



The Padma



May 2023

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

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Guidelines

The Padma welcomes articles from sangha members.

Articles should be around 500-600 words typed. Word documents are best; PDF documents are discouraged.

Please include your name, a title for the article, and include any photos. Cite references if quotes are used.

Articles will be reviewed for content and length, and should contain information relevant to Buddhist teachings, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and/or the Buddhist Churches of America. Publication will be at the discretion of the editorial board.

Email submissions to padma@BerkeleyBuddhistTemple.org

The Hanamido will last one day but we can flower with goodness our whole life long.



From the gatha, “A Flower Grows”, by Linda Castro

Our Vision
A Community Where Our Spiritual Life and True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission
To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others

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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2121 CHANNING WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 7:00p Meditation & Discussion	4	5 3:00p Beginner Taiko	6
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Future Dates to Remember

A P R I L / M A Y / J U N E	Thu 27 Apr	Virtual BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Larger Sutra 2)
	Wed 3 May	Virtual Meditation & Discussion
	Sun 7 May	Livestream & In-person Shotsuki Memorial Service Buddhist Education Class
	Sun 14 May	Livestream & In-person Gotan-E / Parents Day / DS Awards & Graduation Buddhist Education Class
	Sun 21 May	73rd Annual Satsuki Bazaar
	Wed 24 May	Virtual Meditation & Discussion
	Thu 25 May	Virtual BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Juseige)
	Sun 18 June	After-Service (11:00 AM) Book Launch: "The Making of American Buddhism" by Dr. Scott A. Mitchell Moderated by Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto



Berkeley Buddhist Temple

DHARMANAR

THURSDAY
27
APRIL 2023

6:30 - 8:00PM

sign up:
sanghaevents.info/dharmanar

Join us for BBT's monthly online study session. We will focus on Buddhist sutras this year. In the April session, we will learn the Larger Sutra (part 2). Rev. Kuwahara, Rev. CJ, and Tanis Moore will be presenting. Then we will discuss it after.

All are welcome!

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Links: Readers may have noticed, the graphics in this newsletter are all image files. Embedded links in flyers are not active and this can be frustrating. To mitigate this issue, we are listing the referenced links below.

- [BBT Website](#)
- [BBT Meditation Registration](#)
- [BBT Dharmanar Registration](#)
- [Satsuki Bazaar 2023 Fundraiser](#)
- [CBE - Shinjin & Liberation Registration](#)
- [CBE YouTube Channel](#)
- [CBE - Crossing Over Registration](#)
- [CBE - Yoga, Buddhism, and a Healthy Lifestyle](#)



President's Message



On Sunday April 9th, many of us had the opportunity to attend the temple's Hanamatsuri service, celebrating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha in Lumbini garden. Those in attendance witnessed the flower adorned Hanamido, both beautiful in sight and smell. We were treated to a wonderful Hanamatsuri program put on by our Dharma School students and teachers. The Jeopardy themed program tested our knowledge about Buddhism and encouraged a bit of friendly competition. In addition to celebrating the birth of the Buddha, temple members witnessed the infant presentation service, known as Hatsumairi, when a child is formally presented to the Buddha and Sangha for the first time. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our combined Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi service possible. I hope that everyone in attendance enjoyed the day as much as I did. The energy and joy felt this past Sunday reminds me about how grateful I am to be part of the BBT community.

Starting in May, our temple will welcome another member to our community. I am very happy to announce that Rev. CJ Sokugan Dunford has been assigned to the Berkeley Buddhist Temple as an Assistant Minister. Rev. CJ will work side by side with Rev. Kuwahara to serve the temple and the community. Rev. CJ's focus while assigned at BBT will be community outreach/development. I see this as an excellent opportunity for the temple to reach beyond our four walls and potentially impact so many more individuals, including the college and young adult population.

Originally from rural southwestern Virginia, Rev. CJ has lived in the California Bay Area for most of their adult life. They grew up in a politically & religiously conservative family and Christian church, which made it difficult to reconcile their gender & sexuality with their faith, so they left the church at 18. Several years later, they transitioned to Jōdo Shinshū Buddhism after finding their home temple in Berkeley. Rev. CJ then pursued a graduate degree at the Institute of Buddhist Studies and has a MA in Buddhist Studies. They also hold graduate certificates in Shin Buddhist Studies and Buddhist Chaplaincy. Rev. CJ serves as an adjunct professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies and is D.Min. student at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. I am excited to welcome Rev. CJ to the temple in their new role. On May 14th the temple will be hosting a welcome event for Rev. CJ immediately following Sunday service. Please join us if you are able to attend.

