

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

I cannot believe that it has been a year since I became a part of the White River Buddhist Temple's Sangha! It has been a lovely year full of meeting everyone who is a part of this wonderful community. We hope to continue to cultivate such an inviting community!!

As with any community, each of us takes on a role within the community. Some of us are on the board, others are a part of our various organizations, and many of us help during bazaars and Obon. With each of us taking a role, it allows us to be able to coordinate events for more people outside of our community to attend and meet with all of the amazing people in our Sangha.

The problem we and other communities are having is that we are losing the amount of people helping out within our community but are gaining more interest in our public events. It is very hard to ask those outside of our community to help us prepare for events like Obon, but at the same time in order to host big events for the public, we might need to ask other groups to help.

I think that asking people for help is not a sign that we are desperate or of a weak community, but shows that the demand for our community events is important to the public. So maybe we should ask other groups to help with our public events and we should in turn help with other group's public events.

As Buddhists we are seeing impermanence happening within our community today. Though we have ideals that we have kept for many, many years, we have to realize that something needs to be done because the ideal we currently have is not working.

Change is something that needs to happen for a community to grow and flourish. Maybe it is time for us to come together as a community to figure out how this change can happen so we can show the positive outcomes impermanence can have!

Gassho,
Rev. Cyndi Yasaki



Greetings from the President

In a year that seems like we have frantically moved from one Temple event to the next, culminating in our final major fundraiser of the year.

I want to thank everyone for their incredible support at this year's Fall Bazaar. The event was a smashing success and could not have been pulled off without your help. From folks who were sushi rollers, order fillers, dishwashers, chicken cookers, and giftware sellers - your hard work continues to allow the Temple to be successful. A deep heartfelt THANK YOU.

It is my hope that we can all take a collective breath as we approach the end of the year.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Temple.

Gassho,
Kendall

Eitaikyo Service

Sunday, November 19th

10:30 am

Please join us for our annual Eitaikyo service, our perpetual memorial service held to honor White River Buddhist Temple's past members and to ensure the continuation of Buddhist teachings at our Temple.

October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**IN PERSON (and Streamed Live) Service****October 1st at 10:30am****www.wrbt.org/service**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of October. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact office@wrbt.org

Masaye Nakai	1976	Shizuko Arima	2008
Jitsu Nakayama	1976	Helen Nishimoto	2008
Genichi Nakagawa	1978	Koko Sutow	2009
Hiroshi Nakayama	1983	Mae Yamada	2010
Yoneko Fujiye	1989	Kimiko Taniguchi	2012
Linda Tsugiye Nishimura	1991	Doug Yamada	2015
Charles Franklin Moss	1993	Harry Taketa	2015
George Masakatsu Iida	1994	Natalie Nguyen	2017
George Tadamichi Kanda	1994	Tomio Hamasaki	2017
James Masayuki Onchi	1998	Masaru Hamamoto	2018
Hatsue Okimoto	2000	Kiyono Maekawa	2018
Chiyeko Nishimura	2003		

1 year ~ 2022**3 year ~ 2021****7 year ~ 2017****13 year ~ 2011****17 year ~ 2007****25 year ~ 1999****33 year ~ 1991****50 year ~ 1974**

MEMORIAL SERVICES To remember those that we have lost, Jodo Shinshu has the tradition of holding memorial services in certain years after their passing. If you would like to schedule a service for your loved one who passed in the following years, please contact Rev. Cyndi via email at rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org.

Engaging with the Dharma

Join us for our Buddhism Discussion Session, *Engaging with the Dharma*. We will be discussing The Buddha's Primal Vow on November 23rd right after service. Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions so if you're curious, come check it out! Contact office@wrbt.org for more information.

Buddhist Women's AssociationBWA@wrbt.org

WR BWA Fall general meeting, in person, on Sunday, November 19, after service. Budget, election of 2024 officers, more. You may want to bring a sack lunch. BWA will provide tea and fruit or dessert. Please send questions or concerns to Georgette at BWA@wrbt.org

See's Candy fundraiser ends on November 19. You do not need to be a Temple or BWA member to order. Proceeds support BWA educational and community outreach programs. Please see Georgette. Please make checks payable to WRBT with memo "BWA fundraiser". Cash is also accepted. Pick up candy at Temple December 3 and 10.

Eshinni Kakushinni Memorial Service was held on October 15, 2023. Tea and cake were served following the service. So good to see the Sangha chatting in the multipurpose room. The discussion group availed themselves of cake and tea to sustain a lively session. Thanks to Vivian, Gayle, and Janis for their help to make this event go so smoothly. It looked like about 40 people attended and maybe half a dozen took cake to go. Our hospitality doesn't end at the Temple doorway!

ABA

Our next scheduled ABA ZOOM meeting has been changed to Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1 pm.

Service Volunteer Sign Up

Sign up to help with weekly services.

- ◆ Chair service
- ◆ Bring and arrange flowers for the onaijin - we can help arrange if you wish.
- ◆ Bring fruit for the onaijin
- ◆ Ring Kansho before service



Sign Up at bit.ly/WRBTservice (case sensitive) or contact office@wrbt.org.

