

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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Calendar of Events

August 2010

Aug 1	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service Doshi: Jefferson Workman ❖MC: Robert Gilles ❖Greeter: Marissa Carlson ❖Kansho: Jim Bennett ❖Short Meditation: Shirley Bennett ❖Dharma Talk: Martena Peterson ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Snack: Eileen Tanaka ❖Dharma School: On Break
Aug 8	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service Doshi: Paul Vielle ❖MC: Rachel Scudder ❖Greeter: Chris Keeling ❖Kansho: Andrea Austin ❖Short Meditation: Don Bridgeford ❖Dharma Talk: Karen Vielle ❖Flowers/Rice: Chris & Sally Keeling ❖Snack: tba ❖Dharma School: On Break ❖Gatha (song): Karsten Becker will lead us
Aug 8	Sunday	Sunday Sangha Cinema at the Magic Lantern (see following article)
Aug 15	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service— Shotsuki-Hoyo ❖Doshi: Christine Marr ❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Mari Haworth ❖Kansho: Rachel Scudder ❖Short Meditation: Johnny Sarensen ❖Dharma School: On Break ❖Dharma Talk: Rev. Carol Himaka (See page 4) ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett Service followed by a ** POTLUCK **
Aug 22	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service Doshi: Christine Marr ❖MC: Celeste Sterrett ❖Greeter: Chris Keeling ❖Kansho: Robert Gilles ❖Short Meditation: Johnny Sarensen ❖Flowers/Rice: Shirley & Jim Bennett ❖Dharma Talk: Paul Vielle ❖Snack: Chris & Sally Keeling ❖Dharma School: On Break ***Service to be followed by our 4th Informal Dharma Discussion Group (see page 2)****
Aug 26	Thursday	Annual Sangha Picnic (see the article pm page 3)
Aug 29	Sunday	Temple Closed (also 9/5)

Please Note: If you cannot, for any reason, come to do the task you volunteered for, please call Mari at least 24 hrs in advance (443-2319).

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Voice of the Sangha



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Announcements



Sangha Services—
Our Sangha Service (Sangha is the Sanskrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo

Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi. We meet after service for refreshments and discussion.

Passage Meditation—Satsang group is meeting regularly on Tuesdays at 6pm. We are focusing on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation and his 8-Point program for daily living. This form of meditation fits very well with our Buddhist as well as any spiritual path. We suggest that interested people read Sri Easwaran's book on Passage Meditation. Then practice meditating for a month before joining our group. Passage meditation was designed specifically for the Western monkey mind. It is a very disciplined approach to slowing down and focusing. It is difficult but very rewarding! For more information please call Mary: 328-3829. Sometimes we have to postpone a meeting so please call be-

fore attending. **Please stay tuned -** we will hold a 6-week Beginner's Meditation course in the fall.

Vipassana Meditation Sitting—Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm. Led by Mary Webster - a trained Vipassana meditation teacher leads the sessions. Come and see for yourself how meditation can smooth out the wrinkles of our chaotic lives and add depth to your practice.

August 22nd Informal Dharma Discussion Group

After the service

Facilitated by a Minister Assistant; we will read a short article entitled "Fear of Falling" from Jeff Wilson's book Buddhism of the Heart. Come prepared to discuss it. The article will be emailed as part of the SpoBuddhistChat emails or can be picked up at the temple. This has been a great way to get to know our fellow Sangha members.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister
Rev. Don Castro
Seattle Betsuin

-Minister Assistants-
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Jefferson Workman

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Mari Haworth

Happenings Elsewhere

Sravasti Abbey in Newport—Rummage Sale to raise alms-bowl (grocery) funds for **Sravasti Abbey**. 8AM-3PM Saturday August 14th includes bake sale, fashionless show and mantra lessons. Unity Church South, 2900 S. Bernard. Call 994-5839.

