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# Pureland Path

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Newsletter

June 2013



## Dancing and Diversity

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I am in my 12th year here at OBT. My wife, Kyoko, and our two boys, Sho and Ren, and I are very happy to be here. We have been treated very well by all of you and hope to continue here indefinitely. The seasons are already associated in my mind

with OBT events. So, summer means dancing to me now. I'm sure we've all seen a Snoopy cartoon with the motto, "To Live is to dance, To Dance is to Live!" appended. Charles Schultz was Christian, but if he'd have been Buddhist I'm sure he would have been a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

Of course, Obon dance practices don't start until next month and Obonfest is a good two months off. However, our summer of dancing has always (since I've been here) started with Madame Sahomi Tachibana's dance troupe performance. This year's dance program will be on June 8, at 7 p.m., in the temple basement. Dance performances will include some of our members. We don't know how many more years we will be able to appreciate this wonderful artistic and cultural event. Please join us the evening of June 8.

June 9 will be a regular weekly service, but it will include attendance awards for our Dharma school students and recognition of two of our Dharma school Teachers: Ann Shintani Winner and Kyoko Gibbs. I won't tell you how many years they've been teaching Dharma school. You have to attend the service to find that out.

Another reason to join us Sunday, June 9, is a talk following service on the Holocaust by Mr. Alter Wiener, a survivor of the Nazi genocide. There are few survivors of the Holocaust still alive and well to share their experience. Like the internment of Japanese Americans in concentration camps here, this dark passage in human history must be remembered so as not to be repeated. I hope you will join us for this Dharma exchange. Be aware that it will probably run about twice as long as the usual after-service discussion.

I would be pleased to see many of you on the 23rd and 30th of this month as well. These too will be regular Sunday services but regular doesn't necessarily mean ordinary. The Oregon Buddhist Temple is extraordinary in many ways. We have an extraordinary history of 110 years. We have, in my opinion, an unusually warm and inviting sangha. From our newest members to our most long-standing members, I observe friendliness to guests at OBT. We

have a sangha, a community, which is more ethnically diverse than most temples. I think we have reached a threshold of diversity such that it is easier for new people of any racial or cultural background to join us. At the same time, we have deep roots in Japanese culture and in the Japanese-American community that will always be an important part of what the Oregon Buddhist Temple is. Thank you for reading this article. I hope that you have an extraordinary month.

In Gassho,  
Reverend Gibbs



**Hatsumairi:** New members and children were introduced at the Hatsumairi presentation on May 12. From left: John Doane, Scott Oldfield and Tracy Babione, Daniel Takezo Kiyama (held by mother Traci with father Wynn standing adjacent), Mark Stendell, Lily Stendell and mother Sachi Stendell. Minister's assistant Brenda Fugate is at far left and Rev. Gibbs in the middle.

## June Highlights

- June 8: Tachibana Dance Recital, 7 p.m.
- June 9: Dharma School Graduation with Guest Speaker Alter Wiener, Holocaust survivor; last day of Dharma School
- June 15: OBWA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., at the temple, OBWA birthday luncheon, Super King Buffet
- June 23: DS Swim Party, Holladay Park Plaza, 11 a.m.

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## President's Message

Ken Garner

“In the beginner’s mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert’s there are few,” so begins Shunryu Suzuki, the founder of the San Francisco Zen Center, in his book *Zen Mind, Beginner’s Mind*.

When Maho and I first moved to Oregon, our neighborhood and the surrounding area seemed spread out and confusing. We’d be driving around exploring all the new places and all of a sudden a familiar landmark would appear. There were endless ways to get to anywhere. As we learned our way around, however, the seemingly endless routes became fewer and Beaverton became very small.

We experienced much the same when we joined the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Things were new and exciting to us. We had the classic beginner’s mind. We would catch glimpses of the Dharma’s bounty, hinting at endless possibilities. We were accepted into the Sangha and into the OBT community and we had visions of what could be and wanted to be a part of that.

