



# Eugene Zendo

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## NEWS

### Ango Closing

Our Ango Period will be quickly coming to a close with a ceremony on May 11th. It has been a rich time of zazen, dharma talks, Dogen study, workshops and retreats, Fusatsu and new Sangha circle as well as Mondo practice and community gatherings. Many new faces have graced our evening events and introductions to zazen. Gratitude to all who have made efforts to come to the zendo and those who help maintain the practice environment in whatever way they have been able. After closing, we will continue to focus and put more energy into our upcoming dedication in June. In July and August, the schedule will open up a bit before our Labor Day retreat at the farm and entering into the fall Ango period in September.

### June Dedication Events & Special Jukai

Ejo's dharma brother Koshin will be visiting the zendo May 2 - 9 to help prepare for the Eugene Zendo's dedication ceremony on June 27th officiated by Ejo's teacher, Joshin Keira Roshi, who will be arriving that week from Japan. There will be other special events during the week - a public class and Jukai. All are welcome to attend. There is much in the way of preparation for the event as an expression of our gratitude and sincere interest in Buddhist practice. Please let Ejo know if you'd like to help with the grounds or building preparation - there's room for many hands the closer we get to the event.

### Spring Gardening

Sangha help is needed in the garden. There is a notice on the bulletin board for those who can help with weeding, pathway management and watering. Much has been done already in the way of bed preparation for flower planting. Thanks to the groups who attended work parties and meetings. We hope to create a welcoming space to all sangha members to spend time, meet with one another and enjoy the flowers and wildlife. Please talk to Thelma, Robin or Ejo if you can help.

### Merit Board

Many folks are already posting cards on the merit board in the kitchen for those who have died or those facing illness or difficult circumstances. This is open to all - just fill out a card with name, circumstances, relationship (opt.) and date which will be read during services in the zendo. Traditionally, names for those who have died are remembered for 49 days. Other circumstances may warrant a shorter postings. Please remove the card of those names you have listed when appropriate.

## Dharma Talk

## Dedication

The teachings and ceremonies of June 25th, 26th, and 27th will mark the completion of our small Zendo's transformation from a Zen sitting group into a fully recognized temple of the Soto Zen School. This process has taken about five years, and over this time countless people have contributed their energy, time and resources to establishing this place physically and creating an environment of vigorous practice. It gives me great confidence to see how people continue to step forward selflessly to keep this place functioning and growing. The events of this June seem like the most appropriate way to celebrate our efforts and rededicate our selves to the pursuit of the Buddha Way.

Over the three days there will be a variety of teachings and ceremonies including the Opening of the Tan Ceremony, Kaitanshiki, which will mark the official opening of this center. The bulk of the time, however, will be taken by a special ceremony on Saturday called Inmyakue. It is a ceremony in which we tie our karma with Buddha and dedicate ourselves to the Buddha Path through receiving the precepts. It is customary for priests and lay people alike to take the precepts many times throughout their life at special times, and the Inmyakue is one way that this is done. It is also a way for us to directly receive the Dharma (teaching) of a Master without an over-reliance on words and concepts. Returning to the precepts over and over as the life-blood of the Buddhas and Ancestors is the way we maintain our focus and direction. All of us have great aspirations and this teaching of the Inmyakue is a way to hone and direct the desire for true peace and freedom through realizing our own innate identity with Buddha. Everyone is invited to participate, look for sign ups next month.        - Ejo

## Begging Bowl

May we, with all beings,  
realize the emptiness of the  
three wheels; giver,  
receiver and gift.