I am also happy to announce that in May, after a three year hiatus, the temple will resume the *Satsuki Bazaar and Arts Festival*. Participating in bazaar activities is a great way for us to catch up with old Dharma friends and meet new ones as well. The bazaar is also an excellent opportunity for us to open our doors to the community and expose them to great food and entertainment, and of course, the Nembutsu. It is a wonderful way for us to show the community who we are and give them a feel for what it means to be part of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. This event also serves as our largest fundraiser of the year, supporting our temple operations and programs. I would like to thank everyone in advance for your support during this important event and am forever grateful for the many contributions that you make to our temple.

Gassho,
Bradley



Minister's Message by Rev. Kuwahara



***The [Amida] Tathagata's live voice
assuring me, "Don't worry,"
Is Namo Amida Butsu.***

In the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, we recite "Namo Amida Butsu (南無阿弥陀仏)." The Pure Land Buddhist tradition teaches us that with this recitation we are liberated from a life of suffering in samsara and we attain Buddhahood in the Pure Land. These are our goals as Buddhists. Since this recitation practice actualizes our Buddhist goals, it has been the subject of much study by Pure Land Buddhist masters, and this has resulted in many understandings and interpretations.

The poem above was composed by Rev. Zuiken Inagaki (1885-1981), an eminent 20th century Jodo Shinshu Buddhist priest. Interestingly, he says that *Namo Amida Butsu* is Amida Buddha's live voice, though it is we who utter the words. This understanding is unique to Jodo Shinshu.

In other Pure Land Buddhist schools, it is understood that a practitioner's recitation of Namo Amida Butsu generates virtues. The more recitations one performs, the more virtues one obtains. Each recitation brings one closer to liberation and Buddhahood. In other words, the practitioner's effort matters.

Ven. Shinran and some Pure Land masters, in contrast, focused on the depth of Amida Buddha's compassion rather than the practitioner's efforts. Amida Buddha manifested his deep compassion by establishing a unique path by which anybody, from great sages to ordinary beings, could be liberated from samsara and attain Buddhahood with a simple recitation practice. To be all-embracing, Amida Buddha spent many kalpas to make all the efforts on behalf of us and coordinated everything for our liberation and attainment. Amida Buddha would say, "No matter who you are, don't worry. I've done everything for you!"

People reciting Namo Amida Butsu hear the manifestation of Amida Buddha's calling as they form the words with their mouths.

In gassho (palms together),
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara



Climate Change and the Paramita of Patience

by Diane Ames

“Oh please, come down from that ledge!” I begged Cassandra the climate scientist. “Think of your mother! Think of the earth, which is the mother of us all! Both of them need you!”

“It’s no use!” she sobbed. “We’ve just warned the world that time is running out for the umpteenth time, and for what? People will nod gravely and agree and do too little, too late, again! Every time they make a little progress, they start a war that cancels it out! I can’t go on!”

“Oh come now!” I said. “People *are* starting to notice that we’re having an awful lot of floods, droughts, tornados, catastrophic hurricanes, wildfires, killer heat waves ... have I mentioned all the natural disasters?”

“No, you haven’t! There’ve also been derecho storms, landslides, villages washed away by rising seas. Melting permafrost has buckled, destroying buildings and highways built on it. It has also released decades-old anthrax germs that had been buried in the frozen mud, causing an outbreak in Siberia. Nobody knows what other pathogens are dormant in the permafrost, waiting to thaw out in the next heat spell. But with all that, people would rather fight wars than fight climate change! What’s the use?”

Seeing Cassandra about to jump, Shinran appeared in a puff of mist. “I too almost despaired,” he said. “When I was declared a criminal and exiled to outermost nowhere, everything seemed hopeless. But out there I saw how the poor were mired in darkness and superstition, neglected by Buddhist elites. I knew I had to teach them about the nembutsu. And I did it. It was difficult. I endured a lot of hardship, but I remembered the paramita of patience. Patience is not just waiting quietly in line. Patience means that if something really must be done, you go on trying to do it even if it seems hopeless.”

