

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Wow here it is May already!

In May, we have a lot of events here at our temple, such as Spring Bloom Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day, but also there is a very important day in our Buddhist teachings that we call Gotan-E.

Our Gotan- E or Fuji Matsuri Service commemorates the birthday of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, born on May 21, 1173 at Hino, southeast of central Kyoto, Japan. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is a branch of Mahayana Buddhism. Mahayana Buddhism is one of the two major Buddhist schools which has spread from India to China and Japan.

For us, the followers of the Jodo Shinshu teaching, this day is very important, as it was Shinran who systematically developed the Nembutsu teaching by compiling the commentaries of the seven teachers whom he chose to call the Seven Patriarchs. He teaches that we are able to attain salvation or Birth into the Pure Land. Even though he developed his teaching some 800 years ago, the Nembutsu teaching that he developed is still applicable to us in this modern Age of Technology.

What distinguishes his teaching is that it was meant primarily for householders, rather than those who left their homes to enter the priesthood and attempt to follow the difficult path of discipline in search of Enlightenment.

Without distinguishing between the priesthood and laity, good or evil, rank or class, everyone is equal before the Buddha, and all can be equally saved by Amida's Compassion.

Our celebration is also called **Fujimatsuri**, or **Wisteria Festival**, after the purple flower which represents our sect. Though the flowers grow high on intertwined branches of a tall and sturdy tree, unlike other flowers which stand up when in full blossom, the wisteria hangs down, symbolizing humility, a welcoming heart-mind and sincere reverence to Buddha.

The life and teachings of Shinran Shonin constitute one of the most significant developments in the history of Buddhism. It was he who discovered a path which ensured that the treasures of the Dharma would be accessible to all people without discrimination.

Come join us on May 19 as we all express our appreciation for Shinran Shonin's dedicated religious guidance and celebrate his 846th birthday!

Gassho

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

It's hard to believe that it's almost one year since Reverend Warrick became our resident minister. We are currently putting his new contract together. It's time for us to reflect on what we have done to continue to exist as White River. I am pleased to see so many new faces.

After attending the National Council Meeting in Phoenix, I am not encouraged that BCA has a clue what the individual temples are struggling with. We will have a new Bishop next year, so we'll see what changes are coming for the next four years. Also the Northwest District Council voted to allow Portland to move the NW Convention in 2021 to September instead of February. A vote will be taken to make this change

permanent.

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We have installed the digital reader board and completed the outdoor wiring for Bon Odori. Thank you for all the donations for the digital reader board. I would like to thank all sangha members for your support.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on May 5th at 10:00am for “Pastries with President.” No agenda, No donation, No catch. Just coffee, pastries (or something similar), and good conversation with your fellow Sangha members!

**May Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
May 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of May. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, May 5th at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Frank Takishima	1971	Masao Mikami	2001
Hanako Yanagawa	1974	Frank Fujimura	2003
Sachiko Hirose	1978	George Mitsuo Hiranaka	2003
Tokuyo Komoto	1985	Masaru Kato	2008
Takeyoshi Jack Koga	1993	Bill Yaguchi	2011
Gladys Gisi	1999	George Shoji Terada	2014
Risako Kawasaki	2000		

1 year ~ 2018	3 year ~ 2017	7 year ~ 2013	13 year ~ 2007
17 year ~ 2003	25 year ~ 1995	33 year ~ 1987	50 year ~ 1970

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org

**Community Speaker Series
Ms. Satwinder Kaur
April 29, 2019**

Ms. Satwinder Kaur grew up in Kent and graduated from Kentridge High School. Satwinder Kaur is currently serving as a member of the Kent City Council. Please join us in welcoming Satwinder as she shares her story of growing up Sikh and service to community.

Conversation and snacks immediately follow.

**Timeless Favorites Cooking Class
April 6th at 10:00am**

Many thanks to Chiho Pewitt for teaching the April class. As usual we had a very interesting and delicious meal of Omurice & Sesame Green Beans as well as having a fun time. Next month on Saturday, May 11th, the class will be taught by Eva Chun & Maydell Crane. It will be Hawaiian Foods: Loco Moco & macaroni salad. Please sign up on the temple bulletin board or email office@wrbt.org



Newsletter Reminder

April newsletter articles are due **Sunday, May 12th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

Receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org.

Buddhist Women's Association
BWA@wrbt.org

All are welcome to participate in BWA activities. You do not need to be a BWA member.



Rev. Warrick with New BWA Members – Welcome to Gretchen Hansen, Joan Hoskin, Judy Gardner! We will feature one new member in our newsletter articles in the coming months.