Fast forward a few years, and while I am not an expert, I sometimes sense a narrowing of my view. Maybe it is the result of budget discussions, backed up plumbing, searching for event chairs or maybe it is just the natural order of things but the wonder inherent to the beginner’s mind seems so elusive.

But then we all know that change is the one constant of reality. At Gotan-e this year we recognized Hatsumairi for 3 children and 3 adults. While this year’s class may be smaller than those we have had in the recent past, they still represent a new beginning. I see the children, our future, receiving a foundation based on the Dharma that will serve them and society throughout their lives. As for the adults, they found something in our community and our teachings that resonate with them. We are all interconnected and OBT truly is the sum of all its parts. They bring with them their energy and beginner’s mind which in turn spurs my beginner’s mind out of its doldrums and reminds me of how I felt when I joined and why I stay. To Scott, Tracy, and John, welcome and thank you.

In Gassho, Ken

younger and before having kids of my own. We are fortunate to live in the same city as my parents and my husband’s family. But I knew after my first child Kyle was born, I wanted to establish the same ties in the community as we have with our own family. I have found that sense of community in the Oregon Buddhist Temple that has provided the common values I would teach my own children. Simply to treat others like you would want to be treated yourself. We’ve been fortunate to be part of this Sangha where we feel a sense of family and unconditional acceptance.

On a lighter note, the festivities continued at Abby’s party with her friends. Everything that could have possibly gone wrong did go wrong. The party venue had forgotten about her party and was closed. But the party must go on. So we took it to our house. The cupcakes tipped over on the drive back home. Needless to say, the cupcakes didn’t look very pretty anymore. The final straw was when someone opened the door and our dog cut loose and held up traffic on Fremont for what felt like five minutes when in reality it was probably 30 seconds. Still, I thought our dog was going to get run over by a car. Abby didn’t seem to care about the change in venue or the cupcakes looking a mess. She had a blast with her friends. All in all, it wasn’t so bad since we were surrounded by family and friends this weekend.



## OBWA News

Nancy Kajitsu

May was another busy month for the OBWA.

**Zabuton Repair:** We began with the cleaning of about 300 zabuton (cushions) downstairs and ended up covering all

of them. We thank Marlene Moro, June Shiigi, Etsu Osaki and Jean Takashima for all of their cleaning, sewing, purchasing and recovering. They are beautiful!

On May 12, **Gotan-e** was celebrated by our temple. Led by Kiyomi Dickinson, udon noodles were prepared and served. Thank you to those who helped!

**In our kitchen** you will notice clean and sparkling teacups and teapots! With Michael Ishii’s input and Judy Hittle’s toban group (Susan Leadham and Craig Yanase to mention a few) the task is complete. Thank you!

Our **Aging Wisely** series was sparked this month by Karol Kennedy who spoke to our group about Meals on Wheels. We received lots of information and go to numbers to implement services for those in need.

Our **annual Birthday Luncheon** will be held June 15 at Super King Buffet, 5015 SE 82nd Ave., Portland. Lunch is to follow our monthly meeting at the temple that Saturday so we can car pool if needed. The cost is \$10 per person. We will pay individually at the restaurant.

A **Back Pack** project for school children is being brought together by Jayne Ichikawa. Items such as: oatmeal (individual packets), breakfast bars, cereal (individual boxes), small cans of beef, chicken or tuna, boxes of tuna helper, small cans of soup, cans of beans, small containers of mayonnaise, macaroni and cheese cups, small cans of Chef Boyardee meals, applesauce and fruit cups, cans of fruit, small plastic jars of peanut butter, non



## Musings of an OBT board member

Chiki Kwong

It has been a weekend filled with birthday festivities for my daughter, Abby, who turned four on May 21. It started with a

family celebration on Saturday. It was nice to see family members who we don’t see regularly unless there’s a special occasion. I treasure these moments for myself and especially for my children. These were things I took for granted when I was

perishable milk and small bags of beans or rice are suggested. We are asking those people who are attending the Birthday Luncheon on June 15 to bring items listed for this project. Because these items will be placed into the children's backpack, please consider size and weight. Also check the expiration dates on the foods. Thank you for your donations!

