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To Never Abandon Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy July everyone! July for many people marks the middle of summertime. The weather is hot, we have the 4th of July fireworks to look at, BBQs, and for many temples, Obon! As we enter Obon season,

we begin to take out our yukata, various fans, and kachi-kachi in preparation for all of the dancing and fun!

Obon is still one of my favorite times of year, as it marks a time I am able to meet many friends, eat good food, and dance my heart out to fun songs like “Eijyanaika”, “Tanko Bushi”, and “Soran Bushi”. The spiritual meaning behind this time has also become more apparent to me since becoming a priest.

One of my responsibilities is to visit the cemeteries again during Obon season to chant sutras for those who wish to observe the passing of their ancestors. This is also an especially busy time for the priests in Japan, as they have to visit all of their members’ houses to chant in front of their obutsudan. When I chant Amida Kyo during the cemetery visitations, I am reminded of the Wasan or hymn that our founder Shinran Shonin wrote on the Amida Sutra:

“Seeing the sentient beings of the Nembutsu
Throughout the worlds,
countless as particles, in the ten quarters,
The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,
And therefore is named “Amida”. ”

This wasan perfectly describes the feeling of appreciation and awareness that we can feel during this time. While dancing, drinking beer, and making new friends is always fun, this season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the teachings that our ancestors helped to impart on us from generations ago. When we think about it, the number of ancestors related to us are as countless as particles within the ten quarters of existence. Yet, Amida Buddha still embraces them all equally without fail.

The name “Amida” can also imply the concept of “immeasurable” or beyond our concept of space and time. This is because the amount of wisdom and compassion that Amida gives to us, gave to our past ancestors, and will give to our descendants for the future is truly without measure. With this in mind, we can dance with a great sense of joy and wonder of the innumerable causes and conditions that led us to the nembutsu path and to our encounter with Amida Buddha.

The temple has been the home and the center for many Obon seasons of the past in the United States and from ancient Japan. So many of our ancestors have taken part in this festival and have passed on the love of dance and the temple onto us. When we dance, let’s remember them with a deep sense of gratitude and love.



OBT President’s Message Cathy Yarne

Hello Sangha,

The Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) has a weekly podcast that can be accessed on-line or Dial-the-Dharma (1 800 817-7918). Recently the topic was Growing Our Sangha. Bishop Harada noted the “sacrifices and dedication of our founding pioneers who must have seen and felt a tremendous value in the teachings and the Nembutsu” to build and establish the temples we have today.

In his talk he stated that, similar to all religious organizations in the US, over the past 10 years the BCA has seen a 28% decline in membership. Although I don’t know the exact numbers, I’m confident this is true for our temple too. The decline in membership creates challenges for temples, particularly small temples who still must maintain and support their temple facilities, programs and minister. These challenges are also taxing on the leadership and sangha since we are essentially an “all volunteer” organization. OBT is not exempt from these challenges. We are always in need of volunteers and people willing to take charge of specific tasks.

One particular statement from Bishop Harada’s podcast resonated with me personally. Bishop said the pioneers of our temples saw and felt a “tremendous value in the teachings and the Nembutsu” to establish the temples. I realize, that I too believe there is value in the teachings and the Nembutsu, not just for myself but for others. This belief has motivated me to take an active role at our temple. Like the pioneers who built the first OBT temple in 1910, I’d like our temple to continue to be a vital resource for anyone who wants to listen and learn about Buddhism. I know I am not alone in this belief. Recently, we received a donation from someone who does not live in Oregon. They asked that we “please continue our dedicated efforts to share the Buddha Dharma.” If you too share this belief, I encourage you to become a member of our temple and the BCA. Your pledge supports our ministers, dharma programs and the operation and maintenance of our

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

buildings. Your pledge shows us you value the Oregon Buddhist Temple and its mission to share the dharma. If you've already made a pledge for 2024, your support is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Gassho,
Cathy Yarne

Any pledge of \$300 or more, will not only support the Oregon Buddhist Temple, but also support the Buddhist Churches of America. (BCA). Your name and part of your pledge will be submitted to the BCA for membership. (Pledge forms are available in this newsletter or the OBT website).



