

Eugene Buddhist Priory

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Dear Friends,

Fall has arrived, and with it cooler weather. We built our first fire yesterday in the library, as well as finished seasoning the new woodstove in the guest residence. We continue to work on our winter firewood supply, with some splitting and stacking yet to do. This past week we also created from the old trailer shed a new woodshed made out of donated fence panels and windows. Sangha friends in Rogue River kindly came last month and took the old camper with them for restoration. End of an era!

Attached you will find the calendars for October and November, which you can also pick up here at the temple. These show the daily schedule. Two notes: (1) **meditation and short morning service** now start at 7:30am, and (2) on Thursday we stretch to full morning service. **Saturday orientations** (8:45am – 11.30am) are October 3, November 7, and December 3.

Festival ceremonies of note are **Feeding the Hungry Ghosts** on November 1, **Founders Day Ceremony** for Rev. Master Jiyu, followed by potluck on November 8, and **Thanksgiving** on November 22.

Meditation days on October 10 and November 14 will be silent, and you are welcome to come for any part if you cannot manage the full day. Starting at 10:00am, meditation periods begin on the hour, last 35 minutes, followed with 15 minute walking meditation and a 10 minute break. Ends at 4pm.

On the Sangha **Work Morning** on October 17, 10:30am—4:30pm, we will be working on the priory oak reforestation project. One job will be removing Scots broom from the bank along Dillard Road. Folks able to help with that should wear brightly colored clothing and sturdy shoes with ankle support. Other jobs will include some thinning and pruning of fir trees. Strong ladders and pole saws would be useful to bring if you have them. Remember to bring a sack lunch. There will be lighter and indoor work for those who wish.

Congratulations to New Lay Ministers. Rev. Master Haryo, Head of our Order, and Rev. Master Oswin presented lay minister vestments and certificates after vespers at our Wednesday night meeting on September 9 to Doug and Linda Carnine and Dixie Feiner. Lay ministers are mature lay trainees, licensed members of the Order, and fulfill particular responsibilities at the Priory. A new brochure *The Lay Ministry* is available in the literature rack. We are especially glad to welcome Doug and Linda to this new responsibility, given their many long years of training at the Priory.

A **members meeting** will take place on Sunday, October 11. The main item on the agenda is a new brochure on donating to the Priory through wills and trusts, *Building the Priory's Future*. Rev. Master Haryo kindly allowed us to adapt a similar brochure prepared by the Order, and Doug Carnine helped with research, advice, and legal counsel. The brochure is available at the temple and will be posted on the website under Announcements—or we're happy to post you one. Books, articles, and forms for photocopying on these topics have been provided in the Priory library (on bottom shelf under the literature rack and dana books).

Website Update. Linda Pierce has kindly volunteered to update and maintain the Priory's website. We are dismantling the "members site" and moving all the information and material to the public site. Some photographs on the members page will be discarded. If you want to make copies of any, please do so within the next month: <http://www.eugenebuddhistpriory.org/photos.html>. (Be sure to add "html" and not just "htm".) Many photos will be retained on the public site and others added over time. If you have suggestions about the website regarding content, format, readability, accessibility, or other, please feel free to share your ideas with the temple.

Lay Sangha Care Coordinators for October and November are Wendy Schwall (484-1262) and Ernie Rimerman (344-5722), respectively.

In Gratitude. Thanks to Rick Movsky for loaning us a wood splitter for our last workday; to Gary Braun for bringing the Braun Landscaping truck and trailer to haul away a full load of limbs and plant debris; to Peony Maeda and Sandra Sutherland for regularly changing the altar flower each season; to Myron Cook for his continued help with dump runs, recycling, and other truck errands; to Dixie, Marta & Marie for their help each Thursday; to Junko Toll for meals on Thursdays; to Sundance Natural Foods for produce; to Dave Wagar for a mini-fridge in response to an alms bowl request; and to Salem Buddhist Association (Mia Chung Temple), Dharma books, scriptures, and cedar wood rosaries.

Food donations the past two months included: fresh fruit, garden vegetables, jicama, mushrooms, pasta, beans & basmati rice; lemonade, grape juice, sparkling & bottled water, and herbal, black & de-caf teas; soy & cow milks, yogurt, tofu, cheese, eggs, tempeh, tofu pate, nuts, bread, bagels, muffins, scones, banana & zucchini bread; sunflower & pumpkin seeds, trail mix, nut butter, mixed nuts, chips, pretzels popcorn, & jam; borscht, muesli, bread pudding, prepared salads, fruit salad, carrot soup, corn chowder, grilled cheese sandwiches, salsa, baked potatoes, cooked greens, applesauce, ravioli, tomato sauce, black-eyed peas, bulgur & onion tart; white sugar, sucanat, balsamic vinegar, mayonnaise, vanilla, *Udo's* oil & *Bragg's* amino acids; pear crisp, plum tart, blackberry cobbler, cherry pie, ice cream, spice & chocolate cake, tea cookies & chocolate.

Other items donated for Priory use included: two framed Thai temple rubbings of scenes from past lives of the Buddha, Indian *Jataka* tales & other Dharma books, two rosaries, Tibetan iconography posters, a Buddhist calendar for 2010, small resin Hotei, a small gong with cushion & stand, a silver-plated, glass-boxed Kwan Yin, a Kwan Yin pendant, & a framed repoussé of the four principle characters of the Chinese *Monkey* tale; for the Priory cats, litter, medicine, kibble & canned food, *Pill Pockets*, flea preventive, shots, blood work, and vet visit; prescriptions & supplements, bath towels, rubbing alcohol, poison oak soap, toothpaste, & hand cream; printer cartridges, *Brita* water filters, newspapers for fire starter, window cleaner, a commercial corn straw broom, paper plates, a rice & vegetable steamer (in response to previous alms bowl request), photocopying, chain sawing, dump & recycling fees, transportation & errands, a plastic carpenter's level, a 2-gallon bucket, a vinyl wheelbarrow, gravel, and daffodil bulbs. Thanks to everyone for their kind and ongoing offerings of cash and monthly pledges, too.

Alms Bowl: The temple could use a small (2 gallon) air compressor and an orchard ladder. Contact us if you would like to either donate one or contribute to a purchase. Ongoing food needs include bread, soy products (tempeh, tofu, etc.), vegetables and fruit.

Carpooling or if you need a ride: meet at the parking lot on south side of South Hills Physical Therapy Clinic at 4175 East Amazon at 9:10am on Sundays. The LTD 25 bus stops there.

In gassho, *Rev. Oswin*

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