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Calendar of Events

January 2011

Voice of the Sangha

Jan 2	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service Doshi: Paul Vielle ❖MC: Mary Naber ❖Greeter: Fumi Uyeji ❖Kansho: tba ❖Short Meditation: Lucinda Tompkins ❖Dharma Talk: Paul Vielle ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Snack: Celeste Sterrett ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne ❖Music: Todd Milne
Jan 9	Sunday	9 am—Intro To Buddhism 10:30 am Sangha Service ❖Doshi: Jefferson Workman ❖MC: Celeste Sterrett ❖Greeter: Jun Yugawa ❖Kansho: Rachel Scudder ❖Short Meditation: Mari Haworth ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Dharma School: Barb Braden ❖Dharma Talk: Kosuke Imamura ❖Snack: Jun Yugawa ❖Music: Todd Milne **Sangha Discussion Group after The Service**
Jan 15	Saturday	TOBAN—Cleaning the temple— See Page 4
Jan 16	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service —Shotsuki-Hoyo ❖Doshi: Christine Marr ❖MC: Celeste Sterrett ❖Greeter: Mari Haworth ❖Kansho: Mary Naber ❖Short Meditation: Mari Haworth ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne ❖Dharma Talk: Rev. Jim Warrick **See Page 4** ❖Snack: Mari Haworth ❖Music: Todd Milne
Jan 23	Sunday	10:30 am Sangha Service Doshi: Paul Vielle ❖MC: Martena Peterson ❖Greeter: Chris Keeling ❖Kansho: tba ❖Short Meditation: Mary Naber ❖Dharma Talk: Paul Vielle ❖Flowers/Rice: Celeste Sterrett ❖Snack: Chris & Sally Keeling ❖Dharma School: Ellicia Milne ❖Music: Todd Milne
Jan 23	Sunday	1 PM Convention Meeting—See page 4
Jan 29	Saturday	MAKE SENBEI for the Convention—See Page 2

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Please Note: If you cannot, for any reason, come to do the task you volunteered for, please call at least 24 hrs in advance (509-443-2319).

To contribute to the Spokane Buddhist Temple newsletter,
 Email content to Quilt4mari@yahoo.com—Deadline is the **Wednesday** before the last Sunday of each month



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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.

Passage Meditation—Happy Holidays. So are you into making a New Year's resolution? How about starting a meditation practice? Our Satsang group meets regularly on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm. We're focused on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation. 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> or at Auntie's bookstore - then practice meditating for a month before joining our group. We are currently doing a book study on this book studying one chapter a week. For more information call Mary: 328-3829

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.

**Saturday
January 29th
YOU ARE NEEDED
To Make Senbei
Shifts from 6 am—3 pm**

See the sign up sheet at the Temple. We are making Senbei to take to the 2011 Convention to advertise our convention in 2012. We need about 25 people to make the Senbei. This is a fun way to get to know you fellow Sangha members. Please contact Jefferson Workman at sleepystupidbuddha@comcast.net



**Welcome New Member
Lucinda Tompkins**

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister-
Rinban Don Castro,
Seattle Betsuin

-Minister Assistants-
Jefferson Workman
Christine Marr
Paul Vielle

Board of Directors
-President Elect-
Martena Peterson

Specific Board Positions will be decided in January for 2011:

2011 Board Members
Jen Johnston
Ellicia Milne
Celeste Sterrett
Kosuke Imamura
Barb Braden
Rachel Scudder
Jim Bennett
Robert Gilles
Auditor-Sally Keeling

Board Advisors
Jefferson Workman
Jun Yugawa

Music Director
Todd Milne

Newsletter Editor
Mari Haworth



The 2010 Green Corner Year in Review By Karen Vielle

“We have to learn to cherish this earth and cherish it as something that’s fragile, that’s only one, it’s all we have.” Margaret Mead

Looking back on the year 2010, the Green Corner, and the eco-Sangha of the Spokane Buddhist Temple, gives us a lot to think about for the coming year. During the year we’ve had rummage sales and cleaning parties. We started a bit of a community garden, which included making our own compost from the scraps left over from snack after service. We also had special Green Corner contributions from Ellicia Milne and

Mary Naber, inspiration from Aiko Terao, and Kosuke Imamura making his own natural soaps to sell at the bazaar.