Wednesday August 18th - "**Friends of Compassion**" are meeting at 7 pm at Gonzaga U in the Jepson Center Room 017. They are the Rotary 21 sponsored group working to bring the Dalai Lama to Spokane in 2012. He has been formally invited; come hear about their progress. Contact John Hancock johnmhancock@earthlink.net 509-244-8559 or see www.friendsofcompassion.com

White River Buddhist Temple in Auburn will be hosting a **September Seminar with Reverend Mark Unno** on Saturday, September 11, "Confusion As Enlightenment: Awakening To The Vow". The registration form and more information is available from wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net. 9:30—3:30 \$20 (lunch included) BCA members \$10

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS by Ellicia Milne

Dharma School is resting in August for a rejuvenated September and new dharma school year. This means there will be no classes during services until the second week in September when we return from our Temple break. Families with children are still of course always welcome, and if desired parents can go downstairs with their kids during the service where we can turn the speakers on so everyone can still listen to the adult dharma talk while kids color or draw at the Dharma School art table. Meanwhile, everyone can come view and enjoy art work that the students worked on this year, it will be on display until the end of the month- and hopefully be part of a calendar for next year! Our lettuce, tomato, pepper, and pumpkin plants will continue to be watered and monitored and still hopefully shared in the Fall also. In Gassho, Ellicia

Green Corner by Karen Vielle Will return in September.

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations From

Herman & Phyllis Sugimuri in memory of Tadashi Sugimura, Marcelline Burdett in memory of Takeo Dan Terao and Hotsu Obon in memory of Tosh Uyeji, and from Celeste Sterrett

OBON Donations From:

Carolyn Sakai, Dorothy Uno, Satoshi & Mary Terao, Kam & Fumi Uyeji, Janet Tamura, Toshie Kawahara, Jun Yugawa and Chris & Sally Keeling

Shotsuki-Hoyo

The August Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Sunday, August 15th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 15 people passed away during the month of August. They are:

David Brady, Sr.
Tokujiro Ikeda
Yuriko Ito
Bobby Gene Jordan
Tomoyoshi "Tom" Kirihara
Yoneichi Kirihara
Yuriko Kirihara
John Francis Munighan
Asao Oki
Takashi Osumi
Tsuneo Otsuki
Bob Wheeler
Joseph Phillip Workman
(Mrs.) Fusayo Wakayama
Robert Hideaki Yamagiwa

Dues Received in July

Todd & Ellicia Milne, Tom and Christine Barada-Anderson, Elwyn & Deborah Lapoint, Chris & Saloshni Keeling, Paul & Karen Vielle, Aiko & Justin Terao, Johnny Sarensen, Rachel Scudder, Midori Gow, Kiku Terao, Jeremy Phillips, Marissa Carlson, Eileen Tanaka, Barbara Braden, Patricia Amine, Mary Naber, Mari Haworth

Dana Received in July

Anonymous, Tom and Christine Barada-Anderson, Elwyn & Deborah Lapoint, Chris & Saloshni Keeling, Paul & Karen Vielle, K.A. & P. Ariyawansa, John Cheek, Susan Stevenson, Daniel & Sima Thorpe, Tuesday Meditation Group, Jim & Shirley Bennett, Tosh Kirihara, Johnny Sarensen, Bob Gilles, Dorothy Uno, Mary Naber,

Sangha Picnic - 26 August



This year our Sangha Picnic returns to the Browne's Addition's Coeur d'Alene Park – All Are Welcome. Come and enjoy an evening of good fellowship, great food, and enjoyable music. There will be a concert in the Park that evening featuring Six Foot Swing, a local Old Time Swing Band. The potluck dinner starts at 5:30 pm, with music starting at 6 pm. Bring a lawn chair and a potluck food.



SUNDAY SANGHA CINEMA

Presents – *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall . . . and Spring*, a Korean film
A Private Showing at the Magic Lantern Theatre, 25 W. Main, Spokane

Sunday – August 8, 2010
6:30 pm - \$8 Prepaid
Limited Seating

To check for reservation/seat availability contact Jefferson Workman
(sleepystupidbuddha@comcast.net) or sign up at the temple

Also join us for dinner at Isabella's (in the same building) at 5:00 pm before the movie

A young boy lives in a small floating temple on a beautiful lake, together with an elderly master who teaches him the ways of the Buddha. Years later the boy, now a young man, experiences his sexual awakening with a girl who has come to the temple to be healed by the master. The youth runs away to the outside world but his lust turns his life into hell, so he returns to the lake temple to find spiritual enlightenment. Rated R for some strong sexuality.

