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## Calendar of Events

November 2010

Nov 7	Sunday	<b>***FALL FOOD BAZAAR—11 am—2 pm</b> <b>***SEE THE LAST PAGE***</b>
Nov 13	Saturday	<b>1 pm—2012 Convention Kickoff &amp; Planning Meeting</b> We will host the Northwest BCA Temples here in 2012 with as many as 300 attendees and we will need your help in planning the convention.
Nov 14	Sunday	<b>10:30 am Sangha Service</b> Doshi: Jefferson Workman ❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Hyacinth Dezenobia ❖Kansho: Mary Naber ❖Short Meditation: Don Bridgeford ❖Dharma Talk: Tba ❖Flowers/Rice: Janet Tamura ❖Snack: Keelings ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne
Nov 21	Sunday	<b>10:30 am Sangha Service</b> ❖Doshi: Jefferson Workman ❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Chris Keeling ❖Kansho: Robert Gilles ❖Short Meditation: Karen Vielle ❖Flowers/Rice: Keelings ❖Dharma Talk: <b>Honorable Thubten Chodron</b> from the Newport Sravasti Abbey (See page 4) ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne ❖Snack: <b>****POTLUCK****</b>
Nov 28	Sunday	<b>10:30 am Sangha Service—Shotsuki-Hoyo</b> ❖Doshi: Paul Vielle ❖MC: Celeste Sterrett ❖Greeter: Hyacinth Dezenobia ❖Kansho: Karsten Becker ❖Short Meditation: Robert Gilles ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Dharma School: Tba ❖Dharma Talk: Paul Vielle ❖Snack: Mari Haworth

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) or email: [quilt4mari@yahoo.com](mailto:quilt4mari@yahoo.com)

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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 sometimes a dharma  
discussion.

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**Passage Meditation**—Satsang  
group is meeting regularly on  
Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm. 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 any spiritual path. We suggest  
that interested people read Sri  
Easwaran's book - **Passage  
Meditation** - that can be found  
on the web [http://  
www.easwaran.org](http://www.easwaran.org) or at Auntie's  
bookstore. Then practice  
meditating for a month before  
joining our group. We will be  
starting a book study on this book  
doing one chapter a week  
beginning on Nov. 2nd . For  
more information call Mary: 328-  
3829

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**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.

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### Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course—2011 Spring Enrollment Applications Accepted Nov 1

The Jodo Shinshu  
Correspondence Course Office is  
accepting applications from  
November 1 for the Spring 2011  
enrollment starting March 1,  
2011. The popular 2-year,  
computer-based program  
continues to offer online  
instruction in the origins and  
development of Buddhism,  
Shinran Shonin's life and  
teaching, sutras & masters of the  
Pure Land tradition and history  
of Jodo Shinshu. An excellent  
opportunity for beginners or for  
those who have already studied  
Jodo Shinshu, the program  
reaches out to people all over the  
world.

The course instructors consist of  
14 ministers and professors who  
specialize in the subjects taught.  
An optional August Workshop at  
the Jodo Shinshu Center is held  
every year.

For more information, please  
visit the course website at:  
[www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org).  
Applications may be submitted  
online at course website.  
Deadline: February 15, 2011.  
Course limited to first 20  
students. Questions may be  
directed to: Jodo Shinshu  
Correspondence Course Office,  
2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA  
Tel: 510-809-1441, email:  
[jsc@cb-bca.org](mailto:jsc@cb-bca.org)

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Christine Marr & Paul Vielle  
receiving Tokudo. See story on  
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### Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister-  
Rinban Don Castro,  
Seattle Betsuin

-Minister Assistants-  
Paul Vielle  
Jefferson Workman  
Christine Marr

#### Board of Directors

-President-  
Jun Yugawa

-Vice President-  
Martena Peterson

-Recording Secretary-  
Jen Johnston

-Treasurer-  
Ellicia Milne

Auditor-Sally Keeling

#### Board Members

Celeste Sterrett  
Kosuke Imamura  
Barb Braden  
Jen Johnston  
Rachel Scudder  
Jim Bennett

Board Advisor  
Jefferson Workman

Music Director  
Todd Milne

Newsletter Editor  
Mari Haworth





## ***The Green Corner - by Karen Vielle***

As I sit down to write the Green Corner this month, the leaves are turning color and falling to the ground. It's a season of change and transformation. It's also a time to take stock in where we've been and store up for the times ahead. So, I thought it would be a good time to go back the basics. The Green Committee and Green Corner started with the concept of an Eco-sangha. "Eco" of course stands for ecology. What exactly does ecology mean and what does it have to do with the sangha or with Buddhism?