The Simple Life of Pets **Kristen Wong**

What is making me happy lately is a podcast called "Creature Preacher" which is centered on a woman, named Nancy, who talks to animals, both living and in the beyond. While this sounds like a hoax, I certainly hope it isn't. For all the craziness and anxiety in our world, hearing what our pets think is a welcome concept.

"Does my dog like me?" seems to be the most common question that callers will ask. This is a very self-centered question and one that is very human. From the Buddhist perspective, I want to know "What makes a happy life?" The answer from my dog's viewpoint seems like it would be simple: A lot of good food, belly rubs and a backyard with squirrels.

But can the answer be that simple? Maslow's hierarchy of needs suggest that there are several more layers to this list to be happy. Among them is safety and at the top is self-actualization. I know my dog lives in a secure and stable environment, however, does my dog realize his purpose and is his purpose independent or dependent on my happiness? And does being self-actualized actually mean that one is happy? Can one be happy without being self-actualized? Deep questions require simple answers in my case. And for the answers, I do not have any.

Nancy the animal communicator often says that our pets are happy when we are happy and vice versa. They just want us to enjoy life. In a self-actualized existence, for a human or dog this could mean that we know what we like and we have the freedom to be creative. But when all is done, does this really matter? Do animals have the answers to what makes a happy life?

Nancy says they do and that it's about our connections and our relationships. Not what food or how many toys we give them. It's about the time we spent together and what we were doing when we were together. Were we watching the box of moving pictures (what the dog sees) and ignoring our loved ones? Or were we engaged, talking to them, keeping a hand on their backs? Did we take walks together and just smell the air? Our furry friends know what life is about and I appreciate knowing what they think. It is that simple and it is a good reminder of the practice of Buddhism.



OBT Board Meeting Summary **Suniti Kumar**

Notes from the June 13, 2024 OBT Board Meeting:

We will have a professional company appraise and assess the Onaijin.

We will support our current Minister's Assistants to attend an educational session in California.

Our Onaijin lanterns should be ready by the end of June

We will be participating in this year's Buddhist Festival in the Park (June 29)

Registration for this year's convention is available through the White River Buddhist Temple.

We are considering Mailchimp for communicating with potential temple members.

OBON planning is underway!

Rev Koyama will lead service on June 30 and July 7. He will pass through Portland with Rev Cyndi Yasaki on their way to the Annual Minister's Fukuan. He will not be able to attend Obonfest due to his other duties. He will cook for us, perhaps in September.

Charley Reneau will be a guest panelist at Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Seminar: Saturday, June 22, 2024, 2pm-4pm, BBQ: 5pm-7:30pm.

Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma WA 98402

Cost: Seminar-Free, BBQ-\$15 donation

Panelists: Joel Robinson (Tacoma Buddhist Temple), Charles Reneau (Oregon Buddhist Temple)

Questions? Please contact Rev. Koyama at: revtadaok@gmail.com

To sign up for the seminar only:

<https://forms.gle/siBVaK2tn4uvVCRk7>



Getting Ready for Obonfest **Marilyn Achterman**

Dear Sangha, thank you for creating a warm, meaningful religious event and community Obonfest gathering. Committee coordinators are planning scrumptious foods, handmade garments, hands on games, thoughtful presentations, planned traffic flow for our attendees and ways to keep everyone safe.

There are many ways to be a part of the festival: invite your family and friends, add us to your Instagram, post a colorful flyer, use sign up genius to work with your favorite shave ice buddy, make a donation toward the festival costs and, of course, dance for joy at the end of the evening. Please use and share this link to sign-up genius: <http://bit.ly/Obon2024Volunteer>. Obonfest has become a wonderful way to gather with the community at our beloved temple.

Gassho, Rock n Roll Robbi, Charismatic Charley and Marching Marilyn

July Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of June. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the July 18 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.