I don’t know if Cassandra really understood this, but she came down.





A Book Review by Edythe Vassall

Gleanings on the Pure Land Vol.1 and

Crossing Over to Jodo Shinshu: Discovering the Buddhist Path

Published by the Jodo Shinshu International Office

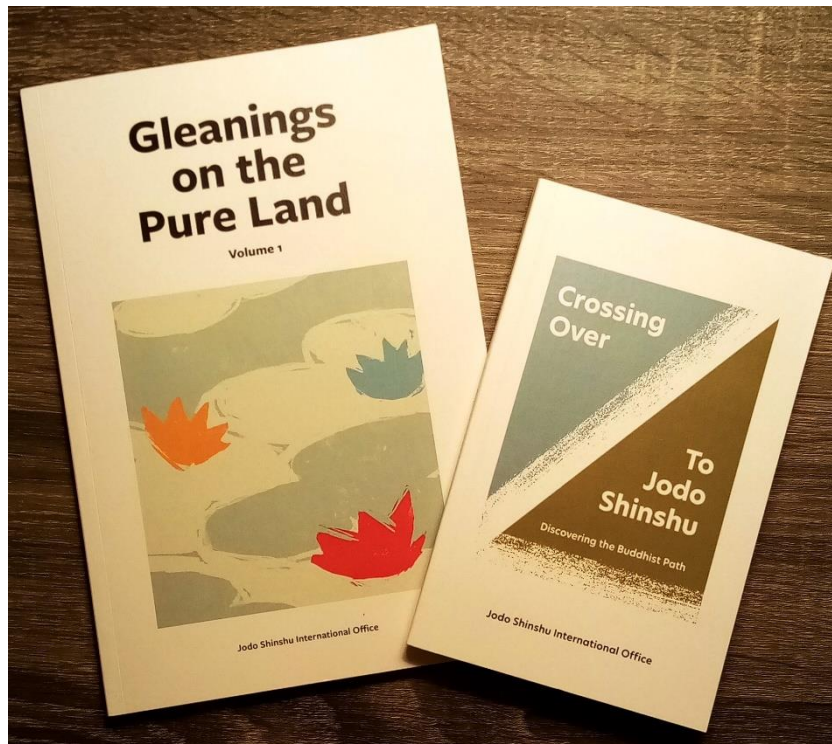
I pass my unmanageable mind into the open hands of the Tathagata.
KAI WARIKO



Gleanings on the Pure Land contains 23 condensed Dharma messages presented in English and Japanese, excerpted from Daijo magazine from 2003-2011. Each begins with a poem or saying followed by a deeper narrative.

Crossing Over to Jodo Shinshu contains 13 essays by a diverse group of people sharing the personal journeys that led them to “cross over” to Shin Buddhism. With titles like “Finding the Dharma: The Flotation Device I Never Thought I Would Need” and “Amida Buddha Is Awesome,” be assured that this is not your typical read.

The Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO) is located in the Jodo Shinshu Center at 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704. JSIO published these two short books and others and makes them available to temples for free distribution. Visit the JSIO website at www.jsinternational.org to learn about their programs and mission. Donations are deeply appreciated.





Temple News

The Satsuki Bazaar Is Back and In-Person!



It's back!

The BBT's 73rd annual Satsuki Bazaar returns as an in-person event for the first time since 2019 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on May 21.

Entertainment will be held from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The BBT Taiko group will be among the performers.

The Satsuki will feature some of the great food choices like before — the BBT's signature BBQ steak dinner, kalua pork plate, vegetarian curry, udon, manju, sushi, and baked goods.

You are encouraged to preorder the BBQ steaks at:
<https://sanghaevents.info/satsukisteak>

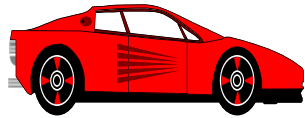


The Satsuki is the BBT's major fundraiser of the year. Donations may be made at:
<https://sanghaevents.info/satsukifundraiser>

The silent auction will be online. The auction link will be available in early May.

