



## October 2004 Eugene Buddhist Priory

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Links: <http://www.eugenebuddhistpriory.org/EBPmembers/EBPmembers.htm>  
or

<http://www.eugenebuddhistpriory.org/EBPmembers/EBPnewsletter.htm> .

Printed copies of calendars are also available at the temple; we're happy to mail you a copy if you do not have access to a printer.

Please note the following changes in the October calendar: There will be a lay minister retreat October 15-17. The Renewal of Vows & Precepts will take place on October 17th. The sangha potluck scheduled for October 17 has been rescheduled to November 21. Rev. Master Oswin will be away October 18-22. The work day has been changed to October 23rd. The Children's Dharma School will be October 24th.

### *Fall Events of Note (October - November)*

Orientations - Saturdays, October 2, November 13, December 4 .

Retreats - Saturday/Sunday October 9-10, November 20 .

Work Days - Saturdays, October 23 . Bring a sack lunch and food to share.

Prior Away - October 1-3 (Portland for regional Buddhist teachers' meeting); October 18-22 (trip to hermitage); November 24-December 10 for Rohatsu retreat (tentative).

Thanksgiving Sangha Potluck - Sunday, November 21 after Dharma school (October 17 potluck cancelled).

**Sunday Festival Ceremonies** - Feeding the Hungry Ghosts (Segaki), October 31; Koho Zenji Memorial, November 20; Thanksgiving & Memorial for Rev. Master Jiyu, Sunday, November 21.

**Ceremonial Burning of Paper Tombstones (Segaki Toro)** - Wednesday, November 3.

**Sutra Study: The Lotus Scripture, Part VI** - to be announced.

**Precepts Class and Discussion** - Wednesday, October 13.

**Renewal of Vows & Precepts** - Sunday October 17 . Note that ceremony begins at 11:00 am after two periods of meditation.

**Priory Trip to Shasta Abbey** - Weekend of November 5-7, to participate in annual services honoring Rev. Master Jiyu-Kennett, founder of our temple and Order. Call Marni Gwynn at 937-2838 to coordinate rides.

*Usual Weekly Schedule: (check below on specific dates)*

Mondays - Closed except for emergencies.

Tuesdays - Open at 2 pm. 7:45-8:30 pm Meditation and Evening Office

Wednesdays - 7:00-9:00 pm Service, Meditation, Dharma talk, and Evening Office

Thursdays - 7:45-8:30 pm Meditation and Evening Office

Fridays - 7:45-8:30 pm Meditation and Evening Office

Saturdays - 9:30 am Meditation, 10:00 am Short Morning Service or other service

Sundays - 9:30 am Meditation, 10:15 am Ceremony or other activity, followed by Dharma talk and tea. The Priory is closed after 2 pm.

*Note: Early meditation and morning service Tuesday through Friday usually begin at 6 am; on Sunday, usually at 6:30 am. Please call the evening before to verify the time.*

## ***October Calendar: (in addition to above daily schedule)***

**Saturday October 2nd** - 8:45 am Orientation; 9:30 am Meditation; 10:00 am Orientation Morning Service; 10:45-11:30 am Orientation continues. Please call if you plan to come for the orientation.

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**Sunday, October 3rd** - 9:30am Meditation; 10:15am; Full Morning Service; 11:00am Dharma tape on "Female Buddhas" and tea. The tape is the first of a series of talks recorded at Rev. Master Koten Benson's retreat at Shasta Abbey last spring. Rev. Master Koten is the Prior at Lions Gate Priory in Vancouver, BC.

**Wednesday 6th** - Usual evening meeting.

**Saturday 9th** - *Retreat\* (9:30 am-8:30 pm)*. 9:30 am Meditation; 10:00 am Short Morning Service. Retreatants: please bring food contribution to prepare three meals: Saturday lunch and supper, Sunday breakfast. Also, let the Priory know if you plan to attend the entire retreat. If you can come for only part, please arrive in the fifteen minutes before the half hour (for example, 9:15-9:30) when there is a break in the sittings.