Ritsuji Akiyama, 7/20/1955	Kikue Kaneyama, 7/25/1999	Masajiro Sasaki, 7/11/1991
Akiko Allen 7/17/1988	Josephine Kato, 7/23/1986	Mine Sasaki, 7/1/1964*
Masao Aoki, 7/07/1999	Masaru Kawachi, 7/04/1969	Sam Osamu Sasaki, 7/06/1997
U Azuma, 7/25/1967	Kazuo Kinoshita, 7/31/2004	Yayeno Sasaki, 7/7/1978*
Mabel Kiku Boggs, 7/10/2011	Kyuzo Kinoshita, 7/30/1950	Lury Sato, 7/30/2019
Diane Franklin, 7/06/2013	Tooru Kobayashi, 7/08/1970	Karen R Scapple, 7/25/2011
Motozo Fujimoto, 7/02/1961	Sanshichi Kunishige, 7/04/1955	Judy Shimamoto, 7/22/1997
Tokuichi Fukumoto, 7/04/1955	Frank Kurihara, 7/27/1976	Shoji Shimamoto, 7/15/1975
George Furukawa, 7/29/1991	Irene Kurihara, 7/14/2016	Sajiro Shimooka, 7/01/1951
Elaine Gekko, 7/31/2004	Mary Kurihara, 7/22/1983*	Fred S Shiraishi, 7/15/1986
George S Hamada, 7/14/2014	Isaburo Matsumiya, 7/01/1951	Yasokichi Shiraishi, 7/17/1976
James Hasuike, 7/7/1983	Carmen McNicholas, 7/01/2017	Ruby Y Sumino, 7/21/2009
Ken (Kenny) Hatago, 7/06/2003	Kinoye Mori, 7/29/1994	Tomo Sunamoto, 7/23/2013*
Toki Hatori, 7/7/1983	Tomeji Mukaida, 7/19/1976	Joe S Tachibana, 7/10/1966
Tokujiro Hikida, 7/06/1952	Tatsutaro Muramatsu, 7/18/1962	Hiroshi Takeuchi, 7/10/2013
Frank M Hirata, 7/27/1975	Robert Murase, 7/18/2005	Masao Takeuchi, 7/13/1967
Torizo Hokari, 7/22/1951	Yone Murazen, 7/3/1998*	Yae Takeuchi, 7/6/1971*
Misao Honda, 7/16/1992*	Seki Naemura, 7/19/1987*	Kaguma Toya, 7/27/1968
Uye Ichiba, 7/17/1988	Tsugio Nakazawa, 7/29/1999	Yone Toya, 7/20/1968*
Hitoshi Joelkata, 7/11/1997	Shigeru Niimi, 7/17/1960	Tamio Watari, 7/23/2022
George Iwasaki, 7/10/2009	Shigenobu Okubo, 7/25/1987	Hokari S Yasui, 7/21/1955
Enzo Iwasaki, 7/14/1963	Miyu Onchi, 7/11/1974*	Sumi Yonemura, 7/12/2002
Hajime Iwashita, 7/10/1963	Rose Ouchida, 7/05/2011	Bud M Yoshida, 7/18/1992
	Shizuka Ouchida, 7/2/1968*	

* OBWA member

Condolences



Condolences to the family of Kumiko Mishima who passed away June 9th, 2024. She is survived by sister Kiyomi, brother Shinichi, sons Eric (Linda), James, grandchildren Erica, Aaron, Sean and Trenton, nieces (including OBT member Amy Peterson) and nephews.

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@tacomabt.org

Oregon Buddhist Temple May 2024 Donations

SHOTSUKI HOYO

In memory of Sally Nakamura
Colin Nakamura

In memory of Susanne Sasaki Myers

Joyce F. Olsen

In memory of Grace Hasuike

Betty & Henry Young

In memory of Isamu Sam Iwamoto

Katie & Ed Tamiyasu

In memory of R. S. Moro

Tasha & Marlene Moro

In memory of Jean Matsunaga

Janice Okamoto

Special donations

Alice E. Sumida Living Trust
Katie Kawazoe (Memorial Day)
Teresa Keishi Soto
Jonathan Greenwood
Dana Kakishita (Mother's Day)
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha (Spring bazaar)
Lisa D. Anderson (Spring bazaar)

Gotan-e

Etsuko Osaki
Dana Kakishita
Katie Tamiyasu
Pat Hokama
Frieda Fujikawa
June & Stan Shiigi
Diane Ando Harder
Anonymous

