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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

November 2024



Thankfulness and Nembutsu Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy November everyone! I can't believe that the year is almost done! By the time you are all reading this, I will most likely be in Berkeley assisting with the Kyoshi training at the Jodo Shinshu Center. This is the second time that Kyoshi has been allowed to happen outside of Japan. I am grateful to be part of this experience and am always happy when new ministers come to help serve the teaching of the Nembutsu.

For us at Oregon Buddhist Temple, it has been a very busy year! All of us have participated in various seminars, fundraising events, special services, and of course, Obon! When we look back at this year as well, we can see that we have accomplished a lot in keeping our Sangha engaged. I am thankful that we have a Sangha who is so dedicated to the well-being of our community, and the nembutsu teaching.

The Nembutsu teaching is a treasure that we must continue to study, live, and engage with on a daily basis. Whether that being saying nembutsu, or even thinking about how a teaching can bring about a positive effect in our life, we are here as a community because of this teaching. Yes, we have much friendship, a deep desire to learn more about the path, and a resolution to ensure that this temple is still here long after we are gone. Yet, we can never forget the teaching and religious background to what brought us here in the first place.

Our desire to join a temple and learn more about Buddhism helped us to find the temple, and it was the teachings, sangha members, and activities that encouraged us to stay. As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you and my thankfulness that I am lucky enough to be your priest. I am also grateful to the founder Shinran Shonin for clarifying the Pure Land teachings so that all of us can follow the path of the Nembutsu.

So many causes and conditions have led us to be where we are. So much so that we cannot possibly count them! Yet for all of these teachings and conditions, we can only place our hands together and say "Namo Amida Butsu" and echo the words that so many of our ancestors and previous teachers have uttered before us to ensure the continuation of the teachings and community.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all and I look forward to hearing all about your holidays in the weeks to come!

Namo Amida Butsu



AWESOME Cathy Yarne, OBT President

OBT sangha members volunteer because they put "we" before "me". Whether it is your time, energy, and/or skills, you are showing your appreciation for our temple, our sangha, and Buddha dharma.

Oregon Buddhist Temple exists and can only operate because of its volunteers. It takes a considerable amount of "work" to operate the dharma program, manage the operations, execute fundraisers and maintain the temple facilities. My years as a member of the OBT Board of Directors, has opened my eyes to the endless tasks that volunteers take on. Some tasks, like hanging a picture, are done once and it's done. Some tasks, like pushing the dumpster out in the parking lots or washing the laundry are done as needed. Other tasks are weekly and continue indefinitely, like paying bills and taking care of our banking. Some volunteers have been doing a task for a few months while others, like the people who take care of our bookkeeping/accounting needs have been doing it for more than a decade. Many volunteers are visible - we see them doing it every week, while others just "do it" without needing to be told or seen.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Sukiyaki Fundraiser a wonderful event. Whether you worked one morning to prep food, a shift, or worked an extra long day on Saturday, Sunday or both... your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you for your patience and dedication during those times when we were short-handed and you had to work extra long hours to get everything accomplished. Somehow everything did get done and it was a successful event. To those of you who were able to volunteer, THANK YOU! We received numerous compliments on the food.

This year, not only did Robbi chair the Sukiyaki and chow mein dinner, she also was responsible for planning and organizing the food for both the Spring Food Bazaar and Obon. She deserves a very special THANK YOU. Robbi is an amazing organizer and an excellent cook! We're also very lucky because Diane Harder (another excellent cook) has organized and provided delicious meals for the volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

AWESOME is what happens when "we" comes before "me."

Gassho,
Cathy

"OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation."

