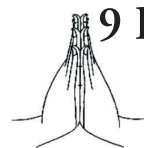


9 Bows of Gratitude



- Everyone who helped at the May work party.
- Luke and Zuishin for bike shelter construction.
- Carmelita, Thelma and Issei: planting flowers
- Anyu, Yoetsu and Alpha: summer watering
- Zuishin for hauling yard debris
- Everyone who came to the membership meeting.
- Anonymous who donated the rake.

Brief Membership Meeting Summary

One of our semi-annual membership meetings was held in the yurt on May 4th. After lunch, presentations on the following were made:

1. Financial Report--- Emyo
 2. Children's Program Update--- Alph
 3. Fund Raising Comm. --- Thelma
 4. Grounds Projects--- Issei
 5. Reconciliation Council Procedure--- Aido
 6. Small Group Discussion--- Myobun
- Topic: How can the Sangha increase support of Ejo as he goes to half-time teaching in the fall.

The next meeting will be in the fall. The date has not been set yet. If you have questions about zendo membership please speak with Carmelita.

Begging Bowl

- Transplant Shovel
- Extension Cords
- Dana for Bike Rack
- Flowers for Garden
- 2 Hand Trowels



June 2008

Butsugenji Buddha Eye Temple

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4th Anniversary Celebration Of Butsugenji Dedication Sunday June 29th

Services during normal Sunday Program followed by followed by lunch and party in the backyard. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Announcements

- **Fusatsu** will be on Wednesday June 18th at 7:00 PM.
- While **construction** on the bike parking area has begun we are still accepting donations to pay for the total cost. There is an envelope on the board at the zendo.
- **The Children's Program** would like to invite any and all who are interested in working with children and helping to develop the Children's Program to a planning meeting on Sunday, June 1st at noon in the yurt. We will be starting to plan next year's program. Meetings will be held every other month on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Alpha (pangolina@gmail.com) for more information or to be put on the Children's Program contact list.
- **Zendo Painting**- Gensei will be finishing the outside painting of the zendo when he returns from Japan in July.
- **Yard Sale**- Dates for the annual Yard sale have been set: the last weekend of July on the 26th and 27th. Please see the enclosed article for more details.

Study the Obvious

Out of ango and into summer, the mood of the temple is lighter. Warmth has arrived, and the sounds and smells of long days accompany our activities. I always appreciate this time of year. The sky is vast and clear, spread open and inviting, it occupies all the day. And as the earth pushes up and thickens stocks and vines, leaves unfold, grow thick and shift from pale to darker green. The obscure work of the spring is now evident in the abundance.

We've just begun studying one of Master Dogen's central works, the Genjo Koan. I think this is a good text to study having left the structure of our practice period. Genjo Koan asks us to clarify the immediate truth of the Buddha way with our whole life. Of course we are always faced with the question of what it means to practice the Buddha way, but sometimes when we are just focused strongly on the activities of Buddhist practice it is easy to forget that there is also practice in every activity. That is what is meant by the Buddha way. In his answer to question 14 in the Bendowa, Dogen puts it this way:

People who think secular duties interfere with Buddha-dharma only know that there is no Buddha-dharma in the secular realm, and do not yet realize that there is nothing secular in the realm of Buddha.

I want to encourage you to keep practicing diligently throughout the summer. Diligence isn't about self generated discipline, it comes from the realization that there is no place to hide. As summer draws us out into various activities, let's not forget that "there is nothing secular in the realm of Buddha". I hope you are joining in this study of the obvious!



Dana, the first of the Buddhist Paramitas, is the voluntary giving of material, energy or wisdom to others. There are no dues or fees for attendance at the Eugene Zendo's scheduled events. However, we do have expenses and rely on the support of visitors and Sangha Members to help us transmit the Dharma to all beings.

We appreciate your continued generosity.

About the Eugene Zendo - Butsugenji

The Eugene Zendo is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple open to everyone. We are located in a residential neighborhood in West Eugene, Oregon. Activities center around zazen (seated meditation) and include ceremony, chanting, dharma study, discussion and social events.

If you are new to Zen Buddhism, an introductory class is offered at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning before our regular Sunday meeting. For more information, please contact us at:

541-302-4576 butsugenji@eugenezendo.org Website: <http://www.eugenezendo.org>

Submissions to the newsletter can be sent to butsugenji@eugenezendo.org
The deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

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Yoga in the Yurt

The study of Yoga provides an opportunity for zen practitioners to explore the postures of the mind, body and breath from a different angle. It goes back to the same observations of “where is the body, where is the mind, where are you?” while you wake up to the paradoxes of the asanas: the release while holding firm and staying upright, adjusting here, accepting there, challenging your body, heart and mind to go deeper, letting go and trusting a little more, increasing awareness of your human existence while enjoying the flow and pauses of your yoga practice, is just like zen with a twist.