2024 Annual Pledge

Betty Hasuike Young

Monthly/quarterly/semi-annual pledge donations

Diane Ando Harder
Pat Hokama
Susan Endecott

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.
sjendecott@gmail.com

**Summertime is Obon Time**

Carol Saiget

Music, temple tours, entertainment, food booths, dancing...crowds of people enjoying our temple's "Celebration of Joy"

There are many ways to support this festival of activities: setting up, cooking, selling, eating, dancing...and donating to help defray expenses. PLEASE look for the blue folders (lobby) that contains our shopping list. It's simple. Just select an item(s) that you're willing to "sponsor" and mail in a check or use PayPal (OBT website) noting "Obon" & the specific item. (You do not actually purchase the item.)

An abridged list can be emailed to anyone who'd like to participate; please contact: carolyn.saiget@gmail.com or 503 319-1619.

You don't need to have a degree in math or economics to know that the more funds we raise to cover our expenses, the greater our profits margins will be. While making money isn't our first priority for OBON, financial stability is important and building community is priceless.

**Omiyage Donations**

By Susan Leedham

We are continuing to collect donations for Omiyage to sell at Obon. Spring is around the corner, so please consider donating to OBT when decluttering, and please ask your friends and relatives too!

Most anything Japanese sells best, such as dishes, serving pieces and art. We are also interested in gently used decorative and kitchen items, although as is common with garage sales, it is surprising what sells! Toys and jewelry also sell, though other than T-shirts, most clothing does not.

We are putting the donations in the Mabel Boggs room. If anyone needs help or has any questions, my cell phone number is 503-803-1041, and my email address is leedhamreporting@comcast.net

Thank you!

OBON FEST 2024 info on the OBT website

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-festival>

Summer Haiku (part 1 of 2)

Contributed by Dharma Exchange participants, June 2nd 2024

The warm summer breeze
Enters the open Window
Resting on the tatami
Ron

A new lawn mower
Perfection with a machine
That cuts like magic
Susan

Firefly come along
Lead me barefoot through the
night
Tree frog singing song
Janett

Day reaches further
Bon Odori will be soon
Sleep will have to wait
Ani

Sleepy days some long
And then not
And the end is the end.
Erik

He is in Pureland
Glowing and singing out loud
Namu Amida
Etsu

Everyone has little ants
Except me
What is my secret?
Nancy

Flower Devoured
Deep in the tiny jungle
A voracious beast
Brenda

Aerial battles
Guarding sweet morning nectar
Fuchsia freely gives
Ken

Deadheading Rhodies
Searching out last pink
blossoms
For the kitchen vase
Brenda



What is that up there?
Robins nest high on the ledge
Yoi, Sayonara
(Good, finally gone)

Summer morning brings breath
Making the world so fresh,
Summer afternoon remembers
death.

Anonymous

Many conifers
Blowing lightly in the breeze
Beneath the strong sun
Jonathan

Shinya



Shinya creates haiku
At least so he says
It could be football scores

Nancy



Dharma School
Ann Shintani

Healthy Body + Karate. Thank you to Avery Hughes-Davis for bringing karate and wellness to our Dharma School students. On Sunday, June 16th, Father’s Day, Avery led everyone on movements, demonstrated simple movement with students, and gave us a martial arts demo, with a spin kick!



Girl Scouts Update
Amy Peterson

Thanks to all for helping us sell all of our cookies. We have one donation left to do for the Raphael house.

The girls will be gone camping and digging for fossils. Unfortunately, there is a burn ban in this area and the whole county so we'll have to see how s'mores do on the Coleman stove.

The girls will finalize their plans for a Service Unit Bridging ceremony for the end of September. Their plan is to use the elevated walking path at Leach Botanical Gardens. We hope for a good turnout.

We'll send pictures next month.



A Surprise at the Oregon Food Bank
Robbi Ando

Yes! Those are fresh shiitake being packed at the Oregon Food Bank by OBWA co-presidents Jeanette Hager and Amy Peterson.



More expected were potatoes, or pears, or apples, but shiitake!

Sixteen sangha members and other community members helped pack more than 1,000 pounds of those mushrooms and over 3 tons of yellow onions on June 22nd. Many Oregon families will be less hungry because of their efforts. Thank you to the OBWA for sponsoring this opportunity to practice dana.

