



## The Buddha's Footprint

The footprints of the Buddha (Buddhapada) are one of the early representations of the Buddha in the anticonic (no statues) stage of Buddhist art. The Buddhapada are highly revered in all Buddhist countries, especially in Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Symbolizing the grounding of the transcendent, feet have been objects of respect in India long before Buddhism.

According to Buddhist legend, after the Buddha attained enlightenment, his feet made an imprint in the stone where he stepped.

In another tradition, the infant Buddha took

seven steps after his birth to symbolize his spiritual domination of the universe.

The footprints of the Buddha symbolize the Buddha's presence, as they are believed to be the imprints where the Buddha actually touched the ground.

The Buddha's footprints are usually depicted with the toes of all one length and with a dharmachakra (wheel) in the center. Other early Buddhist symbols also appear on the heels and toes, such as the lotus, the swastika and the triratna (the Three Jewels).

### Source

1. "Buddhapada: The Buddha's Footprint." www.religionfacts.com Accessed May 2009.



Stele in the shape of the Buddha's foot print (Buddhapada) at Big Wild Goose Pagoda in Xi'an, China

## 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:

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

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# EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

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## Announcements

- **Fusatsu** - there will be no Fusatsu in June, July or August.
- **Yoga classes** are on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Yurt. Contact Sidney with questions. [sidneyb@efn.org](mailto:sidneyb@efn.org)
- We have classes in **Japanese calligraphy** on Wednesdays from 4 -6 p.m. in the zendo. Contact So-en for more information. [dandt@efn.org](mailto:dandt@efn.org)
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the **library improvement project**. Take a look at our new poetry and art section in the library.
- **Dharma talk audio files online:** <http://www.eugenezendo.org/mp3/>
- **Cell Phone Found**- if you lost your cell phone at Tenkan and Evelyn's house at the Valentines Day fundraiser, it has been found and can be picked up at the zendo.
- **Chiden Lead Position Opening** The Chiden is in charge of maintaining altars, ordering supplies and preparing the zendo for special ceremonies. If you're interested in the position please speak with Luke.

## Celebrate with Us!

Join us to celebrate the 5th anniversary dedication of the Eugene Zendo!

**When:** Sunday June 14th, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Eugene Zendo, 2190 Garfield St.

A brief ceremony is followed by food and celebration. Family and friends are welcome.

For more information call: 541-302-4576.



## Attention!

*When the World-Honored*

*One was walking with his disciples he pointed to the ground and said, "It would be good to erect a temple here."*

*The god Indra took a blade of grass and stuck it in the ground and said, "The temple has been erected." The World-Honored One smiled faintly.*

*Yujin Kidenzan Shobobutsugenji  
Heroic Benevolence Happiness Transmitting Mountain  
True Dharma Buddha Eye Temple*



## We need your stuff!!

The Eugene Zendo's annual garage sale fundraiser is coming up soon. Please start collecting quality donations and ask your neighbors and friends. This is the zendo's most successful fundraiser. We need your

help to do it again! Donations can be left on the back patio or in the yurt starting from Monday, June 15th. Please: no socks, shoes or underwear. Items should be clean and in good repair. Thank you very much.



## Jukai Ceremony

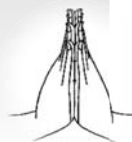
On Sunday, May 3rd, on the last day of the Five Day sesshin, Bill Hudson received the Bodhisattva precepts from Ejo. His dharma name is Taigen which means *Tranquil Origin*.

As tradition would have it, we celebrated afterwards with a delicious lunch and a vegan pistachio cake with chocolate ganache frosting and fresh berry filling.



## 9 Bows of Gratitude

- Jill - Firewood, Cookies
- Tenkan and Evelyn - Soup, Bread
- Emyo and Celine - Brownies
- Kogen - Sesshin Food, Cake
- Carmelita - Toilet Paper, Sesshin Snacks, Coffeemaker
- Lois - Library donations.
- Anyu - Newspaper
- So-en - Salad
- Aluminum saw horses
- Crocuses
- Clothing iron



## Begging Bowl

## Looking Back

As of this spring, Ejo has given precepts to 25 people. Below are their names, dharma names, translation and Chinese characters.

Kip Lohr	Yushin	<i>Courageous Faith</i>	雄信
Ross Morris	Gensei	<i>Profound Sincerity</i>	玄誠
Anne Jensen	Suiho	<i>Emerald Dharma</i>	翠法
Norval Mortensen	Chifu Choshin	<i>Wisdom Wind All-Surpassing Faith</i>	知風超信
Robin Weil	Issei	<i>One Silence</i>	一静
Carmelita Thomson	Jun-e	<i>Straightforward Wisdom</i>	純慧
Sidney Buffington	Jinyu	<i>Benevolent Composure</i>	仁悠
Lisa Frienkel	Myobun	<i>Inconceivable Letters</i>	妙文
Gwen Gaylin	Jiki-e	<i>Direct Embrace</i>	直懷
Glen Bright	Genshin	<i>Original Faith</i>	原信
Gen Oishii	Shotetsu	<i>Thorough Penetration</i>	正徹
Donald Wilkinson	Gohaku	<i>Adamantine Vessel</i>	剛舶
Tina Schroger	So-en	<i>Original Circle</i>	創円
Patty Earl	Yoetsu	<i>Offering Joy</i>	揚悦
Paula Hoemann	Emyo	<i>Meeting Mystery</i>	会妙
Ryan Neal	Sogaku	<i>Source Learning</i>	宗学
Darcy Strange	Yoe	<i>Nurturing Wisdom</i>	養慧
Kiva Michels	Seiku	<i>Spirited Sky</i>	精空
Anzu McMullen	Jisei	<i>Compassionate Clarity</i>	慈清
Georiga Kashnig	Junmei	<i>Straightfoward Illumination</i>	純明
Zak Madrone	Zuishin	<i>Vivid Totality</i>	瑞尽
Wayne Wilson	Jokai	<i>Sincere Embrace</i>	誠懷
Howard Houseknecht	Kogen	<i>Cultivating the Profound</i>	耕玄
Monica McLellen	Myoshin	<i>Bright Faith</i>	明信
Bill Hudson	Taigen	<i>Tranquil Origin</i>	泰元

## June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>2</b> Morning Schedule 7:00 p.m. Service/Zazen/ Dharma Collage	<b>3</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>4</b> Morning Schedule	<b>5</b> Morning Schedule	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 a.m. Service/Zazen/ Dharma Talk 11:30 a.m. Board Meeting	<b>8</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>9</b> Morning Schedule 7:00 p.m. Service/Zazen/ Dharma Collage	<b>10</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>11</b> Morning Schedule	<b>12</b> Morning Schedule	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 a.m. Service/Zazen/ Dharma Talk <b>3:00 p.m. Anniversary!</b>	<b>15</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>16</b> Morning Schedule 7:00 p.m. Service/Zazen/ Dharma Collage	<b>17</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>18</b> Morning Schedule	<b>19</b> Morning Schedule	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 a.m. Service/Zazen/ Dharma Talk	<b>22</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>23</b> Morning Schedule 7:00 p.m. Service/Double sit w/ Sanzen	<b>24</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>25</b> Morning Schedule	<b>26</b> Morning Schedule	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 a.m. Service/Zazen/ Reading and Discussion	<b>29</b> Morning Schedule 7:30 p.m. Evening Zazen	<b>30</b> Morning Schedule 7:00 p.m. Service/Double Sit		Morning Schedule 5:10 - Zazen 5:50 - Kinhin 6:00 - Zazen 6:40 - Service 7:15 - Cleaning 7:30 - Breakfast		