The Green Corner has provided articles on making your own laundry detergent, natural degreasers, making your own soaps, and eco-friendly pet care. There were also the “12 minimalist ways to reduce your carbon footprint”. We had admonitions to shop, eat, and buy local, as well as information about recycling printer ink cartridges at the temple.

Looking ahead to 2011, I’m not one to make New Year’s resolutions. I prefer to believe that the choices we make on a day-to-day, minute-to-minute basis have a bigger impact than a goal set once a year. I think we have a lot to be proud of over the last year and a lot to look forward to in the next. With all the little unnamed actions that take place every day in the temple, community, and temple member homes, our eco-Sangha members are inspiring. To quote Margaret Mead again, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.” In fact, it’s the only way real change has ever occurred.

Received in December for Shotsuki-Hoyo:

In Memory of Leslie Green from Celeste Sterrett and Paul & Karen Vielle
From Janet Tamura in memory of Haruyo Oba, George Oba, Kayo Tsuru, Mary Higashi and Jim Tamura
From Dorothy Uno in memory of U. Trouye
From Joyce Terao in memory of Rev. William S. Terao and Mary Terao

Newsletter donations: Rene Penna, Kenji & Karen Akahoshi, Carolyn Starner and Andy Evans

Special Thanks to the Spokane Vipassana Meditation Group for their donation for the use of the hondo for Thursday night meditations, to Jim and Shirley Bennett for their generous donation for our new sound system and to Kosuke Imamura for the computer donation for the new sound system recordings!

Dues Received in Dec

Jenifer Johnston, Mary Naber, Paul & Karen Vielle, Kris Byrum, Kam & Fumi Uyeji, Chris & Sally Keeling, El & Deborah LaPoint, Tom & Christine Anderson-Barada, Lucinda Tompkins, Barbara Braden, James Lea & Judi Davis, Rachel Scrudder, Todd & Ellicia Milne, Tina Rodeen, Robert Gilles, Eileen Tanaka

Dana Received in Dec

Jason Cowlet Family, Tuesday Meditation Group, Celeste Sterrett, Mary Naber, Christine & Tom Anderson-Barada, Jim & Shirley Bennett, Joy Lewis, Emmalee & William Gillis, Jenifer Johnston, Karen & Paul Vielle, and Anonymous

Shotsuki-Hoyo

The January Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 16th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 11 people passed away during the month of January. They are:

Asayo Heyamoto
Michael Higashi
James Horiuchi
James Kiyaichi Koga
Sagata Kuwahara
(Mrs) Shige Ida
Gregory Matazo Soejima
Grover C. Twiner
(Mrs) Sakae Wakayama
Richard Williams
Manichi Yamaguchi

Please contact the temple if you wish to have a name added to the Shotsuki-Hoyo service. Please give us their name and date of death.

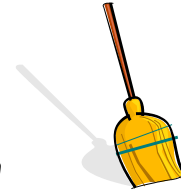
KUDOS KORNER

We’d like to thank everyone who has helped the Sangha thrive this past year. Your volunteering and generosity has been the heart of the temple. We’d also like to specifically thank Lee Dearing for all his help in fixing our light fixtures in the temple and his advice on the gym. We’d also like to acknowledge Brian Estes’ persistence and knowledge in working with the City of Spokane in getting the South Perry Farmer’s Market a home through the winter in our gym. Thanks to Fumi & Kam Uyeji for giving much needed ladders to the temple.

*January 16th – Reverend Jim Warrick
From the Seattle Betsuin
Will give the Dharma Talk
at the 10:30 Service*



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LET'S CLEAN THE TEMPLE!!!

SATURDAY, Jan 15th 10 am – noon

Sign up sheet will be downstairs.

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CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

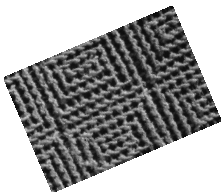
It's not too late to sign up for the convention in Tacoma. In addition to the workshops on Saturday, they have some great events scheduled for Friday evening – make a checkbook cover using mizuhiki and washi paper, learn Sumi e, take a trip to Uwajimaya in Seattle, joint a discussion with Rinban Oshita, gamble the night away at the Emerald Casino or simply visit the hospitality room. Check with Paul or Karen Vielle to sign up.