### Carpentry Tools

contact: Ejo  
Sawsall

New 6i Fiberglass Ladder  
Japanese finish hand saw  
(from Down to Earth)

### Kitchen

contact: Gensei  
Boxed Teas

### Garden

Contact Thelma  
Hand trowels  
Weed Wacker  
Helping Hands



## 9 BOWS

in gratitude for

### Floor Laying

Yushin, Gensei

Mitch, & Douglas

New Office Curtain Sidney

### Merit Board

### Installment

Ejo

### Big Carpet & Cake

Evelyn & Tenkan

### Carpentry

Jim

### Financial

### Bookkeeping

Gensei

...and to the countless  
others who help  
support this temple  
every day

Please let the editor know if  
you wish your donation to  
remain anonymous



Congratulations Sangha. In yet another surprising turn of events, several large donations at the last minute exceeded our fundraising mark for the flooring, at which time, Yushin bumped into a discontinued lot of real bamboo for half price - about \$3/ square foot. The funds raised were close enough to "go for it" as the quality was far superior to the laminate we were intending to buy. In one weekend, Yushin, his friend Mitch, Douglas and Gensei put down the whole thing and it's beautiful. We're not quite done though, as the wall trim needs to be installed and painted and the entry way designed. We are looking at slate. Please talk to Ejo if you can help with the finishing touches - either with finances, design or skill.

## EZ's Quarterly Financial Report Jan - Mar 04

### Income

Dana	\$3,960
Fundraisers	2,100
Retreats	248
Store	241
Other	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,633</b>

### Expenses

Advertisement	64
Taxes & Fees	1,647
Building/ Maint	2,578
Food/ Kitchen	187
Mortgage	1,886
Office / Newsletter	660
Utilities	413
Vehicle	54
Zendo Supplies	372
Misc	74
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,935</b>

The difference between income and expenditures (\$1,302) is due to the large annual property tax payment in the first quarter which we hope to make up for in the next 3 quarters. However, at our current donations, we would still need to raise additional funds to cover the entryway completion while maintaining ongoing expenses.

*The kesa is the object of the Buddha's veneration and devotion. It is the body of the Buddha and the mind of Buddha. We call it the clothing of liberation, the robe of a field of happiness, the robe without form, the supreme robe, the robe of endurance, the robe of the Tathagata, the robe of great benevolence and great compassion, the robe which is a banner of excellence, and the robe of anuttara-samyak-sambodhi. We should receive and retain it like this, humbly receiving it upon the head. Because it is like this, we should never change it according to our own mind.*

- Dogen Zenji in Kesa-Kudoku



**Sewing the Robe**

**About the Eugene Zendo    Web Site: [www.eugenezendo.org](http://www.eugenezendo.org)**

*The Eugene Zendo is a Soto Zen Practice community open to everyone. The Buddhist teachings of compassion and wisdom are fostered amidst Sangha so that we can express these naturally in our daily life. The temple is entirely supported by donations from its members. There is no fee for any event, although donations are gladly accepted. Activities center around zazen (silent meditation) which is the foundation of our practice. Gatherings may also include service, chanting, dharma talks and study & discussion. If you are new to Zen practice, you may want to attend our periodic introduction class or just drop by 1/2 hour early before our Tuesday evening gathering to receive an orientation or contact our resident priest for more information:*

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<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  <u>5:30- 8 AM</u>            Standard Morning  <u>7 - 9 PM</u>  <b>Introduction to</b>  <b>Zazen</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <u>5:30 - 8 AM</u>            Standard Morning  <u>6 PM: Zendo</u>  <u>Mtg!</u>  <u>7:30-9:30 PM</u>  <b>Ango Closing</b>  <b>Ceremony</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <u>5:30 - 8 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>18</b> <u>5:30 - 8 AM</u>            Standard Morning  <u>7:30-9:30 PM</u>  <b>Service/ Zazen</b>  <b>Double Sit</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <u>5:30 - 8 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b>  <b>Annual</b>  <b>Buddha Q @</b>  <b>Seido's Farm</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>25</b> <u>5:30 - 8 AM</u>            Standard Morning  <u>7:30-9:30 PM</u>  <b>Service/ Zazen</b>  <b>Dharma Talk</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <u>5:30 - 8 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <u>5:30- 8:00 AM</u>            Zazen, Service,            Soji, Breakfast</p>	<p><b>*If Double Sit Evenings are difficult</b>, you may come and join us for only the one of the 40 minute periods. Please leave or enter during Kinhin. You may also <b>enter morning zazen</b> any time before 7 AM Service (the best time is during kinhin 6:10 - 6:20AM), and depart either after service or temple cleaning (Soji).</p>				