

EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

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Announcements

Temple Gift Shop: Well, perhaps it's more of a Gift *Hutch*.... In the front room you'll find a few shelves dedicated to dharma gifts and items for home practice: everything from incense and incense holders, to malas and CDs. Most items are hand-crafted by sangha members; all proceeds benefit the Temple. Check it out - - and if you'd like to donate your own crafts for sale, contact Myobun for details: (myobun@me.com).

Accepting Donations for the Yard Sale: One of our year's most important fundraisers happens every summer... and we'll need your donated treasures to make it happen. Beginning June 23rd, items can be left on the back porch or in the Yurt for sorting and pricing. Items should be clean and in good repair.

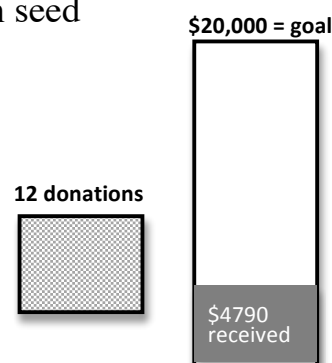
Fusatsu: During fall, winter and spring we greet the full moon with a monthly atonement ceremony ("Fusatsu"). Our last Spring Fusatsu is Thursday, May 27 at 7 p.m. During the summer months, however, your twisted karma is up to you! Our first Fall Fusatsu ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 23rd at 7 p.m.

Nurturing a Community Temple:

Last month's membership meeting unveiled our energetic three-year plan to transform Butsugenji into a comprehensive community temple. Our immediate Fundraising Goal is \$20,000 in seed

money to establish a residential training program and dormitories for various retreats by Fall 2010. The three-year plan was met with great enthusiasm -- but so far the number of donations has been low (12 donations amounting to

~\$4790 total). If we are to move forward with these plans, the timeframe is a tight one. **Please join us for an informal gathering to discuss fundraising goals, contingency plans and our long-range vision on Sunday May 23rd at 11:30 a.m.** Please also feel free to email your thoughts if you can't make Sunday's meeting: butsugenji@eugenezendo.org, and of course, please send a donation if you can!



Sixth Anniversary of the Temple's Dedication:

Please join us on Sunday, June 13 at 3 p.m. for the Sixth Anniversary of the Temple's Dedication. A brief ceremony will be followed by food and celebration. The Eugene Zendo, a strong center for practice and refuge in the buddha dharma since the 1980s, originally began as a

sitting group formed by Randi Getsushin Brox and Kuya Minogue. Kyogen Carlson, Getsushin's teacher and the co-abbot of Portland's Dharma Rain Center, helped guide the sitting group for many years. When Ejo McMullen returned to Oregon from Japan in 1999, he worked closely with Getsushin, Kyogen, and the Zendo sangha to nurture the center -- ultimately becoming its resident priest. As a full-fledged community temple, Yujin Kidenzan Shobobutsugenji (Heroic Benevolence Happiness Transmitting Mountain True Dharma Buddha Eye Temple) was dedicated in 2004, thanks to the vision and beneficence of Ejo's teacher, Keira-roshi, abbot of Shurinji, our parent temple in Japan.

Tuesday Night Koan Workshops: Since May 18th, we've been meeting on Tuesday evenings to investigate the question, "What are koans good for anyway?" These workshops will continue, facilitated by Aido, through June 22nd. Newcomers are always welcome. In the end, koans defy definition. To know them is to put yourself in their way, let them into your body, your being, to sink down with them and take the ride they offer. Please join us and see what it is all about!

Cedar Fence: Special thanks to Kogen for initiating the new Temple fence project... and to all who have contributed time, energy and money to its construction. The beautiful new structure not only replaces cold steel with warm wood, but also helps create a much more welcoming garden: an enclosure that is, paradoxically, more open to the "outside" world.

Looking Ahead Summertime marks the return of the Dharma Discussion. If you're interested in facilitating one of these lively opportunities to share the dharma, please touch base with Ejo.