**Yukata Sewing Project** is under way. On May 25, measurement and fabric amounts were covered. On June 1st, sewing and cutting will be done. Please bring your fabric, needles, pins, scissors and sewing machines.

**Obonfest** plans are underway. We moved and approved the purchase of a full page ad in the Obonfest Booklet. The OBWA also decided to try cold somen noodles to sell downstairs. Manju will also be sold. Other items are up for discussion. On June 22, anko for manju will be made. Those interested in learning to make manju are invited to take part in this task. Manju-making will occur, July 13, and newcomers are welcome to observe. It is a very delicate job!

**The Richmond School fund-raiser** was quite successful, on May 11. Manju, furoshiki handbags and origami boxes filled with treats were sold. All of this work was done by Kyoko Gibbs, Atsuko Richards, Kay Inouye, Kiyomi Dickinson, Alice Ando and Saori Stendell.

**Next meeting is June 15th at 9:30 at the temple.**

In gassho,  
Nancy Kajitsu



## OBWA Aging Wisely

June Shiigi

On April 20, we were fortunate to have Karol Kennedy tell us about Meals on Wheels People at the Annual Aging Wisely Series of the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association. Karol has been a Client Services Coordinator for seven years at Loaves and Fishes Centers now called Meals on Wheels People. Meals on Wheels People provides a home delivered meal service for people 60 years and older who have chronic illnesses, are frail, had strokes, cancer or other end stage diseases like kidney disease, or have disabilities. Call 866-788-6325 to find out if you



qualify for meals. Younger seniors and a more diverse population are now receiving meals. Many dedicated volunteer drivers will bring hot noon-time meals 5 days per week or more if eligible. Karol also shared community resources available to our seniors such as home repairs, a grocery shopping service and transportation.

Karol, a graduate of Howard University, is a member of OBWA and has been attending OBT for many years. She was the 2012 Nominee for the Richard Mastbrook Award of Loaves and Fishes and in 2011 and 2013 she received the Loaves and Fishes GEM Award.



The youngest and oldest members, 97 years apart, Daniel Kiyama (left) and Alice Sumida (right), enjoy the Hatsumairi and Gotan-e service together.

## OBT Reader's Club

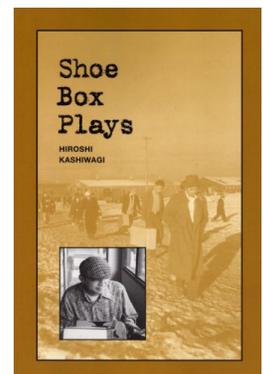
Ken Garner

**Wednesday June 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**Shoe Box Plays**  
by Hiroshi Kashiwagi

For the June meeting, we will continue our discussion of the Shoe Box Plays. The volume gathers together plays that chronicle the experiences of Japanese Americans from the hardships

of the Depression of the 1930s, through the bitterness and dislocation of the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, through the rise of Asian American consciousness and pride in the late 1960s and 1970s to today.

Join our discussion of this book (and other topics) at the next meeting of the OBT Readers' Club Wednesday June 19, 2013 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. We meet at the Lucky Lab Brew Pub, located at 915 SE Hawthorne, Portland, OR. The OBT Readers' Club meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday. All are welcome.



## Kimono Donations

Please donate your yukatas, kimonos, obis, etc., for our **Used Kimono Sale** to be sold at our 2013 **Obonfest**. Drop off at Oregon Buddhist Temple on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Yasuko Fields at 503-434-7940, yasuko@raf.us or June Shiigi at 503-997-3742, shiigisj@comcast.net.



