

EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Our children's program meets on March 6 this month, with no meeting March 17 because of Spring break. All grade school-aged children are welcome. Kids join the rest of the assembly for chanting and ten minutes of zazen, after which they go to the yurt to take part in various activities under the supervision of our children's program director, Yoan Nelson. For more information, please call or e-mail us.

Tuesday night classes on "Practicing With Foundational Buddhist Teachings" continue on a weekly basis. Classes begin around 8:00 P.M. in the yurt and all are welcome to attend. Copies of the study text, Kyogen Carlson's "Zen Roots," are available at the class or on request.

The Eugene Zendo welcomes its newest resident, Luke Grossmiller, who resides at the temple as a part-time trainee.

Our Beginning Practitioners' Discussion Group meets for the second time on Wednesday, March 23 with zazen at 7 p.m and an informal discussion beginning at 7:30. This is a great opportunity to bring your questions and touch base with other beginning practitioners.

Campus Zazen meets on Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. in the Koinonia Center (14th and Kincaid) whenever UO classes are in session. All are welcome! Please note that the sitting group will not be meeting during Winter Term exams and Spring Break on March 17 and 24.

Fusatsu occurs on Saturday, March 19 this month.

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

Fundraising for Front Room Expansion: At its February meeting, the board of directors approved plans for an expansion to the front room. We may have, as you read this, already begun to tear down the wall that currently stands between the front room office and the bedroom located behind it. Having this space available as part of the common area should make for a much less cramped tea and cookie experience on Sunday mornings and other well-attended occasions. We'll need a bit of help, however, to get the space ready. Total costs for the expansion project are estimated at 850 dollars, which will cover new drywall for the ceiling, a fresh coat of paint, a new door, and new flooring matching that in the front room. There will be a special envelope on the sangha bulletin board for donations. You may also include donations with your regular dana offerings—simply make a note on checks of how much you'd like to go specifically toward the expansion.

A new Healing Meditation Circle meets on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sacred Heart RiverBend Chapel. This is a new opportunity for meditators and for those interested in interfaith community and/or holistic health. Sangha member Myobun Freinkel, currently participating in a medical chaplaincy internship, coordinates the Circle. A brief interfaith healing service and guided meditation instruction are followed by silent meditation. "In our circle," says Myobun, "we focus on the process of healing, whether we understand that process in purely physical terms or from the standpoint of spiritual, emotional or psychological distress. Together we bring our attention to finding greater peace and wholeness in our lives." Beginners are especially welcome to this circle, and are encouraged to come a few minutes early (e.g. 12 noon) for extra meditation instruction. Email Myobun for more details: myoubun@gmail.com.

Electronic Zendo Bulletin and Facebook Page: Costs for printing and mailing our monthly bulletins make up a fairly significant portion of the Zendo's annual operating budget, and we have begun to consider possible alternatives. One possibility would be to e-mail PDF or HTML versions of the bulletin while continuing to send physical copies to those who lack internet access or specifically request that we do so. Also of note—as we go to press, we've just begun to get a Facebook page going, through which we plan to post regular announcements about zendo events and other items of interest or concern. Look on Facebook for "Eugene Zendo – Butsugenji" and be sure to become a fan! If you have any thoughts or ideas about the switch to an electronic bulletin, please be sure to contact us—is the physicality of the bulletin, or of receiving it in your mailbox something important to you? Also, apart from monthly bulletins and Facebook announcements, are there other means of communication that we might employ?

Entering Postulancy: At a special ceremony on February 13, Zendo resident Sogaku Neal formally entered the temple as a postulant and can now be seen sporting several spiffy white squares on his rakusu. A gateway to potential ordination as a Soto Zen priest, postulancy marks a transition in one's relationship with both the teacher and the community—as a postulant, Sogaku is now supported entirely by dana, provided through the general Zendo fund. He would like to thank all who have and continue to make his peculiar choice of lifestyle a possibility, and would like to encourage people to let him know if there is any way that he can be of service.

A Three-Day Sesshin will take place beginning on Friday, March 25 at 5:10 a.m. and continuing through the morning of Sunday, February 27. Sesshin at the Eugene Zendo typically include nine forty-minute periods of zazen per day, several periods of work practice, several chanting services, and formal oryoki-style meals eaten in the zendo. An orientation to sesshin practice prior to the retreat can be arranged; please call or e-mail the zendo or speak with Sogaku for more information. Schedules and sign-up forms are available shortly on the front room table and on our website. Early registrations are, as always, very much appreciated.

Looking Ahead

April 3

Buddha's Birthday Celebration and Bathing of the Buddha Ceremony

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings class	2 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6:00 Zazen with sanzen	3 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 12 pm Campus Zazen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	4 Weekday Schedule	5
6 Children's Program Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service 9:30 Zazen 10:20 Dharma	7 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	8 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings class	9 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	10 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 12 pm Campus Zazen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	11 Weekday Schedule	12
13 Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service 9:30 Zazen 10:20 Dharma	14 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	15 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings class	16 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	17 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	18 Weekday Schedule	19 7 p.m. Fusatsu
20 Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service 9:30 Zazen 10:20 Dharma	21 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen (no sanzen)	22 Weekday Schedule (no AM sanzen) 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings discussion	23 Weekday Schedule (no sanzen) 7 p.m. Beginning Practitioners' Discussion Group	24 Weekday Schedule (no AM sanzen) 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	25	26
27 Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service 9:30 Zazen 10:20 Dharma (End of Sesshin)	28 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	29 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings class	30 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	31 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 12 pm Campus Zazen 7 p.m. Term Student Meeting		

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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. and follow the posted instructions. 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 Ejo’s bell.

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. Morning cleaning
- 7:50 a.m. Oryoki breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Tea and work circle
- 11:30 a.m. Informal lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Work practice
- 4:00 p.m. Evening service

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