Meet New BWA Member Joan Hoskin! Here is what Joan had to say ...

Thank you for the warm welcome to BWA! It is so nice to be part of a group of such wonderful women. I felt a strong sense of a loving, caring community the minute I walked through the doors of White River Buddhist Temple.

My husband, Dave, and I have lived in Auburn for over 45 years. We both attended Green River Community College. I was in the Drama Department and he was with the Music Company. We met working together in a production of *Godspell*. (It was the 70's, after all!) I never became a famous actress, but Dave is a very fine professional musician as well as being an elementary school teacher. I retired from the pet care profession after 40 years. I must say, I don't miss working so hard, but I miss my doggie friends. As far as I can see, dogs are truly perfect beings.

Presently, I have been keeping busy in Tacoma helping a very lively senior citizen three days a week. She insisted I join her book club, which I have enjoyed very much. I also enjoy gardening when I have the time. I can get a little obsessed with politics these days, but my time spent at WRBT is a nice retreat from all that craziness. Thank you, I am grateful for you all.

Gift Card Fundraiser – Order by April 28 to Darlene or Karen. Gift card fundraiser order forms included with this newsletter, or also on temple lobby table. Buy for gifts for others or for yourself, including for gas & groceries. Too many gift cards to list on the order form so if you don't see what you need, please ask Karen if they are available. Receive your gift cards at church on Sun, May 12, from Darlene. BWA@wrbt.org

White River BWA Representative needed for Northwest District BWA meeting on May 11 in Yakima – please contact Karen this week by April 25 if you would like to volunteer for this opportunity. E-mail BWA@wrbt.org or call 253-845-3062.

WR BWA meeting – everyone was asked to share why our BWA is meaningful to each of us, or what we could do to make it more meaningful in our everyday lives. Discussion was very interesting and meaningful to Karen, and she is interested to hear every member's thoughts on this. Please share with her at temple or by e-mail

< BWA@wrbt.org > or phone 253-845-3062. Minutes of April 7 meeting will soon be posted on the bulletin board.

World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) – Aug 30 – Sept 1 – We must register as a group. Special WR BWA registration forms & more info on back hallway bulletin board. Deadline to submit your registration forms & check to Karen by May 1. Workshops may fill up as time goes by. You must make your own hotel & flight reservations. Ask Karen for special group rates & codes for hotel & Alaska Airline flights. WBWC website: <https://wbwconvention.org/2019-wbw-convention/> Questions? < BWA@wrbt.org >

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BWA News Continued....

Future Dates - All are welcome to participate in our activities whether BWA member or not.

- April – June YEAR-ROUND Green Box DONATIONS = Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries since children are not in school during the summer
- April Spring Gift Card Fundraiser – form included with this newsletter
- April 30, Tues Craft & Coffee – Georgette & Judy will teach & provide supplies for us to make wire earrings. (sign-up on bulletin board) If you have jewelry-making equipment, please bring. Or you can bring whatever your craft to work on.
- May 1 Registration Deadline for WR BWA for World Buddhist Women’s Convention, San Francisco
- June 22, Sat Fun Fellowship to “HONK” at Green River College based on “Ugly Duckling”. Sign-up now or by May 31 + more info on bulletin board.
- June 29-30 Fun Fellowship to Yakima – Inaba Farms Tour + Yakima Valley Museum + Yakima Buddhist Church Sunday Service with Rev. Warrick. More info & sign-up sheet on hallway bulletin board or < BWA@wrbt.org >
- July 13, Sat Fun Fellowship to Tacoma BWA Field Trip - Purple Haze Lavender Farm, Sequim WA. <https://purplehazelavender.com/> More info to follow when received from Tacoma BWA
- August 4, Sun Fun Fellowship – Emerald Downs – Lunch during Horse & Corgi Races. Please sign up if you are interested at all because tables need to be tentatively reserved sooner rather than later. Sign-up on bulletin board.
<https://emeralddowns.com/event/corgi-races-2019-08-04/>
- Aug 30-Sept 1 WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION, hosted by FBWA, San Francisco, CA. More info & sign-up sheet on BWA bulletin board.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – April, May, June = Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries since children are not in school during the summer. 83½ pounds of 48 scarves, bedding, chairs, books, kitchen small appliances, toiletries donated to Auburn Food Bank in April. Thank you for your support!

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret.

Diaper Jar on the lobby table during service days. We are collecting your loose change to purchase diapers and wipes for those in need. We donated 120 size 6 diapers to Children’s Home Society in Kent in April with your donations. Thank you very much for your donations!

BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of the Osaisen from our Lady Kujo Service and generous donations from Bill and Norma Geenty, Eva Chun, Katie Komoto, and Rosie Kato.

ABA

The ABA Spring Field Trip to the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum and Japanese Memorial will be held on Tuesday, May 14th. The field trip is open to anyone, but there is a limit of 24 visitors, so if interested let me know ASAP. We currently have 22 signed up.

Our April men’s cooking class and meeting was held on Monday, April 8th and led by Pat Kawabata. We were all treated to a tasty pepper steak dish. Our next cooking class and meeting will be on Monday, May 13 and will be a BarBQ led by Randy Okimoto.

The date of the ABA sponsored picnic is Sunday, June 2, 2019.

Facilities Committee

It appears that the leak in the back hallway was caused by the drainpipe and not the roof.

Investment Committee: Investments were up slightly in February.

Bon Odori Committee

A pre-planning committee for this year's 50th Anniversary White River Bon Odori was held on March 31, 2019. Our chairman's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 7 pm. If you would be willing to chair a committee please contact Randy Okimoto, 253 859 2605 or reokimoto@comcast.net.

Booths: It was suggested that we have a White River History booth like last year.

Food Items: Because we only sold half of the corn last year, we will discontinue it this year. We are considering adding Jappa dogs instead. To supplement our vegetarian menu, we are considering buying prepared green papaya salad from a restaurant and selling it at a booth.

Happi Coats: Wayne and Char will look into the possibility of having Happi coats manufactured with our White River Bon Odori logo for purchase by members. If interested, contact Char or Wayne. The 50th Anniversary Logo was designed by Tessa Asato. Thank you Tessa!!

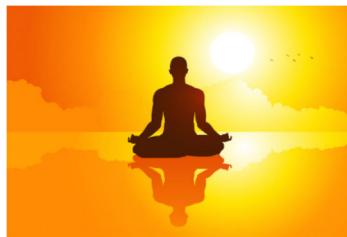


White River Buddhist Temple

Presents

The First Ever Sunrise Summer Solstice Sit

Open to everyone



Date: Saturday June 22, 2019

Time: 5:00 a.m.

Yes, that's right! 5 AM in the morning, because sunrise on that day is 05:11 a.m.

All of life on planet Earth begins to awaken as the Sun's early rays begin to fall upon the planet. The atmosphere is highly charged and provides the essential food to all living organisms in nature. Being still and quieting the mind at this auspicious time of day can be transformational on a spiritual level.

Meditation is part of the universal wisdom of the human family and is found in all major spiritual traditions. It therefore offers a direct way into the common ground we all share and that we need to re-connect with today so urgently.

This practice is simple and can be experienced by anyone. Be here on time, sit in a comfortable upright position with a straight spine. You may sit on a cushion, a chair or wherever you choose. Keeping your spine straight is important to lessen pain and discomfort. Partially close your eyes, gently drop the chin a bit, begin to turn your attention inward. Follow your breath and just quietly sit. Sit. Sit.

Free pancake breakfast for all following close of the meditation.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from March 18th through April 15th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to conduct services, programs and maintain the temple. Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org

Hanamatsuri Service

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| M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama | Mr. Charles Natsuhara |
| M/M Randall Chun | Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara |
| M/M James Dodobara | Lorece Newton |
| M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai | M/M Kent & Julie Nishimura |
| M/M Bill & Norma Geenty | Mr. Randy Okimoto |
| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | M/M James & Chiho Pewitt |
| Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto | M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani |
| Mrs. Yuki Iwai | Mrs. Gayle Takemura |
| Mrs. Amy Kato | Mrs. Tomeko Taketa |
| Mrs. Lilly Kato | Mrs. Betty Tanaka |
| Mrs. Rosie Kato | Ms. Laurie Tanaka |
| M/M Mike and Louise Kato | Tamio & Takako Uchida |
| M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata | Mr. Joe Watanabe |
| Mrs. Katie Komoto | Mrs. Carolyn Yamada |
| M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai | Ms. Darlene Yamada |
| M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki | Mrs. Yoshiko Yamada |
| M/M Ron & Karen Murakami | |

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

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| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | In memory of Barbara Tsuji |
| Mrs. Amy Kato | In memory of George Taketa and Misao Tsukamaki |
| Mrs. Katie Komoto | April Shotsuki |
| Mrs. Lilly Kato | April Shotsuki |
| Mr. Charles Natsuhara | In memory of Frank Natsuhara |
| Ms Kathryn Natsuhara | In memory of Frank Natsuhara |
| Mr. John Kitagawa | In memory of Hiroto Mizoguchi |