Director's Statement: "I intended to portray the joy, anger, sorrow and pleasure of our lives through four seasons and through the life of a monk who lives in a temple on Jusan Pond surrounded only by nature." By Kim Kiduk

August 15th—Reverend Carol Himaka Will give the Dharma Talk at the 10:30 Service



Personal Background

Born and raised in San Diego, California, 2 brothers, 1 sister

Education Background

Rev. Carol Myokei Himaka – San Diego, California

B.A. – San Diego State University (1975) Fine Arts

M.A. – Institute of Buddhist Studies (1979) Buddhist Studies

M.A. – California State University at Hayward (1989) English Literature

Ordination

Tokudo – Kyoto, Japan (1979), Kyoshi – Kyoto, Japan (1980), Kaikyoshi – (1982)

BCA Assignments

Fresno Betsuin (1981-1985)

Leave of Absence (1985-1989) to attend Hayward State

BCA Headquarters, BCA Department of Buddhist Education, Director (1989 – 1996)

Enmanji Buddhist Temple (1996 to present) in Sebastopol, CA

Buddhist Temple of Marin, Supervising Minister (1996 to present)

Current BCA Positions

BCA Minister's Association, Secretary

Bay District Minister Association, Chairman

Center for Buddhist Education Correspondence Course, Instructor (Jodo Sinshu level 1)

Service to be followed by a POTLUCK

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There is still SENBEI for sale at the temple for \$3.50/bag.

Proceeds are being donated to our Minister Assistants Paul Vielle & Christine Marr for their expenses to go to Japan for Tokudo. See last month's newsletter for an explanation of Tokudo.



As many of you know, Barb Braden had a major fire which gutted her house. Barb's re-furbished house is being dedicated by Minister Assistant Paul Vielle on Saturday, August 7th at 3PM. Please see Barb about the particulars and address.



ARE YOU SKILLED WITH A PAINT BRUSH?

We are painting the dining hall of the temple during the two weeks that the Temple is closed (the weeks of 8/29 & 9/5). If you would like to help for a couple of hours please contact Celeste Sterrett at dcsterrett@yahoo.com for a date and time.



Kudos Korner

The Kudos Korner is very crowded this month. First of all, we are all very grateful to Aiko Terao Kropff for the incredible amount of time, effort and expertise in organizing and running the rummage sale on the Perry Street Fair weekend. We took in twice as much as the last summer's rummage fair and paid off the new refrigerator and then some. Aiko has such energy and skill and we are in awe of her. Also, kudos to everyone who worked on making Senbei, even Sen. Marr took a break from doorbelling to help us. We made around 360 bags to sell to support Tokudo expenses for Christine Marr and Paul Vielle. Jefferson Workman was the organizer and cook extraordinaire. So please buy a lot of it. Also, thanks to everyone who

helped make the lunch for the Jundokan next door a success, as well as those who worked the rummage sale. Thanks to Jun, Justin, Aiko and Barb, Ellicia, Jefferson and others for cleaning out the storage shed where we found some treasures of the past history of the temple. Again, we are always grateful to Ellicia Milne for everything she does to keep the temple running smoothly and has added vegetable gardening to the mix. Check out her tomatoes and lettuce, maintained with the help of the dharma school children. This past month, almost everyone in the Sangha has contributed in a meaningful way to the temple. It's been awesome.

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TEMPLE MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: A statement went out to all dues paying members in the month of July showing how much we have received from you so far this year. If you didn't receive one, please contact Ellicia at the Temple number (534-7954) or if you have any questions concerning your statements.

Save the date of 11 September for **Dinner and a Movie** at the Temple . Dinner is by our own chef Jun and the Movie is the Broadway Musical "**Guys & Dolls**". The Shop, across the street from the Temple, has offered us their facilities for our movie. However, it is outside and we will need to bring chairs and it's recommended you bring a lap blanket or coat. Looking forward to seeing you all there. They will be projecting the movie on the outside of the adjacent drug store building.



Temple Weekly Chat—Are you interested in receiving weekly emails reminding you of what is happening at the temple? If so, please sign up at the temple or email: spobuddhistchat@gmail.com

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