Silent Auction Donation

Satsuki Bazaar & Arts Festival



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Please think about donating to our silent auction. We gladly accept new, gently used, antiques, preferably boxed donations.

Artwork: Japanese artwork, house-wares, ceramics, paintings, photographs...

Electronics: iPhone, iPod, iPad, iTunes, cell phone, Google Home, Alexa,....

Entertainment: civic light opera tickets, movie passes, Lawrence Hall of Science, memberships...

Gift Certificates to your favorite restaurant, fun centers, spa treatment, massage...

Kitchen appliances: perhaps an unopened wedding gift?

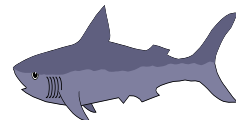
Services or lessons: yard-work, construction, swimming, SAT, math, reading, music.....

Sporting event tickets to: As, Giants, 49ers, Sharks, Bears, Cardinal, Warriors, tee-times at golf courses, auto-racing.....

Travel: spare frequent flyer mileage.....

Weekend Get-Away: donate your condo for a weekend in Tahoe, Reno, Hawaii, wine country, Monterey bay, Europe.....

Contact Silent Auction Co-Chairs: Grant Din or Miki Adachi (650-573-9373)



Special Guests at the Ohigan and Kieshiki Affirmation Service

On March 19th, BBT was honored by the presence of a group of students from St. Mary's College of California. They picked an especially memorable service to attend and were welcome guests at the after-service potluck. Their interfaith team coordinator sent the following photo and email.



Hello!

On behalf of all of the students who visited for the service this Sunday, I wanted to thank you for allowing us to visit and attend the Ohigan and Kieshiki Affirmation Service. My fellow students and I were excited to talk on the way back to school about the things we learned from the Dharma talk from Bishop Harada, as well as the Q&A session. We really appreciated the warm welcome we got from you all and the Temple membership during the service and potluck. I know we each valued this experience both educationally and spiritually, and will remember the strong sense of community we felt.

I also wanted to let you know that one of the staff members from my team has made or will soon be making a donation via the website to help express our gratitude.

I've attached below the photo of our group, Rev. Kuwahara, and Tara.

Thank you again!

Best,

Reece Harrison

Interfaith Team

Saint Mary's College of California

Hatsumairi

The 2023 **Hatsumairi** (Infant Presentation) Ceremony was held on Sunday, April 9th. The BBT Sangha was thrilled to be formally introduced to two charming new members. (Photos courtesy of Emiko Katsumoto)



Tiger and Lauren Nagamoto with Baby Maverick



Aaron and Lorin Bond with Baby Taka

Florin Sangha Visit the BBT

The BBT welcomed a group of Buddhist Church of Florin Sangha members to the April 16 Sunday Dharma Family/Pet Memorial Service. The Florin members decided to take a field trip to the Berkeley area – attending the BBT service, taking a tour of the BCA's Jodo Shinshu Center, and a tour of the Cal campus. We hope everyone had a wonderful time!

FYI: Walter and Kathy Menda are the parents of BBT President Bradley Menda!



Shown, from left, are: Henry Lam, Nadine Nouchi, Rev. CJ Dunford, Walter Menda, Kathy Menda, Merri Akiyama, Skylar Lam (front), George Akiyama (back), Devon Akiyama, Jennifer Kubo (front), Tadashi Bennig (back), George Bennig (back), Miki Askanas (front), Joni Bennig (back), Steve Kubo, and Ginny Yamamoto-Syphax. (Photo courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Graduate Studies Scholarship

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple created a scholarship program in 2018 to assist those attending graduate studies with the goal of achieving kyoshi status as a Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) minister.

We are happy to announce our decision to award the scholarship to Reverend CJ Sokugan Dunford. Reverend CJ's study is exploring the voices of queer and trans* people in how they navigate their spiritual selves and how they navigate and fit in the communities in which they live. We hope that our contribution will help further Reverend CJ's study and have an impact helping our greater Sangha.



Rev. CJ Sokugan Dunford and Takashi Nikaidoh (photo courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)

Leroy Morishita Named Interim President of Cal State LA



(Article courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)

Dr. Leroy Morishita, the Board of Trustees chair of the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), has been named interim president of Cal State Los Angeles.