From Wikipedia, ecology is the study of "the relation of living organisms to each other and their surroundings". Even the smallest bacteria can have an effect on the entire planet. It's the study of how the environment is "dynamically interlinked". That includes how the environment we humans create impacts our own well being as well as the rest of the Earth. In other words, we are causing stress to ourselves when we cause stress to the environment. When Rimban Castro says, "To be a Buddhist is to be an ecologist", he's acknowledging that both Buddhism and ecology are studies in how everything is interlinked, interrelated, and interdependent. We can never really know the long-term effects of a species going extinct, just as we can never really know the long-term effects of each one of our actions. What we do know is that there will be long-term effects for every action. Both Buddhism and ecology recognize that life changes and systems changes come about through causes and conditions. Indeed, both share the core ideas of interdependence, causes and conditions, and being mindful of the results of our actions. What could be more Buddhist than

### **Received in Oct. for Shotsuki-Hoyo:**

From Marcelline Burdett in Memory of Sue Shimizu and Kam Uyeji Takao  
From Thelma Yasuhara in Memory of Leo Kiyohiro  
From Paul Vielle in memory of Andrew Vielle  
From Herman and Phyllis Sugimura in memory of Yoshinobu Kimura  
From Patricia Omine in memory of Harry "Van" Omine  
From Barbara Braden in Memory of Len Braden

### **Muen Hoyo Dana** Donations received:

From Janet Tamura, Satoshi & Mary Terao, and Kam & Fumi Uyeji

Special Thanks to everyone who sent in donations with their updated request to keep receiving the newsletter in the mail including: Marilyn Stedman, Margie Hattori, M. Smith, and Tosh Kirihara

### **Dues Received in Oct**

Chris and Saloshni Keeling, Robert and Patricia Brost-Simonet, Tom and Christine Anderson-Barada, Jeremy Phillips, Paul & Karen Vielle, Mari Haworth, El & Deborah LaPoint, Kris Byrum, Jason Cowley, John Creek, Todd & Ellicia Milne, Barbara Braden, Satoshi & Mary Terao, Rachel Scudder, Hyacinth Dezenobia, and Tina Rodeen

### **Dana Received in Oct**

Tuesday Night Meditation Group, Chris and Saloshni Keeling, Tom and Christine Anderson-Barada, Paul & Karen Vielle, Jim & Shirley Bennett, Daniel & Sima Thorpe, Sarah Doering, Anonymous and Mari Haworth.

### ***Shotsuki-Hoyo***

The November Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Sunday, Nov 28th.. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 15 people passed away during the month of November. They are:

**(Mrs) Ine Furumasu**

**Leslie Green**

**Hideo Ekinaka**

**Chiyoko Kiyabu**

**George Kubota**

**(Mrs) Haruyo Oba**

**Dick Shimizu**

**(Mrs) Reiko Shimizu**

**Roy Soejima**

**James "Jim" Tamura**

**Max B. Taylor**

**Rev. Eiyu Terao (Founder of SBT)**

**Harold Tokunage**

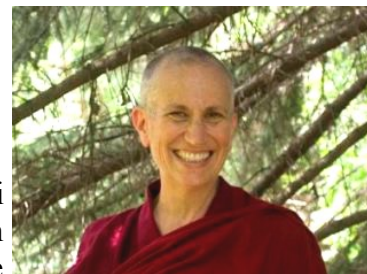
**Hidejiro Yamagiwa**

**Michio Yamagiwa**

### **Thank You Sensei Chinen**

We wish to honor our long time tenant, Sensei Teruo Chinen, who has moved his dojo from the gym next to the Temple, after over 40 years of providing karate to the Spokane area. He was the founder of Jundokan International and has many students around the world. According to his book, "Forty Years of Chamber", he started the dojo in this building in 1969 after a gracious offer from Rev. Terao. Sensei Chinen has generously donated 3 months rent to the Temple as well as replacing the furnace in the gym. He has also donated proceeds from the lunches the Temple has provided him and his students in the past during his summer sessions. He was a positive influence in the South Perry area and his presence and that of his dojo will be missed.

*Nov 21 – Honorable Thubten Chodron  
From the Sravasti Abbey in Newport  
Will give the Dharma Talk at the 10:30 Service*



Establishing Sravasti Abbey fulfills a long-held vision for Venerable Bhikshuni Thubten Chodron to share the Buddha's teachings with Western sangha, training in the monastic code, doing prayers and practices in English, and incorporating the best elements of Western society, including gender equality and using technology to spread the Dharma. In her thirty plus years of ordained life, Venerable Chodron has lived in several monastic communities in Asia and in the West. She brings her wisdom from these experiences to shape the growing monastic community at Sravasti Abbey. She is an author of many books and teaches around the world. **Service followed by a POTLUCK**

# CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

FEB 17-19 2012 THAT'S THE DATE FOR THE 65<sup>TH</sup> NW DISTRICT CONVENTION HOSTED BY OUR TEMPLE. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH THE BEGINNING PLANNING OF THIS EVENT BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO GET MORE FOLKS INVOLVED. ON SAT, NOV 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 1 PM AT THE TEMPLE WE WILL HAVE A KICK OFF PLANNING MEETING FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND *ANYONE* THAT WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED. THIS IS A BIG DEAL FOR OUR TEMPLE AND WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. PLEASE PLAN TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS EXCITING EVENT.

