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Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Sesshin: Our second Fall Term retreat begins at 4:45 a.m. on Friday morning, November 5. Registration flyers are available at the Temple or online.

Membership Meeting, Sunday Nov 14: Our Fall membership meeting will reflect upon our three-year plan and our new residential program. If you are not a member of Butsugenji, we invite you to explore the idea of membership. You can find informational flyers in the Temple front room, and schedule a meeting with someone on our membership committee via email: butsugenji@eugenezendo.org. As with all our dharma-related activities, there are no fees for joining Butsugenji.

Just Dharma and Tea, please?

This Fall, we've slightly changed our Sunday program. Instead of kinhin (walking meditation) after our zazen period, we take a short break for folks to stretch their legs and use the restroom. For those wanting a taste of the Buddha teachings, it's now easier than ever to join us on Sundays halfway through the program -- after zazen, but before the dharma talk begins. Please arrive around 10:15, and find an empty seat in the Zendo once folks start filing back into the Hall.

Furnishing the Dharma: Our new residence has fresh paint, and little else! "Begging Bowl" needs include:

- beds (twin with mattresses or futon, plus mattress covers)
- bookcases/shelving
- dressers
- coat rack
- couch or chairs for upstairs common area
- area rugs for upstairs common area
- towel racks (3)
- bath mats towel rings (2)

One cautionary note... If you would like to offer large furniture, please talk Sogaku, Myoshin or Issei ahead of time, so that we can be sure it will fit in the space!

Feeding the Hungry Ghosts: October 31

The month of October draws to a close with our favorite Western sweet-tooth treat: the festival we know as Halloween (All Hallows' Eve)... and it also marks the Temple's celebration of Segaki: the festival of "feeding the hungry ghosts." Western hungry ghosts in their Casper costumes might enjoy their caramels -- but in Buddhism the hungry ghosts are unable to enjoy anything at all. A hungry ghost is a being with an empty stomach and a throat so small that it can't take in food or drink. These beings represent the insatiable nature of greed and desire. During the Segaki ceremony, we make offerings to the hungry ghosts to ease their sufferings. The ceremony also presents a way to make peace with the deceased, as well as with our past -- and to ease our own insatiable longings. Please bring family and friends to the kid-friendly Segaki Festival on Sunday morning, October 31.



Update on the Three-Year Plan

As we go "to press," the Winter rains have come -- but all is cheery inside the freshly painted walls upstairs at 2190 Garfield. Our three residents are safely ensconced, and the McMullen family as well has begun settling into *their* new home, kitty-corner to the Temple at 2225 Garfield. The residential program is off to a fine start -- and our new guest dorms should be available in time for our first ever Butsugenji Rohatsu retreat (Dec 5-12). Alongside these opportunities to nurture residential practice, a new opportunity to grow our practice at home begins this month (see "Engaging Practice Circle" below). Work has also begun in developing our yearly schedule: as we grow into a comprehensive community Temple, how should we envision the full cycle of festivals, liturgies, opportunities for veneration and commemoration that we come together in assembly to share? How, for instance, has our tradition reflected (or failed to reflect) the practice of women -- and how may we, in 2010, venerate our women ancestors? In January, we will begin a series of discussions to take up this specific question of women and the dharma. In the meantime, anyone interested in helping envision and refine our liturgical year -- and/or those interested in the specific question of veneration and the Buddha ancestors -- should please contact Ejo.

Engaging Practice Circle: Monday Nov 15

Please join us once a month for a free-wheeling conversation about engaging the dharma in one's day-to-day life. Those new to Zen practice are especially welcome to this circle -- but longer term practitioners are urged to come share their questions and perspectives as well. The topics we consider will be as varied as the zennies who join us -- but it's a safe bet that we'll talk about things both concrete and abstract... everything from aching knees and monkey mind, to *what the heck is a "bodhisattva vow"?* We'll start chewing the buddhadharma fat at 7 p.m., but please feel free to join us at 6:30 p.m. for a half hour of zazen. Drop-ins and drive-bys are most welcome! Contact Carmelita or Myobun for more details.

Looking Ahead: Plan now for the Temple's first ever **Rohatsu** (Buddha's Enlightenment) **Sesshin**: December 5-12!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 SEGAKI Children's Program 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Segaki Festival	1 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	2 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Paramitas Class	3 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	4 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen <u>Noon: Campus Zazen</u> 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	5 4:45 a.m. Sesshin (retreat) begins	6 Sesshin
7 8 a.m. Sesshin ends 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk	8 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	9 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m. Paramitas Class	10 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	11 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen <u>Noon: Campus Zazen</u> 7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting	12 Weekday Schedule	13
1:00p.m. Lay Disciples Meeting	6:30 p.m. Engaging Practice Circle					
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12 noon Membership Meeting						
21 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9 a.m. Service, Zazen, Dharma Talk	22 Weekday Schedule 4:30 – 6 p.m. Sanzen with zazen	23 Weekday Schedule 6:00 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Paramitas Class	24 Weekday Schedule NO SANZEN	25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NO WEEKDAY PROGRAM OR CAMPUS ZAZEN	26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NO WEEKDAY PROGRAM	27
7 p.m. F usatsu (Atonement Service)	29	30	29	30	Weekday Schedule: 5:10-6:40 a.m. Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen 6:40 a.m. Morning Service 7:25 a.m. Temple Cleaning 7:45 a.m. Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Work Circle 11:30 a.m. Lunch 1:30 p.m. Work Circle 4:00 p.m. Evening Service	
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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. An attendant will help you get settled. (If you'd like, please feel free to join us for evening service before sanzen as well.) 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.

Campus Zazen meets Thursdays 12-12:50 at the Kohonka Center, 14th & Kincaid. The first 15 minutes are devoted to dharma conversation and/or meditation instruction.

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