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**Sunday October 10th** - - *Retreat continues (6:30 am - 12:30 pm)*. 6:30 am Meditation; 7:00 Avalokiteshvara Morning Service; 8:00 Formal Breakfast; 9:30 Meditation; 10:15 Meditation; 11:00 Meditation & Private Dharma Questions (opportunity to ask Rev M Oswin in private a succinct question about your training and the Dharma); Retreat ends approx. 12:30 pm.

**Wednesday 13th** - Usual evening meeting.

**Friday 15th through Sunday 17th**--Retreat for Lay ministers. Ends Sunday at 5:30 pm.

**Saturday 16th** - 9:30 am Meditation; 10:00 am Short Morning Service.



**Sunday October 17th**- 9:30am Meditation; 10:15am Meditation; 11:00am *Renewal of Vows & Precepts*; formal Dharma talk.

**Wednesday 20th** - 7:00-9:00 pm Evening Service, Meditation, Dharma tape, Evening Office.

**Saturday 23rd** - 9:30 am Meditation; 10:00 am Short Morning Service. **Work Day: 10:30 am -- 5:00 pm.** Bring sack lunch and food to share. You're welcome to come for any part of the day as you can.



**Sunday October 24th** - 9:30 am Meditation; 10:15 am Dharma School for Children; Ceremony & Scripture Workshop for Adults; tea and short Dharma talk. Ends approximately 12:30 pm.

**Wednesday 27th** - 7:00-9:00 pm Evening Service, Meditation, Ceremony & Scripture preparation for "Feeding the Hungry Ghosts Ceremony," Evening Office.

**Saturday 30th** - 9:30 am Meditation; 10:00 am Short Morning Service.



**Sunday, October 31st** - 9:30 am Meditation; 10:15 am Ceremony of Feeding the Hungry Ghosts (Segaki); Dharma talk & tea (ends approx. 12:30 pm).

**Wednesday, November 3** - 7:00 pm Meditation; 7:40 pm Ceremonial Burning of Paper Tombstones (Segaki Toro): an outdoor bonfire representing the burning and cleansing of unfortunate karma of the past year; tea.

**Note: More October news and a detailed calendar of November events will be e-mailed to you toward the end of October .**



## News of the past month

**In sympathy.** We extend our sympathy to Peter Walker and family upon the death of his father Paul on Monday, September 27. Paul, whom several of us met at Peter's and Sarah's wedding, lived in the San Francisco Bay Area. He died of a heart attack and kidney failure following two unsuccessful treatments for leukemia. Paul meditated intensely all through his hospitalization and died very quietly and brightly. He was aware of the merit sent his way and said he could feel all the love being extended to him. Peter and Sarah are grateful for all the merit sent his and their way.

We also extend sympathy to Talleen Holloway upon the unexpected and unfortunate death of her brother Bryan Eugene Ensley. He was 44 and left behind a wife and three children in their teens. Cremation and a memorial

service were scheduled for this week. Please continue to offer merit to Bryan and his family in your meditations and prayers.

## Notes

### **Drivers Still Needed.**

There was very little response to our request last month for bus pickup drivers, so we are discontinuing the offering of a ride to the temple from the bus station. Thanks to all who helped with this offering, and a special thanks to David Zeiss for coordinating and covering the rides this past year. If you can occasionally give a ride to someone, please let Rev. Master Oswin know, as some of our younger members with cars still need transportation at times.

### **Third Refuge Assistance Coordinators**

October: Dave Wagar, 684-9482. If you're a member of our sangha and need assistance due to illness or other pressing circumstances, contact the coordinator for that month to see who has offered to help in those particular ways. The sangha is one of the Three Treasures and is worthy of our offerings, time, and care.

### **Phone List Update**

Doreen Hock (home) 338-4437, (work) 345-1608; Paul King (work/cell) 501-0568; Angela Martinek (cell) no longer in service; Sheila Abbot (home) 687-8212, (work) 343-3333.

### **Shasta Abbey Press books**

Most of the books published by Shasta Abbey are now available as dana offerings (no charge, a gift of liberality). The intent is to enable more people to discover and benefit from the Dharma. Future copies of books will be sponsored by donations and offered in the same way, which is the traditional way of distributing Dharma writings in the East. Books are available on a shelf with the Buddhist Supplies at the Priory.