(But some of us really had hoped we could have taken home at least a few of those shiitake as a reward, so sad. Many of us sated our hunger by retreating to McMenamins’ Kennedy School for brunch.)

Hope you can join us next time!

Portland Taiko at Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Portland Taiko has been conducting drumming classes and rehearsals at the Oregon Buddhist Temple for several years. Of course this is why Portland stores their drums in the Dana Classroom, and the reason that we put away the tables and chairs after Sunday Services and activities. Oregon Buddhist Temple stores its taiko drums on the upstairs hallway (see photo). One of our taiko drums are having its drum heads (or skins) replaced by Portland Taiko performers, which is so great! Thank you Tiffany and Portland Taiko!



It is nearing Obon and time to practice taiko drumming and bon odori dancing. The two compliment each other and go together. I try to find Sangha to help bon odori dancers by keeping the beat and focusing on the bon odori music. I have taken Portland Taiko’s introductory taiko drum classes and sessions with past artistic directors (Michelle Fujii and Toru Watanabe, and Wynn Kiyama) and now with current artistic director, Tiffany Tamaribuchi. Tiffany is a renown and accomplished taiko master, and thoughtful and passionate taiko sensei (teacher), and the cousin of our friend Tara Tamaribuchi.

I really enjoy Portland Taiko classes, and have been taking a drop-in class here and there. Oregon Buddhist Temple members (with minimum pledge of \$300) may take their first Portland Taiko “Taiko 101” (one 1-1/2 hour) class for free (normally \$40 plus EventBrite fees), and subsequent Portland Taiko classes at a discount of 25% (both drop-in and session classes).



OBWA Birthday Celebration Gathering and Upcoming Events

Jeanette Hager

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, our OBWA members held our annual birthday lunch celebration at Super King Buffet. It was an opportunity to pause and savor being together, eat delicious food and play Janken (じゃんけん) (Rock, Paper, Scissors) for prizes. Minister's Assistant Etsu Osaki led us in Gassho. Ann Shintani gifted each of us with a beautiful floral arrangement to commemorate our birthdays.

Here are photos of our members who enjoyed this special gathering. The photographer is Diane Ando Harder (our OBWA member wearing the "Happy Birthday" glasses).



Please also enjoy the article in this newsletter by our talented and inspiring OBWA member, Robbi Ando, about how our OBWA members, joined by other OBT Sangha members, in volunteering on Saturday, June 22nd, to sort food at the Oregon Food Bank.

Upcoming Events:

2024 Northwest District (NWD) Convention, Friday, September 13, 2024 4:00 p.m. - Sunday, September 15, 2024 12:00 p.m.: OBWA members are eligible for reimbursed for half (\$85 of the \$170 registration fee) of their NWD convention registration. Please submit a completed registration form along with an **OBWA Check Request form** on the next page.

2024 BCA FBWA Conference, October 4-6, 2024: The theme of the FBWA conference is "Ichigo Ichie" ("Each precious moment, a precious treasure"). To encourage participation from our OBWA members, OBWA will subsidize half of its members' FBWA registration fee (\$150 of the \$300 fee). You may register either by regular paper or through the website: <https://fbwaconference.org>

Please register early as many of the workshops/activities have limited space and will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. It is recommended to read through the FBWA convention information which is included on the website (scroll down to the bottom of the

home page for the links) once completely before submitting any registration. This conference is open to everyone, whether you are a member of an FBWA member chapter or not.

Our upcoming OBWA meetings:

- Saturday, July 20th, 10:00 a.m.: Our next OBWA meeting will be held via Zoom.
- August 2024: Please note that there will be no meeting in August as we take a pause to rest after the 2024 ObonFest.
- Saturday, September 21st, 10:00 a.m.: Our OBWA meeting is currently scheduled to be held via Zoom.

It is so true, that each moment that we spend together is a precious treasure! We will be spending many moments together this summer!

