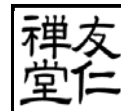


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Zendo News

- Thanks to a whole host of people, their efforts small and large, we are now in the new less impermanent **Zendo on Garfield St!** Ejo and his family are moved in and sitting has begun with an overflowing group to open the first Tuesday night. The zabutons are set up in a long narrow room which will eventually turn into a private entranceway and playroom. Much effort is still needed if we are to create a space in the garage by the fall as was originally planned. It will be especially needed for our larger groups and any weekend retreats we may want to schedule. This may be possible if skilled projects continue while Ejo and Kip are away in Japan.
- We ended our first official **spring practice period** - complete with vows (now in ashes in the Kingswood garden), studying and reciting the Hsin Hsin Ming, two retreats and lots of samu at the new Garfield place. Kyogen led the closing retreat where we scrubbed stained carpets, gathered fallen leaves and prepared to depart from another zendo. With Kyogen's coaching, we also tried mondo practice (dharma debate) for the first time in our group as well.
- Our initial **financial campaign** raised \$3600 for the new Garfield site amongst the core group of EZC supporters. Thanks to everyone's generosity. However, we are still shy of our \$5000 target and need to contact the next group of potential supporters to ask for help. **Annual pledge forms** were mailed late May and your returns will help assess our current potential and needs for the upcoming year. Many are still out that are expected renewals.
- Ross has organized our **library** in useful categories: Sutras, Koans, Dogen, Foreign, and General Spiritual. Please be mindful when returning a book or browsing so we can keep our well used library in some order.
- **Newsletter responsibilities** have shifted from Ejo to Debra & Ross focusing on content and formatting/ website development respectively. We'd like to see more input from the Sangha as everyone has a lot to share - from short practice articles, to poetry, pictures, quotes, suggestions and announcements. Please send relevant material to Debra: hortonorganics@earthlink.net or pass hard copies along at the zendo. Ross' email is rossm@efn.org. Thanks to Ejo for getting it off the ground - its a great way to keep in contact with each other.

End of Ango Spring Retreat

May 2002

....Closing the Kingswood
Garage Zendo.



L-R Top: Martha,
Carmelita, Mark, Faddah,
Thelma, Kyogen, and Eva

Bottom: Ann, Ejo and
Ross

Viewfinder: Debra

Skeddaddled: Tom &
Douglas



Begging Bowl

Help Build a Zen Center!

...Oh, that's us.
There are countless ways to participate in the creation of our new center – depending on your available time and skills. Small relatively straightforward projects like cleaning/organizing & yard work are listed on a clipboard in the foyer and you can come and do these small tasks anytime. For those with special skills or willing to be trained, contact Ejo or Kip to be set up on some ongoing project.

Our Kitchen

still needs a few more items to realize it's inherent

Large Teapot
Pots & Pans
Hot Pads
Dish Towels
Coffee Grinder
Rice Cooker
Drain Stopper
Silverware Tray
Stove Burner
Liners

Ask Tenzo Ross for details

- Gassho

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- We'll be having our second **Summer Farm Sesshin** out at Horton Road Organics (Debra's place) **August 23-25**. Sitting begins Friday evening and ends Sunday at noon. Accommodations are camping or zendo space. You may attend all or part of the retreat. Sign up at the zendo or contact Debra.
- Enclosed is another **Sangha Survey** regarding preferences for the evening format. This greatly assists in planning for the fall practice period. Please return them in the envelope by mail or in marked envelope by the bulletin board.
- **Garfield Street Etiquette:** Being in a new spot, we'd like to be exceptionally aware of the neighbors needs, who have so far been very kind and supportive. A few suggestions from Ejo are **1)** Quietly close car doors, especially in the early morn and eve **2)** Park along the Garfield property on 22nd/ Garfield and if that's full, spread out a block away or two away so as to distribute the impact of the cars. And carpool and ride those bikes! **3)** Watch out for rowdy dharma conversations that continue into the street that some of us are inclined towards fortified with tea, cookies and all.... We'll just have to control ourselves!
- During **Ejo's trip to Japan**, sitting both in the evenings and mornings will continue as scheduled. **Summer practice positions** will be flexible - i.e. do the job you're doing currently or find someone else to do it - but in addition, we all know what needs to be done and should just jump in where we're needed.
- Our group discussing **Buddhist practice and current social conditions** that was meeting at Thelma's monthly has decided to take the summer off and put energy into the new zendo. We plan to reassess the group's needs in the fall.

Ejo's Travels July 11 - Aug 17

This summer I will be in Japan for a little over a month. I plan to travel around to various temples for the first part of my stay. I will visit my training temple, Daijogi, as well as drop in on a number of Priests who I trained with or who have been supportive of my efforts. After being away for three years it feels very good to have the opportunity to meet with these people again. It will also be a special opportunity for Kip, who will be traveling with me.

I will spend the rest of my time at my teacher's temple in Sendai. There are many things that I want to ask him and a lot of studying to be done. I will be focusing my studies particularly on Jukai in preparation for a (possible) ceremony this fall/winter in Eugene. I am looking forward to this very precious time.

Even though you don't understand, do zazen. If you do understand, do zazen. If you are bored, sit zazen; if you find it fascinating, sit zazen. That is all we have to do. This is basic universal practice, because we create life anew, day after day.

-- Dainin Katigiri from the Chapter "Right Zazen" in *Returning to Silence*

EZC July 2002

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 2 <u>5:30 – 7:30 AM</u> Regular Schedule 7:30 – 9:30 PM Service, Double Sit w/ Kinhin | 3 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 4 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 5 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 6 <u>8:30 AM</u> Zazenkai at Eugene Aikikai |
| 7 | 8 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 9 <u>5:30 – 7:30 AM</u> Regular Schedule 6:00 Zendo Mtg! 7:30 – 9:30 Zazen and Dharma Talk | 10 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 11 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 12 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 13 <u>8:30 AM</u> Zazenkai at Eugene Aikikai |
| 14 | 15 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 16 <u>5:30 – 7:30 AM</u> Regular Schedule 7:30 – 9:30 PM Service, Zazen Discussion/Read | 17 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 18 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 19 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 20 <u>8:30 AM</u> Zazenkai at Eugene Aikikai |
| 21 | 22 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 23 <u>5:30 – 7:30 AM</u> Regular Schedule 7:30 – 9:30 PM Zazen/Samu (Temple Work) | 24 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 25 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 26 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 27 <u>8:30 AM</u> Zazenkai at Eugene Aikikai |
| 28 | 29 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | 30 <u>5:30 – 7:30 AM</u> Regular Schedule 7:30 – 9:30 PM Service, Zazen Discussion/Read | 31 <u>5:30-7:30 AM</u> Zazen/service Temple Cleanup | | Note: You may join the morning zazen sitting anytime before 7:00 AM service. | |