

EUGENE ZENDO

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Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Tuesday Night Koan Classes, led by Aido, continue through June 21. The focus, in keeping with our exploration of gender and the Way, is on koans oriented towards the feminine. We will conduct service and zazen as normal on these nights, with passages from a particular koan case read during zazen. Afterward, we will meet in the yurt for discussion. Please join us as we consider how we might bring koan study and practice to our own lives.

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

Summer Reading and Discussion Group: Every Thursday evening in June and continuing on into the summer, there will be a Dharma text discussion group. If you are reading a text on your own, this is an opportunity to share and explore it with others. You could also bring a text that made a big impression on you in the past. Luke will sit in the zendo from 7:00 to 7:20 P.M. and then begin the reading and discussion

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.

There will be no **Fusatsu** in June, July, or August.

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

Seventh Anniversary Celebration:

In June of 2004, the Yujin Kidenzan Shobo Butsugenji, or Heroic Benevolence Happiness Transmitting Mountain True Dharma Buddha Eye Temple, was officially dedicated with the blessings of Joshin Keira-Roshi, Ejo's teacher in Japan. Since then, we've been celebrating this occasion every June with a festive gathering, and this year will be no different. The celebration is scheduled for Sunday the 12th, and we will begin a bit earlier than normal this year, which a short ceremony to commence at 10:00 A.M. after zazen, followed by a talk from Ejo and then a lunch of lasagna, bread, and salad. The festivities will then most likely continue well into the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to bring family and friends to the zendo—feel free to come to the 10:00 ceremony and talk or to come by afterward, when the lasagnas start popping out of the ovens!



Membership Meeting Notes: Our Spring Membership meeting, held on May 1, was extremely well-attended—thank you to everyone who participated! Most of our discussion centered around budgeting for the remainder of the year and fundraising ideas. Issei, our treasurer, presented two sets of numbers to the membership, one containing only “bare-bones” expenditures and the other accounting for desired supplementary expenses. The membership unanimously decided that our fundraising goal should account for these supplementary expenses, such as repairing the badly-leaking overhang above the back patio, inviting guest teachers to the zendo, increasing Ejo's travel budget, and compensating him for the tax that he is required to pay on the funds that the sangha gives to help support him and his family. We then proceeded to discuss the issue of fundraising in light of our projected shortfall for the coming year, brainstorming ideas for fundraising events and discussing the possibility of direct donation drives. We also touched the larger issue of how we as a temple hold the Buddha's teaching of

dana, or generosity, and how to skillfully encourage and facilitate people's support of our practice in light of our financial need. The Fundraising Committee will meet in the very near future to get the ball rolling on several of the event ideas that were brought up during the meeting. Members who indicated interest in these projects at the meeting will be contacted, and others who would like to become involved should contact Carmelita, our Fundraising Committee head.

Summer Yard Sale: As we move into June we are fast approaching that time of year when we begin making preparations for our annual yard sale. This year the sale will be the last weekend of July, Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Zendo, so we hope everyone will begin thinking about what they might donate. We also encourage everyone to go a little further afield this year and contact 3 or 4 friends or neighbors for additional donations so we can expand our fundraising revenues on this front. Activities in the yurt will be finished by June 22nd, so you may drop off donations any time after that. Creating a successful yard sale requires a lot of effort from the whole sangha so we encourage everyone to pitch in and join the fun. If you have any further questions or thoughts, please talk to Thelma (485-5996), Carmelita (345-9051) or Issei.

Help us reduce our Printing and Postage Costs!: We continue to ask that who would like to receive the bulletin electronically, in PDF format, instead of through the mail please contact us. There hasn't been much a response yet to our call for a switch to an electronic bulletin, but we have a feeling that there are more of you out there who might like to do so!


Looking Ahead

July 30-31

Zendo Yard Sale

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	2 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen 7 p.m.: Summer Reading Group	3 Weekday Schedule	4 5:00-9p.m Sweet Cake Enso Art Show 
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12 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service and Zazen 11:00 Seventh Anniversary Celebration	13 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	14 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Koan class	15 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	16 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 10 a.m. Board Mtg. 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen 7 p.m.: Summer Reading Group	17 Weekday Schedule	18
19 Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service/Zazen 10:20 Dharma	20 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen (no sanzen)	21 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Koan class	22 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen (no sanzen)	23 Weekday Schedule (no sanzen) 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen 7 p.m.: Summer Reading Group	24 Weekday Schedule	25
26 Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service/Zazen 10:20 Dharma	27 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen (no sanzen)	28 Weekday Schedule (no sanzen) 7 p.m. Double Sit	29 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen (no sanzen)	30 Weekday Schedule (no sanzen) 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen 7 p.m.: Summer Reading Group	<div data-bbox="73 1491 516 1921" data-label="Text" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sanzen June 20-June 30: Ejo is as yet unsure when he will be departing for Japan, so for these dates, sanzen will not be available at the normal times on Monday and Wednesday and may not be available Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If Ejo does end up leaving at a later date, sanzen will be available by appointment, and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the front room bulletin board. Please stay tuned!</p> </div>	

Weekday Schedule:

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
1:30 p.m. Work practice

4:30 p.m. Evening service

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