

# EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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## May 2011

### Announcements

A **special thanks** to everyone who contributed resources and labor to our front room expansion project! As we go to press, the space is open and remodeling is nearly complete.

**Our children's program** continues in May, with meetings on Sunday, May 1 and 15. 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, or her helpers. For more information, please call or e-mail us.

**Tuesday night classes** on "Practicing With Foundational Buddhist Teachings" continue through the close of Spring Practice Term. Classes begin around 8:00 P.M. in the yurt and all are welcome to attend.

The deadline for submissions for the traveling **Sweetcake Enso Art Show** is May 13. That is the date by which digital images (300 dpi) should be sent to Catherine Spaeth in New York: catherine.spaeth@gmail.com. Please include the measurements of the finished piece(s) and the medium. She will select images to go on the website and in national publicity materials. Note that all Sangha artwork will be exhibited in our Eugene show regardless of whether it is selected for the traveling exhibit and the May 13 deadline does not apply. Artwork needs to be finished and ready to hang in time for the June 4 exhibit. If you would like help in getting your work photographed and sent, contact Soen at dandt@efn.org.

Our **Campus Zazen** group meets at noon on Thursdays while the U of O is in session. For more information (about location, other meditation opportunities on the UO campus, etc.) please contact myoubun@gmail.com .

**Electronic Bulletin and Zendo Facebook Page:** The future of our print bulletin is still unclear, but for now please e-mail us if you would like to receive an electronic version instead, in .pdf format, helping to reduce our printing and postage costs. Also, please visit our new Facebook page (Eugene Zendo – Butsugenji) where we have begun to post announcements about special events and other items of interest.

**Fusatsu** occurs on Monday, May 16 this month.

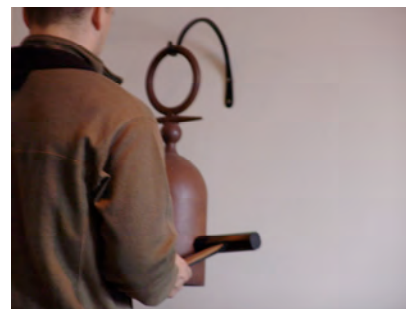
**Dharma talks are available online** at [www.eugenezendo.org/mp3](http://www.eugenezendo.org/mp3) .

**Spring Membership Meeting:** It's time again for our biannual membership meeting! The meeting will occur on Sunday, May 1 in the yurt, beginning at 12:00 P.M. and continuing through 2:00. A light lunch will be served beforehand. On the itinerary are a presentation of our progress with our Three-Year Plan, an update on our discussions on gender and the Way, and a presentation of our current financial situation. The Board will present two budgets for 2011, the first consisting only of necessary "bare bones" expenditures and the second including desired supplementary expenses, such as inviting guest teachers to give dharma talks and repairing the overhang above the back porch. Afterward, we will discuss our fundraising needs for the coming year and possible ways to make up for our projected budget shortfall. All members are encouraged to attend—the Board of Directors depends upon membership meetings to gauge the feeling of the larger community and determine our direction for the coming 6 months, so your presence is truly needed and appreciated. If you are not yet a member but see yourself as firmly rooted in the community and you would like to have a voice as to our future development, you are invited to apply for membership. Please contact Carmelita, our membership coordinator, in person or by e-mail at [carmel@efn.org](mailto:carmel@efn.org) .

**Term Closing and Shosan Ceremony:** Sunday, May 15 marks the formal closing of the Spring Practice Term. As the culmination of their practice of the past three months, term students and trainees will each have the opportunity to come before the assembly and present a question to Ejo. In the Zen tradition particularly, bringing questions to a teacher is an important spiritual practice, and these interactions tend to be brief but lively.

**Koan Class:** Once again, Aido will be leading a 6 week course on koans Tuesday nights beginning on May 17 and continuing through June 21. This time, in keeping with our exploration of gender and the Way, the focus will be on koans oriented towards the feminine. We hope that you will join us as we take the time to consider what this might look like in our own lives. Here are some things to think about as we consider what a koan does anyway: Conversation is its own spiritual practice; it helps us to appreciate the way others live and share what we have discovered. In turn, this helps us to be more present with the range of our own lives. Mistakes and epiphanies, losses and triumphs—whatever is really so is the material of the koan work. As John Tarrant Roshi puts it, "The koan's job is to take you across any gap between yourself and your life. It's not something to make sense of, any more than a poem or a piece of music would be."

A **Five-Day Sesshin** will take place beginning Wednesday, May 11 at 5:10 a.m. and continuing through the morning of Sunday, May 15. 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 can be arranged prior to sesshin; please call or e-mail the zendo or speak with Sogaku for more information. Schedules and sign-up forms are available on the front room table and on our website. Your dana offerings are gratefully accepted; please include these with your registration forms. Offerings of snacks (crackers, fruit, nuts, cookies, etc.) for the snack table or of soup and bread for evening meals are likewise greatly appreciated. If you would like to offer soup or bread, please speak with our head cook, Kogen, prior to sesshin.



### Looking Ahead

June 4 Sweet Cake Enso Art Show and Fundraiser  
June 12 Seventh Anniversary Celebration

# Eugene Zendo

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Children's Program Sunday Schedule</b> 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service/Zazen 10:20 Dharmā 12:00 Spring Membership Mtg.	2 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	3 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Foundational Teachings class	4 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 4:30 – 6 p.m. Zazen with sanzen	5 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 12 pm Campus Zazen 7 p.m. Term Student Meeting	6 <b>Weekday Schedule</b>	7
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### Weekday Schedule:

5:10 a.m. Zazen  
5:50 a.m. Robe verse and kinhin  
6:00 a.m. Zazen  
7:25 a.m. Morning cleaning  
7:50 a.m. Oryōki 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

**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.

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