He has been an IBS trustee since 2008 and a longtime member of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple along with his wife, Barbara Hedani-Morishita, and their two sons, Kyle and Derek.

The appointment, announced March 23, was made by Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester of the CSU. Morishita will begin the job on July 31, and will serve until a new president is appointed by the CSU Board of Trustees.

"I am excited to formally return to the CSU and to be part of a vibrant, dynamically diverse and student-centered university like Cal State LA," Morishita said. "I look forward to working with the extraordinarily talented

faculty, staff and administrators to continue providing transformative educational opportunities for Cal State LA's students."

"Dr. Morishita is an extraordinary leader who, over a long and distinguished career, demonstrated an unwavering commitment to inclusive excellence, innovative student-success initiatives and to educational equity in all its dimensions," Koester said. "His more than 40 years of experience in leadership positions across the CSU, including his highly successful tenure as president of California State University, East Bay, will serve him well in this role."

Morishita was president of California State University, East Bay, in Hayward from 2011 to 2020. He previously worked at San Francisco State University for nearly 30 years in a number of positions, including executive vice president of administration and finance, and chief financial officer.

Morishita most recently served the CSU in a consulting role, participating in a workgroup formed by Koester to identify a multi-year strategy to achieve stable and predictable revenues for the CSU.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from UC Berkeley, a master's degree in counseling at San Francisco State University, and a doctorate of education from Harvard University in administration, planning and social policy.

Cal State Los Angeles' current president, William Covino, announced his retirement in August 2022, effective at the end of July.

June 18th – Book Launch



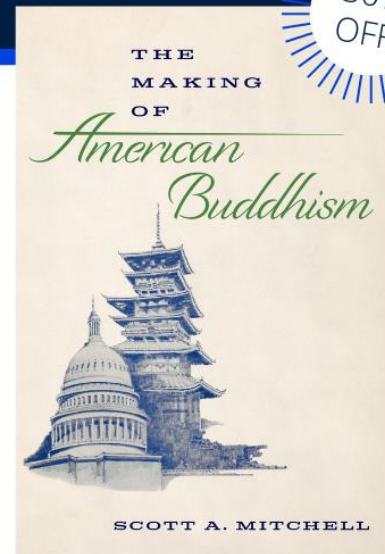
The Making of American Buddhism

Scott A. Mitchell

Institute of Buddhist Studies

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Listen as Dr. Scott Mitchell, Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, introduces his new book, “The Making of American Buddhism”. In this book, Dr. Mitchell writes about how Japanese-Americans of the pre- and post-WWII era helped shape American Buddhism as we know it today. He draws upon the *Berkeley Bussei* as part of his source material. The *Berkeley Bussei* was a magazine published between 1939 and 1960. Begun as a mimeographed newsletter by the temple study group, the Berkeley Study Center, the publication evolved to express their serious exploration of Buddhist thought. The study group attracted scholars and intellectuals from outside of the Berkeley Temple community, and the essays, poems, and artwork published in the *Berkeley Bussei* reflect this. The Berkeley Study Center was the seed of today’s Institute of Buddhist Studies and is an integral piece of BBT history.

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto (President of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, and former BBT minister) will moderate this presentation.

Save the Date!

BBT CAMPING TRIP 2023



July 27 thru July 30, 2023
Manchester Beach KOA (North of Point Arena)
707-882-2375

We hope you can join us for Mike's Annual BBT camping trip this year
We'll have great food and fun activities!

Food, supplies, wood, etc (excludes lodging)

Adults – Temple Member	\$75
Adults – Non Temple Member	\$85
Kids – 5 to 18	\$25
Kids – Under 5	Free

Lodging - Tent Site

Adults – Temple Member	\$25 per night
Adults – Non Temple Member	\$30 per night
Kids – Dharma School Member	Free
Kids – Non Dharma School (5 to 18)	\$5 per night

Lodging - Cabins

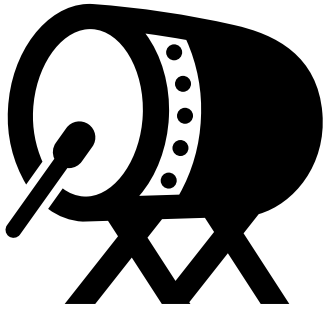
Approx \$100 per night - Contact Tina Iwasaki for details & availability

Amenities: Restrooms & shower facilities, mini mart, pool, game room, park, beach

Pets: Dogs allowed. Additional fee applies

Questions or to sign up, contact Tina Iwasaki, ckiwasaki@comcast.net
Space is limited – Sign up early!