Memorial Donations

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| Mr. John Kitagawa | In memory of Kiyono Maekawa |
| Mrs. Mitzi Yamamoto | In memory of Toshi Yamamoto |

General Donations

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| Mr. Don Maekawa | Inurnment Service for Kiyono Maekawa |
| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | BCA Dana Program donation |
| Mr. Dennis Asato | Monthly Osaisen |
| Mrs. Mitsuko Terada | Japanese Service |
| Maruta | NW District Convention |
| Anonymous | Annual Osaisen |

2019 Pledge Totals

March 1 – 31, 2019

Thank you for your support in 2019!

PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED		
Date	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
Mar 1, 2019	\$8,035	\$20,765	32	\$8,325	\$15,285
Name & Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Anonymous #9		
Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Gretchen Hansen		
Under \$500	Gayle Takemura	James Dodobara	Ikuko Dodobara	Catherina Sunderland	
	Anonymous #10				
\$500-\$999	Charlene Grinolds				
\$1,000-\$4,999	Anonymous #11, Anonymous #12				
<u>For Comparison</u>					
Apr 2, 2018	\$5,600	\$19,310	29	\$5,335	\$14,470

Essential Buddhism Class

Sunday, April 21 & 28, and May 5 & 12

12:00 - 1:30 pm

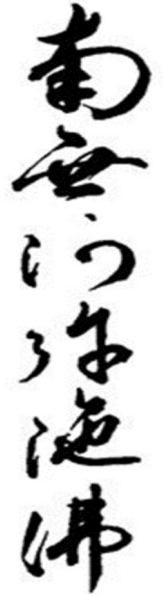
This is a discussion-oriented class about some of the essential threads that bind all Buddhists together. Topics to be covered are, the life of Siddhartha Gautama, brief history of Buddhism, the basics of wisdom, morality, and meditation. In addition we will discuss the two main branches of Buddhism. Classes will be led by Rev. Jim Warrick. No charge; donations accepted.

April 21 & 28: Essential Buddhism Parts 1 and 2 Topics covered include:

- Brief history of Buddhism
- The life of Siddhartha Gautama
- The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism
- The Eightfold Path
- The Five Precepts
- The Cycle of Birth
- The meaning of Karma
- Nirvana or enlightenment

May 5 & 12: Essential Buddhism Parts 3 and 4 Topics covered include:

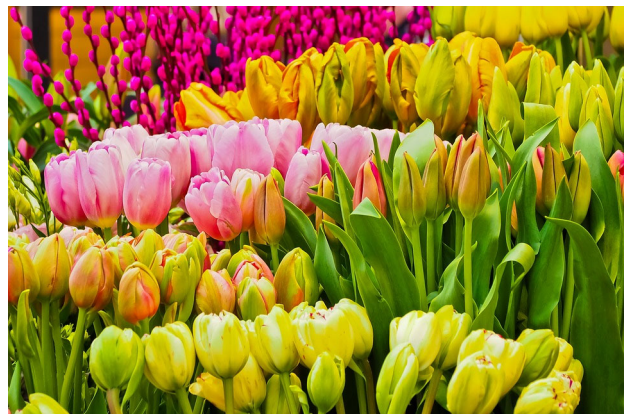
- The two main branches of Buddhism
- Purposes of meditation
- Essential Buddhist concepts of emptiness, impermanence and interconnectedness
- Sense of self
- Theravada Buddhism
- Rise of the Mahayana
- Essentials of Jodo Shinshu
- Nembutsu
- Pure Land
- Bodhisattvas



Spring Bloom Day May 4, 2019

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us Saturday May 4th to Celebrate Spring and Children's Day. Pick up spring plants for your garden, enjoy a bake sale and Japanese take on hot dogs and tater tots. Children's day activities: origami, story time, Bon Odori dance and family meditation. Share the invite with your family, friends and neighbors.



Meditation Sessions

Saturday, April 27: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 25: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Instructors: Cris & Melissa Cyders

Join us as we continue to explore Zen Shin Meditation, including reviewing correct posture and breathing, and learning to focus attention in the hara (in the body, the focus of strength and concentration of power).

Questions? office@wrbt.org

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Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

For religious or other consultations and home visitations, we advise that an appointment be made directly with Rev. Warrick. Reverend Warrick is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Warrick will return your call as soon as possible. Note that calls will be forwarded to Rev. Warrick when he is not at the Temple.

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