The first yoga teacher in the zendo was Frank Jude Boccio, who wrote: “the benefits of hatha yoga practice are many and have been quite extensively propounded. Briefly, asanas work on all levels and systems of the body, strengthening the body while creating greater flexibility and ease of movement. Asana practice is said to purify or cleanse the body, promote healthy digestion and elimination, balance hormones and calm the nerves. With the application of concentrated awareness, deep emotional and mental habits can be seen into, and self-understanding and transformation can be cultivated.”

Yoga classes are ongoing in the yurt on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm, at least through July. Our teacher is Sam Perroni, who also teaches at Four Winds. She draws on different yogic traditions to meld a practice that flows with the breath, and brings attention to all parts of the body. She gives amazing instruction on the postures and modifications as needed. It is designed to accommodate all levels of yoga practice and is primarily for zendo and neighborhood folks. There is a fee for the class, with a portion given to the zendo.

If you're interested in coming you can drop-in on Wednesdays or reserve a space for yourself by signing up ahead of time in the yellow notebook in the yurt. The classes are limited to eight people. Bring a yoga mat and a blanket if you have them, and dress in layers to allow for cold and hot temperatures. If you have any questions you can call Sidney at 683-2348.

Eihei Dogen's Extensive Record Discourse #3

Seeing an opportunity and then taking action is not skillful. Manifesting a body and plotting some stance is not accepting the situation. So it is said, “What is this that thus comes?” What is the principle of “What is this that thus comes?”

After a pause Dogen said: Truth does not negate the false. The crooked does not hide the straight.

-translated by Shohaku Okumura and Taigen Leighton

Eugene Zendo Coffee Bean Fundraiser

Please see the bulletin board for details about how to order your Full City coffee through me, Aido, and benefit the Eugene Zendo all at the same time. It's easy, just fill out a form with what you want and leave it and your check (made out to Karen Waskow) or cash, in the envelope provided by the first Tuesday night of each month and your order will be delivered to the zendo by the following Friday for you to pick up. For more information or any questions/concerns, please call me at: 338-8453.

Annual Yard (and Bake) Sale Fundraiser Scheduled for July 26 & 27

It's that time of year to start collecting items to donate to our annual yard sale. With generous donations from Sangha members and their friends and families, this sale has been our most successful fundraising event. This year's yard sale is scheduled for the weekend of July 26th & 27th.

Once again we're looking for (lots of) saleable items in good, working, clean, useable condition. Please don't donate the following items as they don't sell: socks, undergarments, worn-out shoes, skis & ski boots; tires; stained or torn clothing; anything broken or in poor condition. Please make sure all donated items are clean – they sell better that way and it saves volunteer time in preparing them for the sale. Also, computer equipment and other electronics are getting more difficult to sell. If you donate these items, please ensure that they work and include any manuals. You can drop off your donations at the Zendo on the back patio beginning in the end of June and early July.

At last year's sale we also sold wonderful home-baked cookies and brownies (baked by Evelyn and Carol), and delicious, organic plums (donated by Carol & Tony). All the goodies we're popular with yard sale customers, so we're also going to include baked goods, etc. in this year's sale too..

Working on the yard sale is a lot of fun, and there are plenty of opportunities to help out: donating items, sorting and pricing donations, setting up, baking cookies, staffing the sale, and closing up. We'll start pricing items on Monday & Wednesday evenings, beginning July 14th. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in June on the bulletin board in the front room.

If you have questions, please contact Issei or Thelma.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen and Dharma Talk Children's Program Planning Meeting 12-2	2	3 <i>Morning Schedule</i> 7:00 pm Service/Zazen and Genjokoan Class	4 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	5 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	6 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	7
8 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen and Dharma Talk Children's Program	9 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	10 <i>Morning Schedule</i> 7:00 pm Service/Zazen and Genjokoan Class	11 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	12 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	13 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	14
15 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen and Dharma Talk	16 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	17 <i>Morning Schedule</i> 7:00 pm Service/Zazen and Genjokoan Class	18 <i>Morning Schedule</i> Fusatsu 7 PM	19 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	20 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	21
22 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen and Dharma Talk Work Party 12 - 2	23 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	24 <i>Morning Schedule</i> 7:00 pm Service/Zazen and Genjokoan Class	25 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	26 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	27 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	28
29 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen and 4th Temple Dedication Anniversary	30 <i>Morning Schedule</i>	Morning Schedule 5:10 am - Zazen 5:50 am - Kinhin 6:00 am - Zazen 6:40 am - Service 7:10 am - Soji 7:30 am - Breakfast				

* You may enter or depart during morning schedule at appropriate transitions.
** On **Double Sit** evening, you may join us for either of the 40-minute periods. Please enter or leave during kinhin.