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR MAILING STATUS BEFORE JANUARY 1ST SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SEND YOU THE NEWSLETTER & EMAILS**

**Yes no Yes No yes No**

**Mailing List Update \* Spokane Buddhist Temple**

We are happy to continue to send you our monthly newsletter by mail. But now we have a few different options for you. Please return this form so that we can update our mailing & email lists:

<b>YES</b>	Send me weekly email " <b>Spokane Buddhist Chats</b> ", which tell me about each week's service & other upcoming activities at the temple.
<b>YES</b>	Mail me the monthly <b>Spokane Buddhist Temple Newsletter</b>
<b>NO</b>	Please take me off your mailing list
<b>NO</b>	Take me off your mailing list, <b><u>BUT DO</u></b> send me the Spokane Buddhist Temple Newsletter <b>by email</b> each month (Put your email below)

You can help save the temple money by not receiving the mailed newsletter and Go Green. Newsletters are always available on our website, and emailed or website newsletters come to you quicker and are in color.

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## What Does It Mean to Receive Tokudo?

Greetings to all my dharma friends at the Spokane Buddhist Temple. I am writing to you from my room at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley –having just returned from Kyoto, Japan. By now, I imagine most of you have learned that last Friday at the Nishi Hongwanji Temple in Kyoto, Minister's Assistant Christine Marr and I (together with ten other BCA candidates and some 60-plus Japanese students) received Tokudo Ordination. Mere words cannot express the depth of my gratitude to the hundreds (if not thousands) of people whose combined efforts made this once-in-a-lifetime event possible for me. It was nothing less than a transformative experience. I'll never be quite the same again.

Tokudo is considered the initial level of ordination as a Jodo Shinshu priest. It signifies one's personal and formal commitment to walk the Nembutsu Path as a disciple of Shinran Shonin. The word Tokudo means "to gain a crossing" or "crossing over". Every element of this rigorous ten-day experience (from the daily practice of rituals, chanting, lectures, discussions, testing –to the head-shaving and the final ordination rite) all convey to the candidate a sense of crossing over, of leaving behind old ways of thinking and embarking on a new path.

Interesting, ... this expression "to receive" Tokudo. This honor is not something I have earned or that is owed to me. In no way am I entitled to it. Rather, this great privilege comes to me (I receive it) owing to the coming together of countless causes and conditions about which I am totally unaware. It includes everyone –from those early Nembutsu followers who risked everything to preserve Shinran's teachings, right down to the present day kitchen staff who fed us and the pilot to who flew our plane. It includes all the people in our Sangha who made and sold the senbei to help finance this endeavor. Ultimately, it includes everyone who ever lived. Without their doing what they did in just the right way, Tokudo would not have happened for Christine and me. Recognizing this great debt is truly humbling.

As I see it, the task before me now is twofold. The first is ... frankly 'self'-benefiting. That is, within the limits imposed by my deeply flawed and deluded mind, I shall endeavor to study the dharma earnestly and continuously. Further, I realize that whatever insights I might gain in this pursuit come to me solely through the working of Amida's Vow (the compassionate working of Ultimate Wisdom to benefit me).

The second task is to benefit 'others'. I know this sounds terribly arrogant, who am I to teach anyone anything about the dharma? Please understand this has nothing to do with any claims on my part to be a teacher, an authority figure or a scholar on the dharma. It has even less to do with wearing a robe, piety or conducting services. Rather, 'benefiting others' simply means living my life as best I can, quietly, as a student of Buddhism. Nothing else. But in doing so, opportunities will arise to share whatever dharma insights I have gleaned with others. It's in the spontaneous sharing of experience, the exchange of understanding, the questioning, searching and reflecting that the Buddha dharma is discerned. And oh, what joyful moments those are! I know –having experienced several such "Ah-ha!" moments during the Tokudo training session.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again very soon. Namo Amida Butsu Paul Vielle, Minister's Assistant

### **Notes From The Board**

Dear Sangha Members, As most of you know, this is an all-volunteer sangha with an all-volunteer Board of Directors. This month ballots will be sent out to all dues-paying members who are currently up-to-date for the election of one new Board member to be installed in January 2011. The Nominating Committee has recommended Robert Gilles to run for that position. Any current dues-paying member can be written in, as well. This position becomes available because Jun Yugawa steps down as President and the current Vice President (Martena Peterson) steps up as President for a year. Jun will become an advisor to the Board at that point.

We have a very active Board and are very grateful for their time and talents that enable us to keep this Temple running smoothly. There will be a general meeting on December 12 after service to review the past year and discuss the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring their ideas to continue to grow and spread the Dharma.  
Martena Peterson, Vice President

Thank You to The Keeling Family and El and Deborah LaPoint for donating T.V.s and a DVD player for Dharma School!! Ellicia Milne

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## ***Spokane Buddhist Temple FALL FOOD BAZAAR***

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - 11 AM – 2 PM**

**Chicken or Vegetarian Yakisoba Bento Box Lunch with  
Miso Soup—Eat in or take out - \$10**

**Senbei (Japanese rice crackers) - \$3.50**

**Sushi:**

**Futomaki – full roll - \$7**

**Inari – 5 for \$5**

**California Roll - \$5**

**Combo (4 Futomaki & 3 Inari) - \$6**



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