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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

November Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of October. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the November 17 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Kikue Ando, 11/9/1989*	Yukino Kiso, 11/27/1991*	Yutaka Nishikawa, 11/15/2022
Nogi Seichi Asakawa, 11/14/1992	Jutaro Kiyohara, 11/13/1953	Clara Kazue Okita, 11/17/2004
Junpei Emoto, 11/11/1957	Rei Kiyokawa, 11/25/1979	Shizuyo Ouchida, 11/8/1965*
James (Jim) Fujii, 12/3/2013	William Minoru Koida, 11/13/2010	Shizue Suzie Sakauye, 1/13/1997*
Kazuo Fujii, 11/05/2007	Seimi Kuribayashi, 11/19/1987	Fumie Sako, 11/25/1998*
Masao Fujimura, 11/29/1959	Kameichi Maehara, 11/19/1957	Shizuno Shimizu, 11/3/1952*
Frank Furukawa, 11/09/1979	Tomoko Maekawa, 11/24/1995	George Tatsuo Shoji, 11/12/1995
Fujimatsu Hamataka, 11/05/1950	Yone Maekawa, 11/24/2004*	Bob Hiroshi Sunamoto, 11/22/2009
Mineto Hara, 11/13/2015	Ryonosuke Masuda, 11/20/1975	Toki Tachibana, 11/19/1962*
Richard Harder, 11/21/1996	Kametaro Matsumoto, 11/6/1980	Utajiro Takabayashi, 11/10/1963
Jamie Jo Hasebe, 11/26/2004	Ayame Matsunaga, 11/2/2006*	Tokiye Ruth Takashima, 11/25/2005*
Dr Mie May Hayashi, 11/02/2002	Yoneo Eddie Minagi, 11/11/2002	Sakajiro Takeuchi, 11/09/1963
Totsavask (Todd) Hiransomboon, 11/08/2002	Hisa Mitoma, 11/16/1960*	Shiro Takeuchi, 11/22/2011
Megan Akemi Imamura, 11/01/2013	Chieto Morita, 11/01/1989	Gunichi Tamiyasu, 11/20/1958
Kyuji Kanzaki, 11/06/1962	Ramon S. Moro, 11/17/2003	Mitsuru Tamura, 11/27/1977*
Ben Shohachi Kasubuchi, 11/09/1984	Kazue Murahashi, 11/14/1979*	Poh Chye Tan, 11/25/2008
Yahichi Kato, 11/19/1964	Toyoki Murahashi, 11/24/1961	Uno Teramura, 11/28/1966*
Hikojiro Kawasaki, 11/25/1952	Takaichi Nakamoto, 11/15/1952	Alice Yamano, 11/22/1988*
Nadine Colette Kinoshita, 11/28/2009	James S Nakamura, 11/15/1976	Hiroshi Yamauchi, 11/03/2014
Kyo Kirihara, 11/11/1962*	Tsuru Nakamura, 11/21/1986*	Chiyoko Yoshihara, 11/20/2006*
	Katsumi Nakayama, 11/25/1996	Taro Yoshihara, 11/06/2004

* OBWA member

OBT members attend Tamaki funeral



Taken at Tets Tamaki funeral at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Back: Duane & Gayle Watari, Craig & Steve Tamaki.
 Front: Carol Saiget, Martha Tamaki, Cathy Yarne.
 Not pictured: Etsuko Osaki, Lora & Joe Wahl

2024 Memorial Services			
Year of Passing	Memorial	Year of Passing	Memorial
2023	1 Year	2008	17 Year
2022	3 Year	2000	25 Year
2018	7 Year	1992	33 Year
2012	13 Year	1975	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Reverend Tadao Koyama at 253 627-1417 or info@tacombt.org