### **Shasta Abbey cookbook available**

*Cooking with a Gentle Heart* features almost 400 vegetarian recipes, two hundred of which come directly from the kitchen of Shasta Abbey. Copies are available at the Priory (cost \$22), or you may order directly from Shasta Abbey Buddhist Supplies ([supplies@BuddhistSupplies.com](mailto:supplies@BuddhistSupplies.com)). All proceeds go to help the Abbey finance the recent construction of the Bodhidharma Hall, a residence for monks.

### **Respectful Dress at the Priory**

In keeping with our intent to restrain the senses and cultivate a pure heart, please wear clothing at the temple that is both comfortable for meditation and at the same time respectful and neat. Body and mind being one, how we treat and regard our physical form can have a significant impact on our spiritual practice. Inappropriate dress includes shorts, jeans, tights, halter tops, tank tops, low cleavage dresses, T-shirts with loud slogans, and highly-scented lotions and perfumes.



## Alms Bowl

**Alms & Offerings.** We are very grateful to all who have made offerings in the past month. All offerings--large or small, material or spiritual, tangible or in service--enable the temple to exist as a place of teaching and refuge for those who wish to practice in the Serene Reflection tradition transmitted by Rev. Master Jiyu. Our support of the Priory is another way we show our gratitude for all that she bequeathed to us.

With an outpouring of help and the organizing efforts of Pamela Wright and Jane King, the yard and bake sale on September 19 brought in \$275 for the temple's final land payment. Thanks to Jerry Mohr for the use of her yard and to Maureen Keith for the loan of a canopy, which we needed given the rainy weather that day. Together with a few additional donations, we will be able to pay off the land loan in early October. Thanks to everyone who has contributed toward the loan over the past fifteen years! It's a good example of how regular, persistent, devoted efforts over time do pay off.

We also want to express our appreciation to all who put in extra hours to get the tool shed moved and put back together, and especially to David Zeiss, who coordinated the project. With the installation of a new aluminum/glass door to let in light, the project was finished (almost) on September 25. Thanks to Rev. Master Jisho Perry for help with the door, as well as for the Dharma talk on Great Master Bodhidharma's "Discourse on Pure Meditation." Rev. Master Jisho honored the temple with a visit and a talk on his way home to Shasta Abbey from an eight-month stay at Edmonton, Alberta, as interim prior.

We are appreciative of the items donated in response to last month's alms bowl request: nuts, butter, flour, tea, stamps, toilet paper, and cat food. We also continue to receive a bountiful supply of garden produce, for which we also say "thank you." An unexpected offering by Ben Johnson, a Priory member from long ago who now is part of the Berkeley Priory, was the construction while he was in town of a door for the loft in the library/meeting room .

**Alms Bowl Requests.** Items that would be kind offerings are to the temple are: 37-cent stamps, poly-fill pillows, a carpet sweeper, fireplace/woodstove implements (poker, shovel, etc. ), and spring-flowering bulbs, such as daffodils,

crocus & hyacinth. We could also use help with raking leaves, "odd jobs" such as hanging pictures, and transcription of a short talk of Rev. Master Oswin's from a video of the interfaith service on September 11.

"The two kinds of alms, material and spiritual, have the endowment of boundless merit:  
Now that they have been fulfilled in these acts of charity, both self and others gain pleasure  
therefrom."

Thank you for all your kindness, generosity, and sincere training.

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**Credits & Feedback:** Thanks go to Mike Running and Jerry Mohr for their help with this calendar and news. Thanks go to Jerry as well for maintaining the Priory public and members website

Let us know if the e-mailing of the calendar and news provides you with information and updates about the Priory in an easily accessible and timely manner. Any thoughts or suggestions regarding format, design, articles, graphics, mailing, etc. are appreciated. We also welcome contributions of articles or questions about meditation and Buddhist practice, as well as artwork, graphics, and digital photographs with a Buddhist theme.

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