BBT Taiko



TRY YOUR HAND AT TAIKO !!

Berkeley Buddhist Temple now offers beginner and intermediate taiko classes for those interested in learning the art of Japanese drumming.

Classes are taught by members of Jiten Daiko, an affiliate of the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

Beginner classes

Classes are team-taught by Hiromi and Alex on Friday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 PM.

The April-May 2023 6-week session is currently in progress.

Session 1: April 14

Session 2: April 21

Session 3: April 28

Session 4: May 5

Session 5: May 12

Session 6: May 26



Registration: <https://berkeleybuddhisttemple.breezechms.com/form/BeginnerTaiko7>

Intermediate classes

Classes are taught by Koh on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 PM.

Due to an active April & May calendar, Sunday classes will be held on an intermittent schedule, with each class focusing on a different technique.

Session 1: April 9

Session 2: April 30

Session 3: May 14

Session 4: June 4



Registration: <https://berkeleybuddhisttemple.breezechms.com/form/BBTTaiko04-062023>

Note: You can sign up for individual classes or for the entire session.

General inquiries can be addressed to taiko@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org.



Dharma School Newsletter

May 2023

What is...a happy Hanamatsuri Jeopardy Game?

The Dharma School students led the Sangha in a lowdown, cut-throat (just kidding) session of Nembutsu Jeopardy for the Hanamatsuri service on April 9th!

High school students Madi and Tiegan led Team Lotus and Team Cherry Blossom as our hosts as each side battled it out with four challenging topics: In the Hondo, Reverend Kuwahara, Sunday Service, and Shinran Shonin. Elementary student Hiroto was the judge and bell-ringer, while the other students kept score and handed out cherry blossom stickers to everyone.

A special, special thank you to Irene Sensei for masterminding the Jeopardy game and preparing an amazing game board! A great time was had by all.





May Schedule

All of Berkeley Buddhist Temple Dharma School classes currently are in-person. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Uyeda, the Dharma School Superintendent, at: bbtdharmaschool@gmail.com.

5/7/2023	DFS/May Shotsuki/Bazaar Construction - Regular Dharma School Classes
5/14/2023	DFS/Gotan-E/Parents' Day/Dharma School Awards & Graduation - No Dharma School Classes (Join us in celebrating our high school graduate, Takato!)
5/21/2023	BBT Bazaar - No Regular Dharma School Classes (See you at Bazaar!)
5/28/2023	DF Service - Last Dharma School Class for the School Year (Class Party!)



Community Outreach & BLEND



Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG) 2023 Voting Form

Background: *In 2001, Bob Matsueda suggested that the Berkeley Buddhist Temple offer free entertainment in conjunction with the Bazaar to involve the local community. He also suggested that a portion of the proceeds from the Temple's Bazaar be donated to a nonprofit organization.*

Since 2001, BBT donates part of the Satsuki Bazaar proceeds to a community nonprofit organization. Thank you to Yuki and the BAG committee for leading this effort for so many years! Typically we would solicit nominations from the Sangha, but due to getting a late start, this year we are trying something different. This year the Community Outreach Committee has selected a few local organizations that you all may vote on, you are also welcome to nominate your own.

****NOTE: This form will remain open until May 2, 2023.****

You can vote using this [Bazaar Annual Gift form](#).



If you have any questions or if you'd like to nominate an organization for next year, please email tara@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org.



BCA & CBE Announcements

SHINJIN

PART 4



Rev Dr David Matsumoto

Online Seminar

**CBE Online
Seminar
Register Below**

**Saturday
May 6, 2023
11am - 1pm (PT)**

About

Rev Dr. David Matsumoto is the president of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He will continue his series about the meaning of Shinjin. This is part 4 of his 4 part online series. Parts 1-3 are on the CBE Youtube Channel if you wish to view them.

