **Rohatsu Sesshin**

**December 5-12.** Zen Buddhists celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month (or "rohatsu" in Japanese) as the Buddha's Day of Enlightenment: the day on which, having sat beneath an Indian fig tree with the firm



vow not to arise before clarifying the truth of human suffering, Siddhartha Gautama finally awakened. For students of Zen, Rohatsu offers an occasion for the most focused meditation retreat of the year. This December, thanks to our new residential program and our freshly painted dorm rooms, Butsugenji will be hosting its first ever Rohatsu Sesshin! This is a time to clarify the heart of your own practice -- and to dedicate yourself to a new year of renewed vigor and generosity. Please sit with us for all or part of this very, very special occasion. The enclosed insert offers more details.

#### **Term Closing and the Shosan Ceremony**

Fall Practice term closes with Sunday service on December 12. After zazen we will hold a traditional "Shosan" ceremony. The Shosan ceremony expresses the relationship that has been realized between teacher and student over the course of the practice period. Specifically, Shosan is a formal question and answer session where Term Trainees and Term Students come forward before the Buddha, Sangha and Dharma (as represented by our Term Teacher, Ejo) in order to present the foremost question arising for them at this moment in their practice. The meeting of Teacher and Student is always surprising, often moving -- and sometimes even hilarious. Even if you made no formal practice commitments this Term, please consider sharing this event with the term students. You may find that the question that gets answered is the one simmering within your own heart.

#### **Zendo Crafting Party: Monday December 13th**

Please join us the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup> for a Zendo "crafting" party. This is an opportunity to help stock the Zendo store for the holidays -- and maybe go home with some dharma-related gifts for your own friends and family. Bring crafting materials -- or just bring yourselves. There will definitely be materials for making malas (ie. prayer-beads)... and otherwise, it's potluck! If you'd care to sit zazen beforehand, join us at 6:30 in the Zendo. Otherwise, show up with your crafty self any time between 7 and 9 p.m.

#### **Venerating our Women Ancestors**

How can we begin to truly venerate our women ancestors of the Way? Beginning on January 4, we will hold a series of six Tuesday night discussions to explore how our Temple can establish a vigorous tradition of honoring our female Buddha ancestors. See the January Bulletin for more information.

**Looking Ahead:** With the New Year, Ejo will again be making House Blessing visits. See the next Bulletin for details.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	2 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen <u>Noon: Campus Zazen</u> 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	3 Weekday Schedule	4
5 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk 7:00 p.m. <b>ROHATSU</b> <b>SESSHIN BEGINS</b>	6 <b>ROHATSU</b> <b>SESSHIN</b> (see other side for retreat schedule)	7 <b>ROHATSU</b>	8 <b>ROHATSU</b>	9 <b>ROHATSU</b>	10 <b>ROHATSU</b>	11 <b>ROHATSU</b>
12 <b>8 a.m. Sesshin ends</b> <b>Children's Program</b> 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, FALL TERM CLOSING	13 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen <b>7 p.m. Zendo</b> <b>Crafting Party</b>	14 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 4:30p.m. Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Zazen and Dharma Discussion	15 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	16 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen	17 Weekday Schedule	18
19 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk	20 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	21 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen <b>7 p.m. Fusatsu</b> (Atonement Service)	22 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	23 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen	24 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b> <b>NO WEEKDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	25
26 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Tea	27 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	28 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Double Sit	29 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	30 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen	31 Weekday Schedule	1 3-5:00 p.m. New Years' Celebration

### Weekday Schedule:

5:10-6:40 a.m. Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen

6:40 a.m. Morning Service

7:25 a.m. Temple Cleaning

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Work Circle

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. 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. An attendant will help you get settled. (If you'd like, please feel free to join us for evening service before sanzen as well.) 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 Eijo's bell.

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