

# EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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## October 2011

### Announcements

See the enclosed flyer for information on our **Diamond Sutra Study Retreat**, during which we will, supported by the container of retreat, examine in depth the sutra's teachings on the Perfection of Generosity.

On Sunday, October 9, we will conduct a special **robe-returning ceremony** during which Gensei Morris will officially step down from his role as a novice priest in the Soto tradition. Please join us to show your support for Gensei in his continuing endeavor of the Buddha's Way and for the community as a whole in this transition.

**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 26<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.

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 Tuesday, October 11 this month, at 7:00 p.m.

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

### Feeding of the Hungry Ghosts

**Ceremony:** On Sunday, October 30, we will hold a special ceremony known as Segaki, or the Feeding of the Hungry Ghosts. Traditional Buddhist cosmology features a class of beings known as hungry ghosts or “gaki.” Beset by insatiable hunger and thirst, gaki are unable to receive nourishment because their throats are extremely thin, and whenever food or drink enters their mouths, it turns to pus, blood, or fire. Ananda, the Buddha's attendant, was visited by such a being one day and informed that, in spite of his spiritual attainments, he would surely be reborn as a hungry ghost within three days unless he made extensive offerings to the gaki of the ten directions. During Segaki, we likewise make offerings to the hungry ghosts both without and within. A short talk, to begin at around 10:00 a.m., will precede the ceremony itself. Those who wish to attend may join us for zazen or arrive at 10, and children are welcome to join the rest of the assembly for the ceremony, with children's activities available beforehand (see “Children's Program” below). A celebratory lunch of Indian-style food will be served for the rest of us after the hungry ghosts have had their fill. .



**Zendo Movie Night Fundraiser—“Peace is Every Step”:** Join us for a night at the movies on Friday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m., when we will be screening “Peace is Every Step—Meditation in Action: The Life and Work of Thich Nhat Hanh”. The film is (from distributor's blurb) “an intimate and direct portrait of of a monk who has lived through war and fought back with meditation, love and grace under fire” and features interviews with Peter Matthiessen, Maxine Hong Kingston, Stephen Batchelor, Joan Halifax, and others. The film will be shown via digital projector in the Zendo. The suggested donation for the event is \$10.00, and there will be refreshments available for sale, including numerous gourmet deserts. As we go to press, we are investigating the possibility of bringing in guest speakers for a talk afterwards, so stay tuned. Our aim is to attract people from the broader community to make this a significant fundraiser, so please encourage friends and family to come!

**Children's Program Resumes:** Our Children's Program resumes in October with our first two meetings scheduled for Sunday, October 9, and Sunday, October 30. Our children's program operates in conjunction with our normal Sunday activities, with children joining the rest of the assembly for a slightly abbreviated service and, for those old enough to sit still for a little while, ten minutes of zazen. Children then are led out to the yurt where, with one of our Children's Program supervisors, they take part in various fun, not necessarily Buddhist-themed activities. Depending upon the number of kids, a larger pool of volunteers is available to assist—please contact us if you would

like to join this pool! Children's activities last through the remainder of the zazen period and the dharma talk, giving exhausted parents an opportunity for a reprieve from the rigors of childcare. If you have any questions about the program please contact us via e-mail (butsugenji@eugenezendo.org) or phone (541-302-4576).

**Continuing Gender and the Way Discussions:** On September 28, we held our first ever Prajnaparamita Festival, and we have since begun to include recitations in our daily morning liturgy honoring the role of women in preserving the Dharma. There is still a lot of work to do, however—items on the “to-do” list include obtaining an image of Prajnaparamita, known as the “Mother of the Buddhas” and constructing a new altar, inviting female teachers to speak at the Zendo, presenting teachings by and about female ancestors, and investigating ways of improving outreach and accessibility. If you would like to become involved in any of these projects or if you would just like to join in the conversation, please contact Anyu Seville (debraanyu@gmail.com), who is the facilitator for ongoing discussions.


### Looking Ahead

November 10-13  
December 4-11

Beginner's Mind Retreat: Gratitude, Generosity, and Food  
Rohatsu Sesshin

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Children's Program</b> 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service/Zazen <b>10:20 Gensei's Robe- Returning Ceremony.</b> <b>12:00 pm Board Mtg</b>	10 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen	11 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 6 a.m. Sanzen <b>7 p.m. Fusatsu</b>	12 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen	13 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 6 a.m. Sanzen <b>7 p.m. Retreat Begins</b>	14 <b>Study Retreat</b>	15
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30 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Children's Program</b> 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service (no zazen)	31 <b>Weekday Schedule</b> 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen					
<b>10:00 Segaki Ceremony</b>						

**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. Temple Cleaning  
7:45 a.m. Orvoki 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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