## Obonfest Order Form

Yoshi Ono and Craig Yanase



This year's August 3 Obon festival is being co-chaired by Yoshi Ono and Craig Yanase. Preparations are underway and this year will have a few changes from previous years. One is that we will accept credit card payments and will use tokens for food sales rather than cash. On the order sheet included in the newsletter, you may pre-order your tokens which will come in \$5 and \$1 denominations. The tokens themselves are custom designed laser scribed "coins". The order form also has entry items for ads in our booklet, which we debuted last year, along with lantern orders or rehangs. We are also soliciting for

raffle prize donations. More details about this year's festival will be printed in the next newsletter. Thank you to all the committee chairs for stepping forward to take on responsibilities in various areas. We will also publish these next month.

In gassho,  
Yoshi and Craig

## Obonfest omiyage booth

The Omiyage booth (the gift stand) for Obonfest 2013 is in need of Asian-inspired and Japanese items to sell. We will also accept nice, lightly used items. Donations of handmade crafts with an Asian flare would also be appreciated.

Please label donations "Obon omiyage" which can be left in the temple annex. Contact Brenda Fugate, Cathy Shikatani, or Janice Ishii with questions.

## Honor the Past, Live the Present, Build the Future

Ken Garner

### NW District Buddhist Convention, February 7 – 9, 2014

As you most surely know, OBT is hosting the 2014 Buddhist convention February 7-9, 2014 at the Portland Airport Sheraton. We will begin monthly planning/update meetings beginning on Sunday June 16 directly after Dharma Exchange. All volunteers are asked to attend.

Hosting an event such as this is a huge undertaking and we need the help and support of the Sangha. While many people have stepped up to handle some of the tasks, there still are a number of tasks that need somebody to oversee. Namely we are looking for people to head up: Boosters/Advertisers, Convention Booklet, Intra-District Communications, External Communications, Vendors (e.g. BCA Bookstore), Auction/Raffle.

If you are interested to take the lead in any of these areas or to find out more information on what it might entail, please contact convention co-chair Ken Garner.

## Yagura Mann

Yoshi Ono

The yagura restoration has been completed and Tyler Mann is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. On May 5, Tyler and a support group from troop 208 transported the finished structure to the temple where it was constructed, tested and accepted by our temple members. The new design includes details that will make it easier to construct, sturdier, safer and longer lasting. It will now anchor the lanterns at a higher spot. In the words of Scott Winner, "This is terrific!"

The project came in under budget so the excess funds will stay with the temple. Tyler can't wait to come to Obonfest, climb into the yagura, and beat the drum for a song or two. Much thanks go the Tyler, his family, scoutmasters, our temple volunteers and donors. Everyone's help will make this Obonfest a little extra special.



Soon-to-be Eagle Scout Tyler Mann, on the newly-constructed Yagura

## June Toban

Ando, Roberta	Choi, Randy	Liljeholm, Edward
Fields, Yasuko	Fugate, Brenda	Pawlowski, Clara
Ichikawa, Jayne	Garner, Maho	Pawlowski, Steve
Fields, Ray	Harder, Diane	Mishima, Kumiko
Garner, Ken	Fugate, Jerry	Nasman, Kerrie
Inoue, Kay	Kinoshita, Ken	Ichikawa, Shinya
Kono, Kim	Monas, Tsuyako	Nasman, Keith

*Toban not only means "my turn" but "my chance" to show my appreciation to all the men and women whose monetary donations and hard work resulted in this beautiful place, our Temple to hear the Dharma.* ---Words of Jean Matsumoto, 1995



## Dharma School News

Amy Peterson

We had a great **Hanamatsuri** program written and directed by Joy Yuzuriha for her Girl Scout Theater badge. Students and members enjoyed the program. Special thanks to DS teachers and parents,

Brian Neubauer for camera work, Todd Yuzuriha for editing and Youtube submission, and Mark Achterman for assisting. We will post the Youtube address soon.

I attended the **Federation of Dharma School Teacher's League Conference** in San Mateo, with the theme of Diversity. While we consider our temple as quite diverse, there are more ways we can embrace diversity of other cultures and norms through art, music, meditation and more. There were nine workshop groups with three facilitators in each group. These facilitators met with the two keynote speakers over several months to learn the idea of "Intent versus Impact." More information was put into the BCA Wikispaces files, with hope that more will be added and accessed by teachers and parents (<http://bcadharmaschool.wikispaces.com/>). Next year's conference will be for one day at Mt. View Temple, on April 26, 2014.

