

# EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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### Announcements

**Campus Zazen:** Every Thursday that the UO is in session -- excluding final exam weeks -- a sitting group meets at noon in the library of the Koinonia Center (14<sup>th</sup> and Kincaid). All are welcome, including non-University members. The first 15 or 20 minutes are devoted to dharma conversation and meditation instruction. Feel free to join us for that -- or simply arrive by 12:15 in time for the 30-minute sit. Our last sit this Summer will be August 12.

**Altar Flowers and Other Practice Positions:** If you would like to participate more directly in the weekly schedule of the Temple please contact Carmelita or the Zendo at [butsugenji@eugenezendo.org](mailto:butsugenji@eugenezendo.org). We are especially hoping to find someone who enjoys arranging flowers and can help Carmelita with our fragrant altar offerings.

**Board of Directors:** The Temple Board of Directors meets monthly to review operating and policy questions for the Temple. Decisions on such matters are announced in the Bulletin and at membership meetings. A new Board position opens in the Fall; a further position will become available in January 2011. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please see Ejo or Thelma (Board President) for more details. Board members typically serve staggered, three-year terms.

### **Zendo Yard Sale: Saturday-Sunday July 24-25:**

Every year, the Yard Sale is one of our most important fundraisers. It's also a lot of fun -- whether you're donating items, helping to price and sort goods, staffing the event, or just browsing the booty. First things first: we need your donated treasures now! Items can be left on the back porch or in the Yurt for sorting and pricing. If you need help transporting larger goods (furniture, appliances), please contact the Zendo: [butsugenji@eugenezendo.org](mailto:butsugenji@eugenezendo.org) or 541-302-4576. Beginning in early July, sign-up sheets for volunteers (to sort/price, staff the event, make baked goods for sale, etc.) will be posted on the Zendo bulletin board. Please see Carmelita for more details. All donated items should be clean, in working order and in good repair.

### **Sowing the Seeds:**

May's membership meeting saw the unfolding of a Three-Year Plan to grow Butsugenji into a comprehensive temple facility. We have now raised \$13,675 of our immediate fundraising goal (\$20K). We're closer to our goal than ever -- but still need to raise over \$6000 to make this transition possible. For those wishing to donate funds over the course of several months, the Zendo office can track a pledge for the full amount. Presuming that we quickly meet our financial goal, the next steps in our three-year plan are to find the McMullen family a suitable rental in the neighborhood and to develop guidelines and facilities for a small residential program. Nine bows to all who have already contributed time and resources to this endeavor!



### **Zendo Summer Schedule:**

During the summer months, the Temple maintains its regular weekday morning program -- but otherwise follows a slightly less formal schedule. On Tuesday nights, our classes and workshops are replaced by double-sits and work parties. Sunday Dharma Discussions take the place of more formal Dharma Talks. This can be a time for all of us to nurture and enjoy the treasure of sangha -- to really unfold our practice in the good company of friends and fellows. Please join us for all or part of any of these activities. On "double-sit" nights, feel free to attend just one of the sitting periods. For "work party" nights, feel free simply to sit zazen, or to stay afterwards to enjoy the warm summer evening while doing light work in the Temple garden and grounds. Dharma Discussions on Sunday mornings are a chance to share your practice questions and aspirations in community. In addition, if you're interested in facilitating one of those discussions, please touch base with Ejo as soon as possible.

**Looking Ahead** Own a one-of-a-kind cozy work of art! At our July 24-25 Yard Sale, raffle tickets will go on sale for a queen-sized quilt designed and handmade by Zendo artisans. Tickets will be sold until we've met our reserve.