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*New fall schedule starts
September 16!*

- ◆ **Ango opening Sunday
September 16.**
- ◆ **Tuesday evening program
begins at 7:00 pm with two
options: *Introduction to
Foundational Teachings*
and *Themes in Practice*
discussion group.**
- ◆ **Fusatsu will be on the day
of the full moon, which for
this month is Wednesday,
September 26.**
- ◆ **Also, mark your calendar
for the Osegaki Retreat
October 12-14. Registration
forms will be mailed out in
the **October newsletter.****

*See the calendar and page 2 for more
information.*

Garage sale a great success!

Our 6th almost annual yard sale benefit was a wonderful success! After much hard work—sorting, pricing, setting up, staffing and cleaning up—we raised over \$2,900 for the Zendo!

In preparation for the sale, Sangha members and friends spent four evenings sorting and pricing mounds and piles and stacks of generous donations, everything from fishing waders to a white water raft to furniture, Japanese ceramics, toys, linens, clothes and more. (Some of the toys were set aside for use in the new children’s program.) There was lots of work in the hot evening sun, rewarded at least once with vanilla ice cream topped with fresh blackberries from the garden. Next was a partial set-up on Friday evening, followed by a complete, early-morning setup beginning at 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Fueled by coffee and tea, and a few samples of Carol’s wonderful home baked chocolate-chip cookies, we were mostly ready for the rush of early yard sale shoppers. Sales were brisk most of the day Saturday; lots of folks from the neighborhood, as well as folks in search of yard sale treasures. We also sold delicious, home baked chocolate-chip and oatmeal-raisin cookies provided by Carol and Evelyn (“karma-busters” as Tenkan called ‘em) and fresh, organic Shiro plums from Carol and Tony’s yard. Sunday’s sales were good too. And, after two long, conversation- and laughter-filled days, we were ready for clean-up and a call to St. Vincent de Paul to pick up the leftover stuff.

Deep bows in gratitude to all who contributed so generously.

Issei



Louis works in the beet fields during farm sesshin.



*Closing day of the
farm sesshin brought
smiles to all after
several days of
dedicated practice.
Pictured here, back
from left: Howard,
Wayne, Louis,
Seido; Gensei, Issei,
Ejo, Yoetsu,
Sogaku, and Avi.*

Dana, the first of the Buddhist Paramitas (perfections), 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 training events. However, we do have expenses and rely on the support of visitors and Sangha members to help us transmit Dharma to all beings.

We appreciate your continued generosity.

Fall schedule changes

Early morning program

The daily early morning program remains unchanged, except that the second sit will end at 6:40 am. *See the calendar for complete schedule and details.*

Tuesday evenings

Beginning September 18, the Tuesday evening program will begin 30 minutes earlier at **7:00 pm**.

We will run two programs on Tuesday evening. One is a six-week series to be taught by Ejo from September 18 to October 23 titled "Introduction to Foundational Buddhist Teachings." The class will cover important foundational teachings such as the *Four Noble Truths*, *The Six Perfections*, *Karma*, and *The Six Realms*. You do not need to sign up for this class, but it is best if you can attend all six classes.

Running concurrently with the "Foundations" class will be a series "Themes in Practice," led by senior students. The group will discuss six different themes that are central in a life of practice. One theme will be discussed each week. *See calendar for details.*

Ango Student activities

Thursday evenings will be set aside to help those engaged in Ango as formal students to maintain continuity of practice. This program will include informal question and answer time, direct teaching concerning the forms and the mind of practice, and more challenge from the teacher and other Ango students to live our daily lives as training.

Private meetings with the Teacher

Anyone is welcome to sign up for a time to speak with Ejo privately. There are two types of meetings:

- ◆ *Sanzen* is a 5 to 10 minute meeting with the teacher that usually happens during regularly-scheduled Zazen. If you sign up for Sanzen, please note the schedule on Ejo's door, and come to Ejo's room when you hear the bell for your turn. It is best to come to Sanzen with a question or statement and go directly to the business at hand. Sanzen is not a time to take care of business or chat.
- ◆ *Private meeting* times are available throughout the week and by special appointment. These meetings are more relaxed than sanzen and are open to talk about anything that has to do with a life of practice. Ejo keeps a regular schedule of available times to sign up for private meetings posted on his office door.

Fall Ango – important dates

Sunday September 16	Fall Ango Opening
Friday October 12 – Sunday October 14	Osegaki Retreat
Sunday December 2 – Sunday December 9	Rohatsu Sesshin at Great Vow (www.greatvow.org)
Sunday December 16	Fall Ango Closing



Gen ordained as a priest on August 2 with Ejo's teacher, Hojo-san. Many of you may remember Gen; he has spent time here on several occasions over the years, and he went on pilgrimage with Gensei last year. Congratulations, Gen!