*FRI, FEB 11 THRU SUN, FEB 13. DOUBLE TREE INN SUITES, TUKWILA, WA,
HOSTED BY THE TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE*

OUR NEXT 2012 CONVENTION MEETING IS January 23rd after the Service — so put that on your calendar, too. We will be hosting approximately 300 people in February 2012, from the 6 northwest temples and we will need all of your assistance to put on this convention.

Celeste Sterrett & Christine Marr

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Shinran's Unique Insight (Part 1)
Paul Gyodo Vielle, Minister's Assistant

This month we observe Ho-on-ko, the memorial service for Shinran Shonin (1173-1262,) the founder of our Jodo Shinshu or True Pure Land School of Buddhism. Rev. George Shibata in his booklet *The Buddhist Holidays* explains that “Ho-on” means “return of gratitude” and “ko” means “a gathering” of those who wish to return (or express) this gratitude. So, Ho-on-ko is our opportunity to reflect on the life and trials of Shinran –but more importantly, to appreciate with deepest gratitude, his unique and wonderful insight into the dharma.

At the age of nine Shinran became a monk in the Tendai sect, a major religious institution of medieval Japan. Over the next 20 years he applied himself diligently to the monastic practices of observing precepts, studying the sutras, performing rituals and giving himself to intense daily meditation. Despite his efforts, he could not overcome his selfish cravings. Enlightenment eluded him. Believing himself a failure as a monk, he left the monastery. Ultimately he became a disciple of Honen Shonin (1132-1212), a former Tendai monk, who likewise had left the Order many years earlier and had formed a new sect, the Pure Land School (Jodoshu).

Honen, relying on a line of text found in the Contemplation Sutra, taught that constant repetition of the Name of Amida Buddha “Namoamidabutsu” was sufficient to guarantee a follower’s birth in the Pure Land after death. All other practices were, strictly speaking, unnecessary. The phrase ‘Birth in the Pure Land’ meant gaining admittance to the spiritual realm of Buddha’s wisdom—an enlightened state where one transcended all attachments to self. This happened because of the “good merits” one accumulated by saying the Name. After death, one attained the Pure Land and became a Buddha. From there, a Buddha could return to this world to work for the enlightenment of all sentient beings. Although his teaching had tremendous appeal for the masses, it eventually got him into trouble with the Imperial authorities. Honen and Shinran were separately exiled to remote provinces of Japan. The Jodoshu was banned as a heretical sect and its followers dispersed.

The story of Honen, Shinran, and the development of Shin doctrine is a fascinating one—far too complex to treat here. For the interested reader, the book *The Monk Who Dared* by Ruth Tabrah offers compelling insights into this period. Next month we’ll take a closer look at Shinran’s unique interpretation of the Larger Sutra; a development which led to a new direction in Pure Land thought and is one of the reasons we observe Ho-on-ko.

Notes From The Board

Welcome to a New Year at the Spokane Buddhist Temple. This year we welcome a new member to our Board, Robert Gilles. He is a warm and supportive member of our Sangha and has lots of experience to contribute from having been on other non-profit boards. We also welcome Sally Keeling as our new auditor. With her experience and degree in accounting, we are in good hands.

We also wish to thank Jun Yugawa for the last four years as President of the Board. He has agreed to continue on as Cook Extraordinaire for our fundraisers for which we are very grateful. We also would like to express our gratitude to Fumi Uyeji for her tireless work as auditor. She was a quiet and competent voice to keep us on track financially and always gave us good advice (and still does).

We look forward this year to many exciting activities. We are expecting a wonderful series of dharma talks and lectures this year, thanks to the Religious Education Committee. They have contacted a number of Reverends to visit us and share their experiences of the Dharma. We also have the use of the gym next door and will be hosting the South Perry Farmer’s Market through March on Thursdays. This is a wonderful addition to the community and a great resource, so please feel free to come and patronize them. As a Board, we are always looking for volunteers and ideas to grow the Sangha. Please feel free to contact us @ spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com or call the temple and leave a message. The Board generally meets the second Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the temple basement and feel free to let us know if you’d like to attend a meeting.

In Gassho, Martena Peterson, President Elect

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Jan 30

Sunday

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With sadness we announce the passing of
Patricia Rose Simonet on December 2, 2010
Memorial service to be held at the Spokane
Buddhist Temple, Saturday, January 22, 2011
starting at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family
requests donations be made in her memory to
the Spokane Buddhist Temple.

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