Oregon Buddhist Temple September 2024 Donations

In memory of Ted Tamaki

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

SHOTSUKI HOYO***In memory of Mitsue Nakagawa***

Connie Masuoka

In memory of Hisako Kakishita

Dana Kakishita

In memory of Shig Yuzuriha

Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

In memory of Eddy Minagi

Lynn Yoshihara Kanaya

In memory of Fukiyo Masuda & family

Lynn Yoshihara Kanaya

***In memory of Tomo Saito, Fumi Saito
& Eiichi Saito***

Carol Saiget

In memory of George Okamoto

Janice Okamoto

Anonymous

Lotus CircleDana Kakishita
Susan Endecott***Obonfest Sponsor***Ronald K. Kobata
Suniti Kumar
Lisa Anderson
Angela Hughes & Ryan Davis
Anonymous***Special donations***James & Judith Nakashima
Etsuko Osaki
Kenji Seki (*baby blessing*)
Joyce Olsen
Tom Zenkyo Howard***Fall Ohigan***Elaine & Todd Yuzuriha
Diane Ando Harder
Katie Tamiyasu
Dana Kakishita
Pat Hokama
Janice Okamoto
Anonymous***Rev. Koyama dinner***Nadine Nakagawa
Carol Saiget
Anonymous***Fall Bazaar***Susan Endecott
Debra Shimamoto***Monthly pledge donations***Diane Ando Harder
Susan Endecott
Susan Lilly & Erik Ackerson

***Donation acknowledgements
are mailed for donations of
\$250 or more, and to any
donor upon request.***

***Please inform us of any
significant errors or
omissions. Thank you.***

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Please Join Us with Rev. Koyama :

Sunday, November 24 10am
Eitaikyo Special Service

Sunday, December 22 10am
Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service



A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for these events and at any other time.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E - Shinran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-E - "A Celebration of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Bodhi Day
	Year End Gift for the Temple



Sahomi Tachibana at OBT, 2016

In Memory of Sahomi Tachibana (1924 – 2024)

Chris Dart

Based on the article from the Oregon Encyclopedia written By Chisao Hata (link below).

On October 10, 2024 at 100 years of age, Sahomi Tachibana died. In the tradition of Obon, we are very sad but we are also happy because she was our sensei and friend at OBT since 1990.

She was an incredibly accomplished dancer and teacher, and it would take pages to fully write her story but we shall touch on the details.

Sahomi was "a Japanese American master teacher and performer of Nihon buyo (traditional Japanese dance) and the regional folk dances of Japan. When she arrived in Portland in 1990, she had already been teaching Nihon buyo for almost twenty-five years in her own studio [in New York], and she brought her expertise to new students in Oregon." She also taught the first bon odori in New York. In Portland, she worked with taiko groups, professional arts organizations, taught bon odori at OBT for another 25 years, lead bon odori at Obon, taught buyo in her studio in Portland, and performed with students at Obon. And not just at OBT. Sahomi and her students (including her daughter, Elaine) performed at various locations in the Pacific Northwest. Her last Obon was in 2015, and her retirement performance was at the Tower Theater in Bend, Oregon, in 2005. She shared the program with Portland Taiko.

Throughout her worldwide career, she won countless awards, and her last was "in April 2021, [when] the Japanese government awarded Sahomi Tachibana the Order of the Rising Sun–Silver Rays for her contributions to the "promotion of Japanese arts and friendly relations between the two countries.""

On April 6, 1924, "Tachibana was born Doris Haruno Abe to a farming family [from Fukushima, Japan] in Mountain View, California". "Doris Abe began dancing when she was seven years old. As a child, she performed between scenes at her grandparents' amateur kabuki theater in Mountain View." Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga saw her dance when she was seven and suggested that she should study dance in Japan. She studied at the Tachibana School of Dance in Fukushima and Tokyo, earned her dance name Sahomi Tachibana, then returned to California in 1941. Sahomi began teaching in camp, and after camp, she went to New York.

For more information, read the entire article at www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/tachibana-sahomi

Sahomi told Chisao, "It [dance] is a lifelong study, and I am trying to teach my students whatever I have so it will enrich their lives. Dance has been my life."

At OBT, we were very lucky to have her as one of us. She was a very nice person, told great stories about the dances, taught us all the steps with great patience, and left us with memories, music, and dances.

There will be a memorial service for Sahomi, with dancing of course.