REGISTER & INFO HERE:

<https://forms.gle/1uAW37E2wp2YMffq8>



BCA: Center For Buddhist Education

LEARN ABOUT




Buddhist Holidays



Rev Jerry Hirano

CBE Youtube: 05.13.2023 @ 11am

<https://www.youtube.com/@BCACenterforBuddhistEducation/videos>

CROSSING OVER

5/26/23 - 5/27/23

Discovering Jodo Shinshu from other Religious traditions

THE PANEL

Rev David Quirk-Thorton
Rev Melissa Opel
Rev Carmela Javellana
Rev Jerry Hirano


PANEL INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

From the UK as a former Franciscan friar, an active Evangelical Minister, or raised as a devout Catholic in the Philippines, listen to the stories of how these ministers discovered Jodo Shinshu.

<https://forms.gle/E4yNXkScU9cDg9LQA>

IN-PERSON EVENT:


Jodo Shinshu Center
2140 Durant Ave
Berkeley, CA 94704



BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents


YOGA, BUDDHISM, AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11, 2023
Jodo Shinshu Center
2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley




Bob Matsueda
Yoga Therapist (Govt. of India) & Advanced Yoga Teacher


Featuring:




Rev. Bob Oshita & Rev. Patti Oshita
BCA Ministers (Retired)
Co-authors, *Dharma Is Everywhere*
Yoga Teacher Candidates



Rev. Hitomi Kuwahara
Author, *Nantonaku Wakaru Yoga*
Advanced Yoga Teacher




Rick Kawamura
Founder of Palo Alto
Buddhist Temple Yoga



Alan Hirahara, Chef
Healthy Vegetarian Meals

Workshop discussions:
Yoga and Buddhism - A Deep Connection
Yoga Organizing and Marketing - Growing the Sangha at Temples
Yoga Lifestyle

Workshop space is limited. Please register early:
<https://forms.gle/nve9PE7ReK6Ya42N9>
cbe@bcahq.org



Community Announcements

Interconnected

A Buddhist and Japanese-Inspired Fine Art Exhibit and Auction

Exhibit Receptions
April 29 and April 30
1-5 p.m

Online Artwork Auction
May 1, 9 a.m. through
May 8, 9 p.m

American Buddhist Study Center

331 Riverside Drive, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10025



A fundraiser exhibit and auction being held to support the **American Buddhist Study Center**, featuring paintings, drawings, collages, sculptures, ceramics, and photography by six artists: **Auguste Elder, George Hirose, Ken Horii, Pascale Patris, Tom Masuda, and Edythe Vassall.**

Exhibit Receptions: On Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30, from 1-5 p.m., a selection of their artwork for sale will be exhibited at the American Buddhist Study Center. An added attraction on Sunday will be an in-person reading by author **Priya Kumari** of her children's book about the Buddha, at 2 p.m.

Online Artwork Auction: From Monday, May 1, beginning at 9 a.m., through Monday, May 8, ending at 9 p.m., an online auction of all their artwork will be available for bidding at 32auctions.com, but can be previewed now. For additional information, please go to ambuddhist.org.

You won't want to miss this exciting fine art opportunity!



American Buddhist Study Center

Learn to play
'ukulele or
guitar in
3 hours

Sat., July 8
1 - 4 PM
San Francisco
\$50

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OF HILO, HAWAI'I

Pre-Registration: bj@bjsoriano.com
Class details & instructions available
with confirmed registration

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 9:30 AM

Live Stream: <https://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/dharma-live>

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for
May.