Next reporter: Jeanette Hager

**Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association
REQUEST FOR CHECK**

DATE _____

PAYEE _____ AMOUNT _____

REQUESTED BY _____ PHONE _____
Print

Signature

ATTACH ORIGINAL RECEIPT/INVOICE OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION

DATE OF PURCHASE _____

DESCRIBE ITEMS PURCHASED _____

PURCHASED FROM _____

AUTHORIZED BY _____

Authorization must be obtained from one of the following OBWA officers:

Co-President: Jeanette Hager or Amy Peterson

Treasurer: Diane Ando Harder

For Treasurer’s use only: CHECK # _____ DATE _____

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AMOUNT _____



Bon Odori Practices Chris Dart

Hi All

Obon is almost here and that means bon odori. The schedule for this year's practice is our regular Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the basement.

Dates are:

Leader practice, July 14th, 1:00 PM, in the basement. Leaders are the group in the center circle who know how to do the dances so the people in the outer circles can follow the movements if they don't know how. There is a new dance to learn this year Iizuka Ondo, and a fast one we only did once in 2005 Sakura Ondo – shin.

Dance practice for everyone will be Tuesday, Thursday, in the basement, at 7:00 PM. Dates are: July 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th, and August 1st.

We will do a practice order as we have in the past with the new dances and the ones we are rusty on first. They will be followed by a bunch of old favorites.

So, bring your biggest water bottle, your dancing shoes, and join us please. We have a lot of fun and look forward to seeing you.

If you can't make it in person the Zoom meeting link is:

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

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182 Passcode: 113529

Looking forward to another fun Obon. Questions?
Obon.OregonBuddhistTemple@gmail.com

And, if you would like to start early, we have our last Sunday Bon Odori on June 30th, in the basement, at 1:00. (same zoom)

Chris



Mottainai Craft Group By Toyoko Oguri

Mottainai Craft Group continues to accept donations of kimono, yukata, obi, kimono accessories, and Japanese-themed fabric. We have brought in most of the inventory from last year to the basement to check their condition.

Donated items are cleaned, repaired if needed or creatively repurposed into happi coats, short style jackets, tops, scarves and bags. These items can be given a second life to be worn by the crafter or sold. Kimono sale will occur during the evening bon odori practice in July and August 1 and during the Obon Fest. If you have items to donate, please do so early to give us time to sew or repair.

All proceeds from the sales benefit the OBT and OBWA.

The Mottainai Craft Group gathers to sew on the following dates:

July 10 (W) 10:30 to 3

July 20 (Sat) 10:30 to 3

No meeting in August.

Donations can be dropped off during the above group meeting dates or by arrangement.

If you have any questions contact the group at: mottainaicraftgroup@gmail.com



Obon Lanterns By Amy Peterson

Forms for ordering new lanterns is now available in the newsletter, online and at the front lobby.

Rehang forms are there as well.

If you don't recall how many lanterns you have, please email Amy at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Lanterns will be retired after two years of last hanging.

Current lanterns can always be retrieved the week after Obon by emailing obtlanterns@gmail.com.



Going to the NW Buddhist Convention? By Carol Saiget

Sept. 13-15, 2024, Muckleshoot Casino, Auburn WA. Hosted by the White River Buddhist Temple. Conventions are a great opportunity to hear the Dharma and gather with fellow Buddhists from throughout the NW.

Please register, individually, online using the registration QR code on the convention poster or at NWDconvention.org. There is NO group registration, like in the past. You can reserve a hotel room by calling 1-800-804-4944 (reference 2024 Buddhist Convention)

PLEASE reach out to Carol Saiget or Katie Tamiyasu

- if you need help registering
- if you would like a ride or have space in your car for an extra passenger
- if you have any questions

OBWA members can submit copies of their registration receipt for a registration stipend.