With daughter Elaine circa 1960 at Riverside Park, New York City, where she taught bon odori from 1948 to 1989 before moving to Portland. Photo courtesy of Wynn Kiyama



Leading Bon Odori at OBT, 2011. Photo by Rich Iwasaki

Rev. Koyama Chicken Karaage Dinner and Fall Ohigan Service - September 28, 29 2024

photos by Maho Garner



Sukiyaki Bazaar October 6 2024

photos by Mai Thi La and Marilyn Achterman



Sukiyaki Bazaar Robbi Ando

The success of any event at OBT relies upon the many volunteers who unselfishly offer their time, effort, and skills; the Fall Bazaar just a few weeks ago was not an exception.

All of the coordinators offer their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the sale of sukiyaki, chow mein, tsukemono, soft drinks, and dharma school treats.

It was wonderful to once again to offer the community the opportunity to sit down and share good company and food.

-- From the coordinators:

Marilyn Achterman, Dharma School Treats

Kristen Wong, Soft Drinks

Tsukemono, Robbi Ando

Chow Mein, Amy Mishima and Robbi Ando

Sukiyaki, Cathy Yarne and Carol Saiget

General coordination, Robbi Ando and Diane Harder



Dharma School Ann Shintani

Happy November! During last Summer's Buddhist Festival, a gathering that brought together many of Buddhist organizations, I connected with the Dharma Rain Zen Center's Dharma School coordinator, Jen, and we made a goal to plan a few activities together. So, we have been invited to **Dharma Rain's Inter-Sangha Youth Social**, for ages 9-18 years, on **Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024, 2pm-4pm**. It will be at their large property, near NE 82nd and Siskiyou Street. Please let me know if you can participate, so I may give Jen an estimate number of youth.

To reciprocate, we have invited Dharma Rain families to our **Bodhi Day service and potluck, Saturday, Dec. 7, 6pm-9pm**. Dharma School students are preparing for a performance after the Bodhi Day service. Older students will be rehearsing, and younger students will be preparing (and being) props! We hope many families will be able to participate in this service, especially if your student is cast in a role or providing props (there will be no Sunday Service on Dec. 8).



Northwest District Buddhist Convention: I wanted to share some messages from the NW convention, hosted by White River Buddhist Temple in Auburn, WA, back in September 2024. My family (Scott, Haruki and I) drove up for this unique multi-generational conference. **"CONNECTIONS, Building for the Future"**, had us considering our piece of the puzzle of interconnectedness. Can you guess the names in Tessa Asato's artwork (see answers below)?

Rev. Candice Shibata, resident minister at Buddhist Church of Stockton (CA), shared a touching story of how friends' kind sharing of the Dharma, after she experienced intense and prolonged grief, was so impactful that she became a Buddhist minister. **Mr. Lon Inaba**, a lay leader at Yakima Buddhist Temple, in Yakima, WA, told us about how he sold the family farm to the Yakima Nation, in gratitude for the tribe's kindnesses when the Inaba family faced discrimination, to enabled them to establish their own, successful, commercial farm. **Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki**, Seattle Betsuin, spoke about sutra chanting as a way for us to (1) be connected to the words of teachers who lived many years ago, (2) physically use our body (voice) to express appreciation, joy, and beauty, and (3) do chanting as an opportunity to for us to practice feeling appreciation and delight in the moment, as if it is our last time. He referred to a poem of a famous Japanese monk, Ikkyu, that seems to promote this understanding: "Eat, sleep,

eat, sleep, and die." Is this (humorous) poem a suitable incentive to appreciate that we do not have "self power"?

I also connected with old and new friends, taught newbies Hanafuda (Japanese card game), and played "casino bingo"...these experiences were made with other kind and friendly delegates. As I write these convention thoughts, I am reminded about how much I enjoyed our trip, grateful to revisit these compassionate and insightful messages from these generous and inspiring people, and encourage you to participate in the next convention, hosted by Seattle Betsuin, **"Renewal: Jodo Shinshu For Today"**, Feb. 13-16, 2026, Renton, WA. This will be held with the BCA National Council Meeting, so we should see more ministers and lay leaders from outside the Pacific Northwest.

