

# EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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## November 2011

### Announcements

Our Sunday **Children's Program** continues through November, with activities scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Children join everyone else for chanting and ten minutes of zazen, then participate in activities planned by our Children's program coordinators, Leslie Rutberg and Carmelita Thompson. Please contact us for additional information. Whomever is leading the activities for the day will also be available before the Sunday program starts to answer questions.

**Tuesday Evening Classes** on Dana-Paramita, or the Perfection of Generosity, continue through the Fall. Class begins around 8:00 P.M. in the yurt, and everyone is welcome to join. Feel free to come beforehand for zazen, or just to join us for class.

Our **Beginning Practitioners' Discussion Group** will meet in October on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> with optional zazen at 7:00 followed by a roundtable discussion at 7:30. Several longer-term practitioners will be on hand to facilitate. This is a great opportunity to touch base with others and to pose questions about practice or about the Zendo.

**We will be closed**, with daily activities suspended, on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please contact us via e-mail (butsugenji@eugenezendo.org) or sign up on the table in the front room if you would like to **receive the bulletin electronically** in PDF format rather than in printed form. This will help us save on printing and postage costs!

Please visit the **Zendo Facebook page** (Eugene Zendo – Butsugenji) where we are posting announcements about special events and other items of interest.

**Fusatsu** will occur Thursday, November 10 this month, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fall Membership Meeting:** Our Fall membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 20 and will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the yurt, with a light lunch served beforehand. All Eugene Zendo members are invited and encouraged to attend—for more information on membership, see “Becoming a Member” below. Membership meetings are a very important opportunity for the temple community to gather together and to discuss and reflect upon what we've been doing the past half a year and where we'll be headed in the months to come. A main topic of discussion will be the broader meaning of our practice of dana and the way that we rely upon generosity for our support. Other items to be touched on include our current progress with the three-year plan we set in motion last Spring and an update on our financial situation, including year-to-date expenditures and the progress of our fundraising efforts. We will also discuss the meaning of membership, which has been defined very loosely up to this point, and what it means to take on responsibility for the stewardship of our hall.

**Becoming a Member:** As mentioned above, we are in the process of collectively re-examining our approach to Zendo membership. Generally speaking, however, membership expresses a certain commitment to the longer-term stewardship of the temple. This stewardship may take many forms—there are no members' dues, so it is up to each individual person to determine how this commitment might take shape. We ask those considering membership to review our (newly-revised) membership pamphlet and then to submit a copy of the application found within the pamphlet. Applicants will then be contacted by an individual on the Membership Committee to arrange a time during which to discuss membership and to review different aspects of the operation of the Eugene Zendo—our organizational structure, finances, temple activities, and so forth.

### **Beginner's Mind Retreat:**

Our first ever “Beginner's Mind” retreat will take place from Friday, November 10 at 5:10 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 13. The theme for the retreat will be “Gratitude, Generosity, and Food” and the relationship between these and the various practice forms of our tradition. Beginner's Mind retreats, as the name implies, can serve as an appropriate introduction to the practice of the zen retreat, but they are also geared toward grounding and invigorating the practice of those with all manner of experience levels. The schedule for the retreat will be less rigorous than that of a traditional sesshin, with less time spent in zazen and work practice, and we will alternate between periods of silence and periods of speaking. Instruction on aspects of formal practice—especially oryoki, the formal style of eating traditionally practiced in zen communities—will be given throughout the day. Dormitory space is available for those who would like to sleep overnight at the Zendo. The retreat is designed for full-time participation, though part-time attendance will be considered on a case by case basis. Registration forms will be available shortly, at the zendo and on our website.



### **Looking Ahead**

December 4-11  
December 11

Rohatsu Sesshin  
Term Closing and Shosan Ceremony

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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                             |
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|   |  | 1<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br><b>4:30 p.m. Board Mtg</b><br>7 p.m. Zazen and Dana Paramita Class | 2<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen   | 3<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br>7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting   | 4<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b>                          | 5                                    |
| 6<br><b>Sunday Schedule</b><br><b>Children's Program</b><br>8 a.m. Intro to Zendo<br>9:00 Service/Zazen<br>10:20. Dharmā                                      | 7<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen  | 8<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br>7 p.m. Zazen and Dana Paramita Class                               | 9<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen   | 10<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br><b>7 p.m. Fusatsu</b>  | 11<br>5:10 a.m. <b>Beginner's Mind Retreat Begins</b> | 12<br><b>Beginner's Mind Retreat</b> |
| 13<br><b>Sunday Schedule</b><br>8 a.m. Intro to Zendo<br>9:00 Service/Zazen<br>10:20 Dharmā<br><b>3:00 End of Retreat</b>                                     | 14<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen | 15<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br>7 p.m. Zazen and Dana Paramita Class                              | 16<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen  | 17<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br>7 p.m. Term Trainee Meeting  |   | 19                                   |
| 20<br><b>Sunday Schedule</b><br><b>Children's Program</b><br>8 a.m. Intro to Zendo<br>9:00 Service/Zazen<br>10:20 Dharmā<br><b>12 p.m. Membership Meeting</b> | 21<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen | 22<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br>7 p.m. Zazen and Dana Paramita Class                              | 23<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen  | 24<br><b>Temple Closed</b><br>(Thanksgiving Holiday)   | 25<br><b>Temple Closed</b><br>(Thanksgiving Holiday)  | 26                                   |
| 27<br><b>Sunday Schedule</b><br>8 a.m. Intro to Zendo<br>9:00 Service/Zazen<br>10:20 Dharmā   | 28<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen | 29<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>6 a.m. Sanzen<br>7 p.m. Zazen and Dana Paramita Class                              | 30<br><b>Weekday Schedule</b><br>4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen<br><b>7 p.m. Beginning Practitioners' Discussion Group</b> | <p><b>Sanzen:</b> 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.</p> |   |                                      |
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### 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  
7:45 a.m. Oryoki Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Tea  
9:00 a.m. Morning Work  
11:30 a.m. Informal Lunch

1:30 p.m. Afternoon Work  
4:00 p.m. Evening Service

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