On April 28, the **Youth Service** was held in the basement to accommodate a larger group. Prajna and Dana class helped with set up and chairing. Rev. Diane Johnson presented her book "Amida's ABC's." It was well received.

**Gotan-e** fell on Mother's Day, which gave teachers inspiration to offer a special dessert and beverage service, after Otoki (meal). Younger students took orders, older students plated and made beverages, and teachers plated desserts. The Prajna/Dana class made the order forms and menu items. Thank you to Marilyn and Mark Achterman, Kyoko Gibbs, Ann Shintani and Elaine Yuzuriha for making the desserts!

On the same day, we had our **Hatsumairi**, and introduced Daniel Kiyama and Lily and Mark Stendell to the Buddha and Sangha. Mark has been active with DS activities and Lily and Daniel will soon participate regularly.

**DS Graduation** and year-end recognitions will take place in the June 9 service, with students chairing the service. Service awards will be given to teachers Ann Shintani (15 years) and Kyoko Gibbs (10 years).

The year-end family swim party is scheduled for Sunday June 23rd. Families will meet after service at 11:00 a.m., and carpool to Holladay Park Plaza. Families should bring a pot luck lunch item share. The DS will provide plates, utensils and beverages.

**Dharma School Day Camp** will be held July 23 to 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Work parties for the **Dharma Wheel Garden** will be scheduled for second and fourth Sundays this summer. All temple members, parents and students are encouraged to help plant, weed and harvest. The ryakkyo has been transplanted for fall harvest. Kyoko Gibbs weeded and planted donated flowers. The flowers will hopefully be available to flower toban. The latch on the greenhouse was repaired by Michael Ishii and an unidentified helper. I will look into having water run to the greenhouse to avoid moving the hose each time.

We are working on arrangements to visit home-bound members, with a tentative date of July 7th.

**Donations:** Thank you to Jean Takashima for donating two more hot pots. We've just turned in another \$20 in bottle returns and appreciate any and all donations.

## JAPANESE AMERICAN GRADUATION BANQUET 2013

Congratulations to our own Kristi Fukunaga who received the Mabel Boggs Scholarship at the Japanese American Community banquet on May 5. She will be graduating from Wilson High School. Congrats also to Aisha Almahoud, and Akiko Gorawski, both from Cleveland High School.

Our own Todd Yuzuriha was the main speaker who gave a very inspirational yet practical talk. He emphasized three points: know and be grateful for your ancestors; challenge yourself; recognize the importance of people connections.



## The Smiling Buddha

Etsu Osaki

When you walk downstairs from the front lobby of the temple you will be met with a smiling Buddha. This large piece of artwork was a gift that I received quite some time ago. I had no place to display



it in my home. So I decided to bring it to the temple where everyone might enjoy it.

So when you go downstairs, smile, and the Buddha will smile back at you.

## 2013 Memorial Chart

Year of Passing	Memorial	Year of Passing	Memorial
2012	1 year	1997	17 year
2011	3 year	1989	25 year
2007	7 year	1981	33 year
2001	13 year	1964	50 year

If you would like to have a memorial service performed for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Gibbs as early as possible.

## Oregon Buddhist Temple Donations recorded in May 2013

**In memory of Toshiko Tanaka**

Family of Toshiko Tanaka  
Shiuko Sakai  
Lily & George Kajiwara  
Janice Okamoto  
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha  
Ray & Lori Fukunaga  
Richard & Edna Koyama  
Jean Matsumoto  
Michael & Janice Ishii  
Lily Meiners  
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa  
Ray & Yasuko Fields  
Pat & Tom Hokama  
Hiroshi & Judith Yamauchi  
Al Abe  
Carrie Saito  
Judy & Paul Hittle  
Betty Jean Harry