Tessa's artwork has illustrations of Shakamuni Buddha, Shinran Shonin, Rev. Tadao Koyama, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki, and Irwin (the cat).

Annual OBT Holiday Craft Fair Angie Hughes



Oregon Buddhist Temple will be hosting its 9th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 9:00am—3:30pm. Over 30 talented local artisans will be sharing their lovely handmade items at affordable prices. Many types of quality creations will be offered: jewelry, handwoven goods, watercolor greeting cards, ceramics, plants, woodcraft, 3D printed gifts, Hawaiian snacks, small-batch tea, needle felted ornaments, woven baskets, origami art, and so much more!

We hope everyone will join us for some fun holiday shopping in a cozy, welcoming environment. A full lunch menu will be offered again at reasonable prices and the Dharma School will be presenting a snack bar of sweets as well. More details can be found on the OBT website page at <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/craft-fair>. For more information and to also volunteer at the Fair, please contact Angie Hughes at 503-367-2650.

We hope to see you at the 2024 OBT Holiday Craft Fair!



Calling all Pianists and Organists Beth Sellers

Calling all pianists and/or organists, if you are interested in putting your skills and knowledge to good use by playing for a Sunday service, please let me know!

Right now, OBT has a very small and dedicated group of accompanists but could use your help.

At the moment, everyone is scheduled to play once a month. Please email me, Beth: bmarylcc05@georgefox.edu



OBWA News Jayne Ichikawa

Lots of “Kyomi aru” activities occurring in the OBWA. Keep reading

OBWA gifts/donations:

* Koden donation In Memory of Mr. Ted Tamaki who was instrumental with the building of OBT, very active and influential as president of the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board in 1996, and developed many close friendships with the Sangha. He and wife Martha later moved to Tacoma, WA to be closer to their two sons.

* Purchased 13 cartons of the delicious chow mein/rice to give to 13 of our homebound members and friends during the OBT Sukiyaki/Chow Mein Bazaar on October 6.

* Purchased a table for the Mottainai Craft Group to sell their items at the OBT Craft Fair on November 23.

Member News:

Jean Matsumoto who suffered a stroke at Holliday Plaza is recovering with a PT schedule after being released from the hospital. She is accepting visitors but please do NOT bring food or beverages for her health safety. Cards can be sent to Jean Matsumoto at: 1300 NE 16th Ave, room #234, Portland, OR, 97232



Very sad news to learn that **Sahomi Tachibana**, who was the temple’s Bon Odori Sensei, passed away on October 10. She celebrated her 100th birthday in April. Sympathy cards can be sent to her daughter, Elaine Werner and husband Ty Fredette at 7735 SW 66th Ave, Portland, OR, 97223.

Past Events:

On October 23, enthusiastic matsutake hunters experienced the ways and joys of how to search and find these precious mushrooms (often difficult). We met on Hwy 35 and



(L to R) Tiffany T., Toyoko O., Debi S., Robbi A., Michael Korver, Diane H., Gerry Migaki, Setsy L., Jayne, Chip L., Amy P., John F. (Missing: Kristen W. and Annie M.)

Skyline to begin our hunt. It was a dry day but we also felt light snowflakes falling briefly. We enjoyed our incredible delicious potluck lunch in a nice shelter building! Many thanks to Amy for her huge efforts and dedication.

Calendar News:

* October 30 is scheduled for a second **matsutake hunt** with Amy Peterson and friends. If you are interested in the fun event, please meet at the Welches Ranger Station at 9:15 (Amy plans to leave for the hunt by 9:30.). A potluck lunch is planned so please bring something to share if desired. Contact Jayne Ichikawa at jayneichi@gmail.com ASAP if interested.

* Saturday, November 9, from 10-12 a **SOLVE clean-up event** will occur to clean and beautify our temple’s neighborhood. We hope you can join us at the OBT parking lot at 10:00 for this valuable service with your friends. To register, please click this [weblink](#), or use the QR code on the SOLVE flyer in this newsletter.