Hideyo Adachi	Teruko Komure	Hisae Joanna Sakai
Douglas Berute Davis	Michio Kono	Larry Takeo Sato
Ayako Fujii	Torayoshi Maida	Chizuko Shimada
Sansuke Fujinaga	Kane Maida	Fumiko Oshita Sugihara
Bill Galeota	Roy Saburo Matsushino	Ginzo Suto
Junji Hamai	Priscilla Setsuko Mayeda	Mary Bonzo Suzuki
Tomoko Hamamoto	Alma Tsuneko Hirose Miller	Lucille Takano
Satoshi Hane	Naokichi Mitsuyasu	Yoshinori Tanada
Florence Nitta Hiramoto	Kimiyo Miyaji	Kikuye Alice Tokuyoshi
Terry Teruyo Hiramoto	Ayako Marie Miyasaki	Wataru Tsuchihashi
Kiriye Hiraoka	Yuta Morimoto	Toshiko Tsujimoto
Yonezo Hirose	Fusako Morita	Toshiko Tsurumoto
Edward Akihiko Imazumi	John Morita	Kiyomi Uehisa
Kazuhiro Ishida	Robert Nagahisa	Kiyoye Unoki
Tamayo Ishida	Miyoko Nakagawa	Kawayo Yamasaki
Shigenori Iyama	Miyoshi Nakano	Satoshi Joe Yamasaki
Toshio Jimbo	Edwin Shigeyuki Oki	Ninosuke Yoshida
Shigeru Jio	Ami Oki	Toshio Yoshida
Chika Kawamoto	Kenji Ota	Takehiko Yoshimura
Stella Isao Kimura		

Note: If there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.



Membership & Toban

Membership Pledges (Receiving Period: 3/10/2023 – 4/6/2023)

The temple would like to gratefully acknowledge the following members for their generous contributions:

Diane Ames
Dean Ito Taylor
Tara Umemoto
Irene and Russell Wells

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro at membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org or 510-841-1356.

TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

April 2023	May 2023
Chair - Don Hamasaki Cochair - Judy Fujimoto Cochair - Barbara Hedani-Morishita Flamenco, Jenna Fujimoto, Bill & Judy Hamasaki, Don & Joanie *Hiraoka, Yo Ito-Taylor, Dean & Lori Suzuki Kato, Vernon & Karen Kuwahara, Rev Kiyo & Hitomi Miyake, Ron & Janet Cordova Morishita, Leroy & Barbara Hedani *Okii, Sadao Okimoto, Joyce Palacios, Stephen & Sabouri, Nina (TX) Taylor, Rumi	Cochair - Lorene Nakagiri Cochair - Emi Nakao Cochair - Karen Sugiyama *Fong, Pauline Galecki, Michelle Kooshesh, Hamed Matsuda, Ryan *Matsunaga, George & Emi Mayeda, Andy & Lisa *Mayeda, Fumi *Nagareda, Catherine Nakagiri, Gary & Lorene *Nakao, Aki & Emi Okamura, Kay Sugiyama, Karen Tagawa, Craig & Helen *Watamura, Terry Wellnitz, Grace *Wolfe, Yasuyo

* Denotes disabled and/or elderly. Toban optional.



Memorial Service Schedule



The following is a list of special service years.
 If you have a departed relative who has passed away
 in any of the listed years,
 and would like to make arrangements
 for a memorial service,
 please contact Rev. Kuwahara at [\(510\) 841-1356](tel:5108411356).

2023 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2022	1 st Year
2021	3 rd Year
2017	7 th Year
2011	13 th Year
2007	17 th Year
1999	25 th Year
1991	33 rd Year
1974	50 th Year
1924	100 th Year

Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Chanting Service at 8:30am followed by a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

Special Services

January 1 Service	Gantan-e	New Year's Day
February	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July	Kangi-e	Obon
September	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November Memorial	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin
December	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the first Sunday of each month.

Dharma School

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your student.

Monthly Discussions

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Visitor Information

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

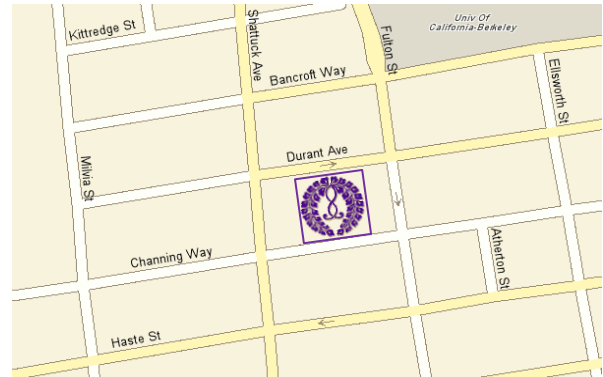
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view the Temple as their spiritual home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

Kindly complete a [Membership Form](#), have your name entered in the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

For more information about becoming a member, visit our



[Registration](#) page, or contact our [Membership Chair](#).

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