

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 February Fusatsu will be Sunday the 28th at 7:00 p.m..

Dharma Talks Online:

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

♥ **Valentine's Dinner** ♥ A fun fundraiser at Tenkan & Evelyn's! You and your friends, families, and sweethearts are warmly invited to enjoy a delicious feast, from appetizers to desserts, lovingly prepared by Evelyn. All donations go to the zendo. Saturday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m., at 570 E 46th Ave (between Donald and Fox Hollow roads). Parking is on the street in front of the house or in the parking lot of the Edgewood School. Strictly pink cummerbund.

Parinirvana on Sunday, February 14th, we will celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's entering into final nirvana with a special ceremony. The ceremony will begin shortly after zazen, at around 10:00. There will also be a short ceremony for the opening of the Spring practice term.

Spring Practice Term begins February 14th. The practice term is an opportunity to deepen spiritual practice with support from the community. Participants take up daily practice commitments and a structured engagement with the teacher and the temple, either as Term Students or as Term Trainees. More information and sign-up forms are available in the front room of the zendo and for download on the website.

Spring Classes Beginning on February 16th the Buddha Ancestors will be the study focus for Tuesday night classes. We will consider stories and koans of the ancestors and investigate the transmission of the dharma through 2,500 years of history.

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

Sesshin Our first sesshin (silent meditation retreat) of the year will begin at 5:10 a.m. on Friday, February 19th, and close after the Sunday morning program. Schedules and sign-up sheets are available at the zendo or for download on the website. Please help us out if you can by signing up sooner rather than later.

Poetry Classes continue until the spring practice term begins. Tuesday February 2nd will be focused on English spiritual poets and writing as a path of self-investigation. At the last meeting, February 9th, we will share poems we enjoy reading and/or present our own compositions.

* **Call for Poems** * At the end of the poetry class, we would like to put together a collection of our work. Please consider sharing your poetry with the sangha. If you would like your work included in the collection, provide a hard copy to Myoshin by February 9th. Please include your name and a title if you would like them to appear with your poem.

Looking Ahead:

February 14	Opening of Spring Practice Term and Shakyamuni Buddha's Parinirvana Ceremony
February 19-21	Sesshin (Silent Meditation Retreat)
March 26-28	Sesshin (Silent Meditation Retreat)