* November 23 is the **OBT Craft Fair** from 9:00-3:30. This event is another opportunity to show attendees unique, useful, and creative items in a very enjoyable atmosphere. Please mark this event in your calendar. More details will be announced and written in the OBT’s newsletter.

Next OBWA meeting: November 16, at 10:00.

Next reporter: Amy Peterson



Service Chairpersons ☺ Alfred Ono

It is almost the end of October and almost the end of 2024--can you believe it.

I will be setting up the people to be service chairpersons for the Sunday services. I would like YOU to be one these people. It is easy, just read the printed script, but if you like to be creative, you certainly add to the service. We will help you with the audio issue if they came up, so do not worry about technical problems. Jeff Ichikawa is great giving you the service material way before the service so you can be ready. All you need to do is show up about 15 to 20 minutes before the service to get any revised or added material.

So send me a “I want to do this” via your Email so we can contact you and any Sundays that you may not be available.

Tap me on the shoulder most Sundays, Email or text me, or call me.

My Email is portlandonos@gmail.com and my phone is 503-816-2263 and I will get back to you.

In Gassho,
Al Ono

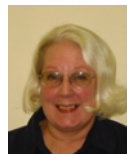


Girl Scouts Update Amy Peterson

September was a busy month for the troop. Kenzie and Maya attended the Service Unit Fall camp and had a fantastic time doing some community service helping the ranger cutting and marking invasive, non-native scotch broom. Then they attempted to help count dangerous bullfrogs that are killing small Western Pond Turtles. The Turtles are endangered, being raised at the Oregon Zoo and released back into the wild. The camp is the recipient of this program. They were unable to catch and count the bullfrogs, but were able to identify their locations. They learned the Llama song which was fun for all ages. The weather was beautiful and the food great!

Then the girls had to plan the service unit Bridging Ceremony which was exceptionally attended by other troops and had great reviews, regardless of the challenges of attempting to move the attendees and have family follow quietly.

We are welcoming several new scouts and have already completed their First aid badge with more on the way. We are fast tracking the girls with their outdoor skills so they can do more camping.



Bon Odori Chris Dart

Just a reminder :-)) Sunday Bon Odori is dancing for fun and exercise. We learn new dances, relearn old dances, and some end up in our Obon! It's generally the last Sunday of the month unless there is an OBT event. Exceptions are July and August when we have Obon and the Japanese Garden. Dates are in the newsletter and calendar, and watch the main page of the OBT website for last minute changes like snow.

October - the 27th, at 1 PM in the basement was our Sunday Bon Odori for October. We have two more to go this year - November 24th, and December 29th (we shall do Tanko Bushi to Jingle Bells and also to Auld Lang Syne with bagpipes :-)). Shortly I will be doing the bon odori dates for 2025 (can you believe that! almost 2025!!). Bring a water bottle and join us for some fun. We would love to have you with us.

See you at dancing
Chris sensei



Searching for 2025 Japanese American High School Graduates Elaine Yuzuriha

The Japanese American Community Scholarship applications will be due on March 1, 2025. Now is the time start thinking about applying for the Japanese American Community Scholarships with the following criteria:

- Eligible applicants and one of their parents must be of Japanese Ancestry (except for Portland JACL scholarships).
- The parents or the student must have been a member of one of the seven community organizations by December 17, 2024 or earlier to apply for the 2025 scholarships. Oregon Buddhist Temple is one of the sponsoring organizations.
- The applicant must reside within Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington (OR), or Clark (WA) counties (does not apply to Portland JACL scholarships).
- The student must have attended high school in the United States. International students are not eligible.

Please let us know about high school seniors affiliated with Oregon Buddhist Temple or the Japanese American community. Next May is the 2025 Japanese American Graduation Banquet. Oregon Buddhist Temple is in charge, and the committee would like to issue invitations to all seniors affiliated with OBT and the Japanese American Community. Please contact Elaine Yuzuriha (e.yuzuriha@gmail.com). Thank you!