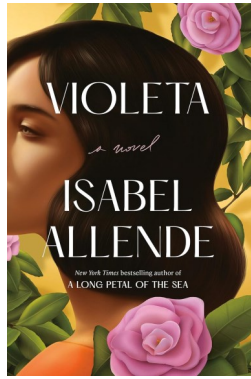
Temple Clean Up**November 4th at 10:00 am**

It's that time of year again - join us as we spruce up the Temple!

Virtual Book Club
Sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub

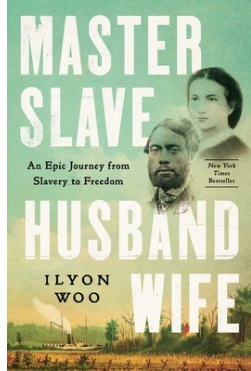
November 12TH
7:00 pm

Violeta by Isabel Allende



December 10th
7:00 pm

Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo



ECO SANGHA

In our continuing commitment to reduce, reuse, and recycle, we will be collecting plastic bags, Styrofoam, old batteries, and lightbulbs for recycling and appropriate disposal. Please see what we can take; bring them to the Temple and we'll take care of them for you! If you have any questions, please contact office@wrbt.org

White River Buddhist Temple
Eco Sangha



Plastic Bags – grocery & food bags, produce netting, plastic flexible rings, bubble wrap, air pillows, shipping envelopes, plastic outer wrap from paper towels, cereal bags

Shake or wipe out crumbs; must be clean and dry.



Household lightbulbs - incandescent, LED, CFL, halogen, flood lights

No broken or fluorescent light tubes



Styrofoam - Styrofoam packaging, meat trays, peanuts, food containers and cups

Must be clean and dry, no foam or beanbag beads



Used household batteries - Rechargeable & Alkaline batteries, hearing aid batteries

No car or damaged batteries

Bring your items to the Temple and we'll recycle for you!
Questions? office@wrbt.org

Veteran's Day Celebration
November 11th at 11:00 am

War Memorial Park
624 N Meyers St
Tacoma, WA 98406

Rev. Cyndi will be doing the invocation and benediction at this event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to honor those who served.



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17TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY
CELEBRATION

War Memorial Park
624 N Meyers St
Tacoma, WA 98406

NOVEMBER
11TH, 2023
11:00AM

Join us in a tribute to those who served despite facing disdain or discrimination at home and celebrate the WW II service of the Nisei Soldiers (2nd generation Japanese Americans)

White River Buddhist Temple Presents

CONNECTIONS

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW



77th NW District Buddhist Convention

September 13-15th, 2024

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Candice Shibata

Muckleshoot Resort Casino
2402 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA 98002

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from September 19th through October 16th. 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. Donations can be sent directly to the temple or you can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

Total Donations Received - \$ 1565

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Karen and Robert Nishimoto	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	October Shotsuki
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	October Shotsuki
M/M James and Chiho Pewitt	October Shotsuki
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In memory of Tad, Kenichi, and Urano Kato
Ms. LuAnn Kato	In memory of Tad, Kenichi, and Urano Kato
Ms. Marcia Kato	In memory of Tad, Kenichi, Urano, Mas, and Amy Kato Naomi and Howard Martin, Steve and Satoru Kato, Roy, Tsutae, Ben, George, Charles and William Taketa, James Komoto Misao Tsukamaki, Yuki Murakami

Memorials

Mr. Les Dogen	In memory of Karen Kawasaki
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Bazaar Donations

M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Takako & Tamio Uchida	Ms. Karen Yamada
Mr. Joe Watanabe	M/M Diane & James Cowles	

General Donations

Kiwanis Club of Kent AM	Kitchen use
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2023 Pledge Totals					
September 1 - 30, 2023					
Thank you for your support in 2023!					
	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
Date	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
October 6, 2023	\$3,500	\$38,540	47	\$3,685	\$34,225
<u>For Comparison</u>					
October 3, 2022	\$2,400	\$36,840	47	\$3,175	\$34,240
Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing:			Anonymous #12	Anonymous #13	
Amount Not Specified for Publishing:					
Under \$500:		Marvin Terada	Kiyo Terada		
\$500- \$999:					
\$1,000- \$4,999: Anonymous #14					

Weekly Announcements

To be included in the weekly announcement half sheet that we distribute at each service, please send your announcement to office@wrbt.org by the Friday before each service. Thank you!



Newsletter Reminder

December newsletter articles are due **Sunday, November 19th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. We encourage you to sign up for our newsletter by email if this is an option for you. **Contact newsletter@wrbt.org or call 253-833-1442 to opt out of the hard copy newsletter.**

Views expressed in articles by individuals do not necessarily represent the views of, and should not be attributed to the Temple or Sangha members

Formal Temple Office Hours by Appointment Only

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call Rev. Cyndi Yasaki's cell phone. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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