Goodbye

I always pay closer attention and become reflective when I say goodbye to something or someone for the last time. Until then I take it for granted that I will or can see you tomorrow, and then go about my day as if I am or will. Wow how silly is that??? If I have learned nothing else from the Dharma I have learned that each moment comes into being and then ends in an instant never to be again. Somehow knowing this I still walk around as if I will see you tomorrow. I say this because I walked through the Zendo tonight like a ghost to say goodbye. I offered incense gave three bows, took in the oh so familiar sites and smells and felt loss. I leave so much of me behind, here in this place. So with a grateful heart and a little sadness I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to the people of the Eugene Zendo that have touched me: Dr. Tom, Mark and Sydney, Thelma and Larry, Carmelita, Anyu, Gensei, My big sis Myobun, Aido, Seido and Bill, Choshin, My Dharma buddy Randy, Tony and Carol and their crew, My rock Gwen, Steve Sensei, My lil sis Annie Belle, My heart Megan, Isei, Hojo-San, Koshin-San and of course My Teacher Ejo-san and his family.

With a deep bow and gratitude I will miss you all
thank you and I'll see you tomorrow.....

Gassho.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Daily (Mon-Fri mornings)</p> <p>5:10 Dawn Zazen</p> <p>5:50 Kinhin</p> <p>6:00 Zazen</p> <p>6:40 Morning Service</p> <p>7:10 Soji</p> <p>7:30 Breakfast and Cleanup</p>	<p>What is ...</p> <p>Zazen: seated meditation</p> <p>Kinhin: walking zazen</p> <p>Soji: Temple cleaning</p> <p>Fusatsu: Atonement ceremony</p> <p>Sunday program: Service, Zazen, Dharma talk</p>	<p>* You may join the daily morning program for all or any part. Please try and arrive a few minutes early and join in naturally at the transition times. During Soji, please choose a cleaning task from the list in the front room and continue with it until the breakfast bell rings. If you are confused about what to do, please ask the person making breakfast.*** On double-sit evenings, you may join us for either of the 40-minute periods. Please enter or leave during kinhin.</p> <p>*** You may attend any or all events on Fusatsu evenings.</p>	<p>1</p>			
<p>2</p> <p>8:00 am – Newcomer orientation</p> <p>9:00 am – Sunday program</p> <p>11:00 am – Tea and social time</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS AT ISSSEI'S 7 PM (687-2306)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>7:30 pm Service/Zazen</p> <p>Dharma talk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am –Newcomer orientation</p> <p>9:00 am – Sunday program</p> <p>11:00 am – Tea</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>7:30 pm Service/Zazen</p> <p>** Double sit</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Ango Opening</p> <p>8:00 am – Newcomer orientation</p> <p>9:00 am – Sunday program</p> <p>11:00 am – Tea</p> <p>Work party 12-2</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>7:00 – Service/Zazen</p> <p>8:00 – "Foundational" class/Theme group: "Home practice"</p> <p>9:20 - Closing</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>Ango students</p> <p>7:00 – Zazen</p> <p>7:30 – Ango student activities</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 / 30</p> <p>8:00 am – Newcomer orientation</p> <p>9:00 am – Sunday program</p> <p>11:00 am – Tea</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>7:00 – Service/Zazen</p> <p>8:00 – "Foundational" class/Theme group: "Precepts"</p> <p>9:20 - Closing</p>	<p>26 – Full moon</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>*** Fusatsu</p> <p>7:00 pm Zazen</p> <p>7:30 pm Atonement</p> <p>8:00 pm Fusatsu</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Morning schedule</p> <p>KANZEON SANGHA 2 PM</p> <p>Ango Students</p> <p>7:00 – Zazen</p> <p>7:30 – Ango student activities</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Morning schedule</p>	<p>29</p>



Nine bows of gratitude

- ◆ **Zak** for mowing the lawn.
- ◆ **Anyu, Zak** and **Sogaku** for cleaning the yurt in preparation for a community yoga class.
- ◆ Sangha members, friends and family who donated items for the yard sale.
- ◆ Sangha members and friends who helped with pricing, setting up, staffing and cleaning up for the yard sale: **Thelma, Anyu, Carmelita, Aido, Carol, Suiho, Faith, Soen, Taylor, Kiva, Sogaku, Beth, Patti, Emyo, Lorraine, Karuna, Zak, Jimmy and Issei.**
- ◆ **Evelyn** and **Carol** for baking cookies for the yard sale.
- ◆ **Sidney** and **Issei** for watering the gardens and flower beds
- ◆ **Gensei, John, Sogaku** and **Chris** for painting the Zendo.

Board notes

The board met briefly on August 2. We discussed what kind of policy we should have when people want to use the yurt or other Zendo facilities for classes. We discussed briefly, and tentatively decided that 10% of the gross proceeds from any class would be a fair request. We also discussed setting an amount as a suggested donation rather than a fee per se.

Next board meeting will be September 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Announcements

- ◆ There are many schedule and program changes beginning this month. If you have questions, please talk to Ejo or Anyu.
- ◆ **Work party scheduled for Sunday September 16, noon – 2 pm!** There will be a light lunch after the Sunday program, followed by a work party. Everyone welcome.
- ◆ **Zendo painting is a happening thing!** If you can help at any time, please talk to Gensei.

About the Eugene Zendo

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. 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 and discussion.

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

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You may also visit us on the Web at www.eugenezendo.org

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