Mottainai Craft Group
Toyoko Oguri

Our October meeting was hosted by a member who held a workshop on marbling fabric and paper. The technique of marbling is simple: on a vat of gelatinous medium, paints of different colors are floated, and we lay a pretreated fabric or paper on surface to pick up the paint. The result is a magical transformation of plain fabric or paper in unexpected ways. A badly stained obi was transformed into a stunning art through marbling. We also marbled a box of blank cards which will be available at the Holiday Craft Fair on November 23.

WHAT’S AHEAD: **Regular meeting** on November 20 in the temple basement. **Holiday Craft Fair** on November 23, the group will have a table to sell crafts including the popular scrubbies, needlepoint magnets and knit booties that past temple members have made.

FUTURE PLANS: We are planning a sashiko workshop and a wallet making workshop in 2025.

We welcome requests of items to make for the temple, such as nenju case, aprons, and anesan kaburi (head coverings for food service). To participate in these craft events, craft request or questions, please contact the group at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.



The article below by OBT board member Jayne Ichikawa is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



How to Know a Person
Jayne Ichikawa

Have you considered the question of how to see others deeply and being deeply seen? I recently read New York Times Opinion columnist David Brooks’ valuable book, **How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others and Being Deeply Seen** which made a big impact on me and how it relates to our Buddhist teachings.

In our everyday lives we may not pay much attention to our daily routines unless a struggle or difficult event occurs. My article is going to focus on social relationships which can

become a personal issue and how this book made me aware of my habits and behavior. This book helped me to understand the importance of seeing others and making them feel seen, heard, and understood. So many times, I am so eager to jump into the conversation that a shy person may not have the chance or courage to join in the conversation. My self-centered ego had completely taken over the conversation!

Being a sincere listener was forgotten. The book also states reasons why we need companionship, how circumstances can change a person, how to be a good conversationalist and listener and how to create EMPATHY.

Many of these topics which I read in this book would be useful in helping our temple increase our membership by becoming a sincere and interested person for new visitors.

I hope you can read this book. I highly recommend it.

OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117

OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Tuesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM with a couple exceptions.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.

Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link to info and form is on the main page of Tacoma's website, about 2/3 of the way down the page – (signup link takes you to google form).

<https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.



**SUPPORTER OF THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
PLEDGE FOR 2024**

Name: _____

Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

All individuals who make a pledge will be listed as a Supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

For individuals who pledge \$300 or more:

- A portion of your pledge will be forwarded to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) for BCA membership
- Eligible to be nominated to be on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors
- Eligible to vote for the Board of Directors of Oregon Buddhist Temple and other issues that are presented at the General Meeting.

I will pledge for 2024, the amount of \$ _____

_____ The above amount is to be given as a one- time amount of \$ _____ or

_____ The above amount is to be given in payments of \$ _____

_____ Monthly

_____ Quarterly

Please send this completed Pledge for 2024 to:

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Neighborhood Clean up

Please Join our Sangha for a Saturday Morning Neighborhood Clean Up!

We will meet up at OBT :
3720 SE 34th Ave,
Portland, OR 97202



Saturday, November 9, 2024

10am - noon



Please contact Jayne Ichikawa for details:
jayneichi@gmail.com



9TH ANNUAL OBT HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

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Saturday, November 23, 2024

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Bodhi Day Service

Oregon Buddhist Temple



Saturday December 7
6:00pm

Potluck following the service

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2024 Mochi Orders			
Mail or return to OBT with check payment Oregon Buddhist Temple c/o Mochitsuki 3720 SE 34 th Ave, Portland, OR 97202		Pick up your order on Sunday December 15 from 3 to 4:30 pm at temple basement.	
Orders must be received by Tuesday, December 10		How many pounds?	Total \$ Amount
Mochi per pound (in 1 pound increments)	\$6		
First NAME:		Last NAME:	
PHONE:		EMAIL:	
Please contact obtmochitsuki24@gmail.com to learn about volunteering opportunity for mochitsuki.			