**In memory of Leke Nakashimada**

Nakashimada family

**In memory of Kise Kinoshita**

Ami Kinoshita

**Harry & Clara Okita 7th yr memorial**

Dennis & Barbara Okita  
Angela & Glenn Nakashima  
Brian & Linda Nakashima

**Don & Merrie Greenwood memorial**

Lee & Melissa Greenwood  
Roger & Cheryl Lohman  
Norman & Arleen Kawamoto

**In memory of Ando Berry Farm**

Matt Muramatsu

**Lotus Circle**

Kan & Miyeko Yagi  
Kiyomi Dickinson  
Jane S. Hunt

**Wedding donation**

Thubten Lodoe & Phootsok Paldon

**Eagle Scout Project**

Anonymous (2)  
Judy & Paul Hittle  
Al Abe  
Laura M. Maeda  
Alfred Ono

**OBT Youth Activities**

Nobuko Masuoka  
Connie Masuoka

**Special donations**

Jeff & Ashley Naemura  
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**Ohigan**

Grace & Katsuya Amasuga

**Hanamatsuri**

Jean Matsumoto  
Gary Higashi  
Rei Okabayashi  
Ami Kinoshita  
Angela & Glenn Nakashima  
Lily Meiners  
Kimiko Iwamoto  
Fumiko Okubo  
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Henry Muramatsu  
Shoun & Grace Ishikawa  
May Kasahara  
Ben & Sumie Ishida  
Misako Kodama  
Yoshi & Tomoko Ono  
Kan & Miyeko Yagi  
Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Fusako Ouchida

**Hanamatsuri (continued)**

Janice Okamoto  
Dana Kakishita  
Nobuko Masuoka  
Atsuko Richards  
Kiyomi Dickinson  
Yoshie Kagawa  
Katie & Ed Tamiyasu  
Tamiyo Watari  
Anonymous  
Benny & Alice Tano  
Terri & Tom Carrollo  
Junko Haynes  
Kim Kono  
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Stacy Yamasaki  
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha  
Anonymous  
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Chiho Okita  
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Kaoru Hori  
Teruko Nishikawa  
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Ray & Lori Fukunaga  
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa  
Joseph & Lora Wahl  
Sahomi Tachibana  
Mary T. Okita  
Toshiko Hayashi  
Nami Sasaki  
May N. Saito  
Alfred Ono

**Hanamatsuri (continued)**

Robert & Kathleen Matsunaga  
Takako Maeda  
Alice Ando  
Kayoko Kaye  
Craig & Lisa Yanase

**Eshin-ni memorial**

Anonymous  
Kiyomi Dickinson  
Takako Maeda  
Alice Sumida

**Gotan-e**

Shoun & Grace Ishikawa  
Ami Kinoshita  
Fumiko Okubo  
Lily Meiners  
Richard & Kumiko Mishima  
Katie & Ed Tamiyasu  
Tsuyako Monas  
Henry & Eulia Mishima  
Ben & Sumie Ishida

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May Watari

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Susan Endecott  
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**Lotus Circle -- June**

Jean Matsumoto

We are truly grateful to those members of the Lotus Circle who make the donations for the altar flowers for our Flower Toban to arrange. This month, the contributions are being made by:

- June 2 – Amy Peterson in memory of (imo) grandfather, Katsumi Mishima, on the occasion of his 50th year memorial
- June 9 – Alan Kasubuchi imo brother, Dennis; and aunt Chie and uncle Chuck Itami

- June 16 – Ruth Watanabe and Francis Sono Gale imo father, Bunta Sono; mother, Yone Murazen, and stepfather, Frank Murazen.
- June 23 – Jerry Koike imo grandparents, Yosaku and Sueko Aono
- June 30 – Nami Sasaki imo husband, Arthur O., and daughter, Susanne Sasaki Myers.

Please don't forget that temple president Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) has a Lotus circle page set up where you can submit messages of remembrance to share. For information about the Lotus circle or how to become a member, please contact me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).