Carol: carolyn.saiset@gmail.com (503) 319-1619

Katie: kekik@comcast.net (503) 781-9162

White River Buddhist Temple Presents

CONNECTIONS

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW



77th Annual NW District Buddhist Convention



September 13-15, 2024
Muckleshoot Casino Resort
Auburn, WA

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Candice Shibata

NWDconvention.org

Hotel Reservations 1-800-804-4944 Reference the "2024 Buddhist Conference"
Pricing is \$159 for a Deluxe room and \$169 for a Luxury room (Mt. Rainier view)

Summer Haiku (part 2 of 2)

Sunshine was calling
Greeted by a purple iris
The trail was enchanting
Jayne

There are mushrooms that
grow under a gazebo
Every summer
Not a soul owns
Anonymous

The stream with salmon
Flows downhill from the
mountain
Will always reach sea
Jonathan

Strong east wind from gorge
The heat descends upon us
Refuge comes at night
Jonathan

Scales seek the new warmth
Tail wrapped rock calmly
Solitary Joy
Ani

How pungent the scent
The rising smoke of the coil
Gassing the mosquitos
Ron

I love summer time
No school, only vacation
Let's have a good time
Etsu

Spring is here again
Everything is going green
Lots of flowers, too
Etsu

While birds sing and fly high
Sun blinding; no clouds in the
sky,
A tree is still, a person dies
I cry, the only liquid here to find

Grandmother's fireflies
Lazily Swarm
They're hard to catch
Nancy

Summer's encounter
Garden veggies growing happily
Shinya is watchful and proud
Jayne

Anonymous
Coffee promotes
A moment shared
Between Friends

Long days and hot sun
The roofers across the street
Take a water break
Brenda

The smell of cut grass
The ripening blueberries
Purple pansies too
Susan

Nancy
Kakigori
How refreshing it is
Sweetness melting away
fatigue

Squirrels gather leaves
And eat the ripe strawberries
Preparing for cold
Susan

Summer is coming
All the flowers are blooming
Come and have your pick
Etsu

Ron

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 a list 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

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service)

And occasional special events that are held in the Hondo right after service like the general meeting.

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Every other week – Sun 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:

<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 (see calendar for specific date)

Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

Bon odori is back! Last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. See calendar for specific dates. Masks optional and we try to distance. 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 me 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)

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

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.



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Name: _____

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

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- 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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In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple

A banner with a background of overlapping circles in shades of green, blue, and purple. The text "Obon Fest 2024" is in a yellow, cursive font, and "Volunteering" is in a white, sans-serif font below it.

Obon Fest 2024
Volunteering

OBON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We all enjoy being a part of the annual Obon Fest with its performances, activities, temple talks, folk dances, and delicious food. As you may know this is an **all-volunteer effort**. Your generous volunteer support and that of your family and friends bring the community together for this meaningful, significant, joyous day.

Register on Sign-Up Genius, share the link, and recruit others to join you in this community effort !!!

This is the link to our Sign-Up Genius page:

<https://bit.ly/Obon2024Volunteer>

Thank you for choosing a shift or two. We promise fun and friendship.

Please reach out to :

Jeff Ichikawa (ji78749@gmail.com)

Marilyn Achterman (msachterman@gmail.com)

Robbi Ando (rchando@comcast.net)

if you have questions.

OBON Fest 2024

Saturday, August 3, 2024

2:00 - 9:00p.m.



*Attendance is FREE
All are welcome!*

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OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM
IN CELEBRATION OF OBONFEST 2024**



All orders due to temple by July 26, 2024

Please use one form for each NEW lantern.

Order forms can be obtained online at oregonbuddhisttemple.com
and paid by cash, check or online donation.

Questions email obtlanterns@gmail.com

DONOR NAME _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Paid Online _____ Cash/Check _____ CK # _____

All NEW lanterns \$35

Deceased _____ \$35 for each
 First Name Last Name

_____ Japanese Version/ Buddhist Name Check here ___ if OBT.

_____ CAT/DOG/ _____
Date of death Please note if pet

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Red Lantern _____
Living, Family, Organization, Business, Japanese version

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OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM
IN CELEBRATION OF OBONFEST 2024**

DONOR NAME _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Paid Online _____ Cash/Check _____ CK # _____

LANTERN REHANGs \$20 each

File # Lantern Name Full name _____

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If lantern was not hung for 3 years it will be retired unless rehung or picked up.

If you are unsure of all of your lanterns, please email obtlanterns@gmail.com to request a list of your previously purchased lanterns.

2024

Annual Kimono Sale

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR



Kimono Sale during dance practice

July 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, August 1
7 to 9 PM

and at Obon Fest

August 3, 2PM to 7 PM

Questions? Contact:
mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com

Kimono related donations are also appreciated.



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