

Celebrating the Birth of the Buddha on the Oregon



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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

April 2025



Natsukashii! A Familiar Feeling Rev. Tadao Koyama

Hello everyone! Happy April and spring has sprung! As I am writing this newsletter to you all, I am in Japan attending a special Kaikyoshi program being headed by our head temple, Nishi Hongwanji.

Having already participated in one morning service, with my knees aching, I am swept with an overwhelming sense of natsukashii! This is a word that reflects this familiar feeling we get from a place, or a setting that brings up a great wealth of emotion, usually from a deep and profound experience. This experience of participating in the morning service at Hongwanji brought up all of these emotions for me! I felt in a sense that I was returning to drink water from the well of Hongwanji.

In America, and in the west, sometimes we have this feeling towards establishments or institutions. It could stem from the protestant background our country has, but we tend to mistrust establishments and institutions for many reasons. Of course, there is some validity to these feelings as religious institutions have been responsible for abuse, oppression, and prejudicial doctrines.

While I don't believe that Hongwanji is a perfect entity, I can never forget what this institution has done for me and all of the privileges I have been gifted by the head temple. One of them being granted the responsibility to continue to teach the ritual and chanting traditions to future priests of the BCA.

Coming back to Nishi Hongwanji and hearing all of the chanting being done in the traditional manner once again made me realize just how lucky I am to have been able to go and learn at Gonshikishidousho (the ritual chanting school of Nishi Hongwanji). If I had waited even one year, I would not have been able to learn first-hand as the pandemic just happened.

I would like to thank all of the temple members, the BCA and my family for supporting me during my journey of learning at Nishi Hongwanji. For without their blessing, I would not have been able to go! Okagesamade!

HARU GA KITA (Spring has come) Judy Hittle, OBT President



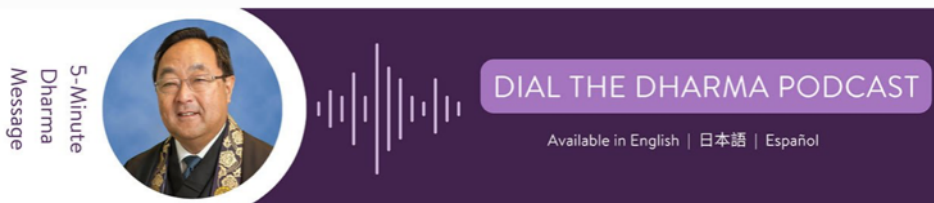
Happy Spring to all. What a refreshing time of the year. Although it is raining outside and it seems gloomy, it's a good thing, right? Can you imagine what it would be like not to have the rain? As days go by we begin to "refresh" our gardens. We plant seeds and thank the rain for giving the seeds a chance to grow and thrive.

Our fundraisers are similarly necessary. Did you know that our fundraisers bring OBT 37% of our total income? They are a huge part of making it possible for OBT to take care of its expenses. OBT continues to exist thanks to our volunteers and donations. In order to have successful fundraisers, not only do we need huge sales, but we need YOU. Your helping hands continually "refresh" our temple and additional hands can do so much to lessen the stress on the few. It's also a way to get to know the sangha members. The Dharma is in the kitchen, in the temple and on the grounds around the temple. Come and join us.

One of our first major fundraisers is the Spring Bazaar which happens on April 27th. I'm certain you'll hear more about it as the day draws closer. Your [help will be needed](#) in the days prior to, as well as on the day of the bazaar. Hope to see you all there.

Judy Hittle
jasatohi@gmail.com

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or

[Listen on Soundcloud](#)



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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

April Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of April. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the April 20 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

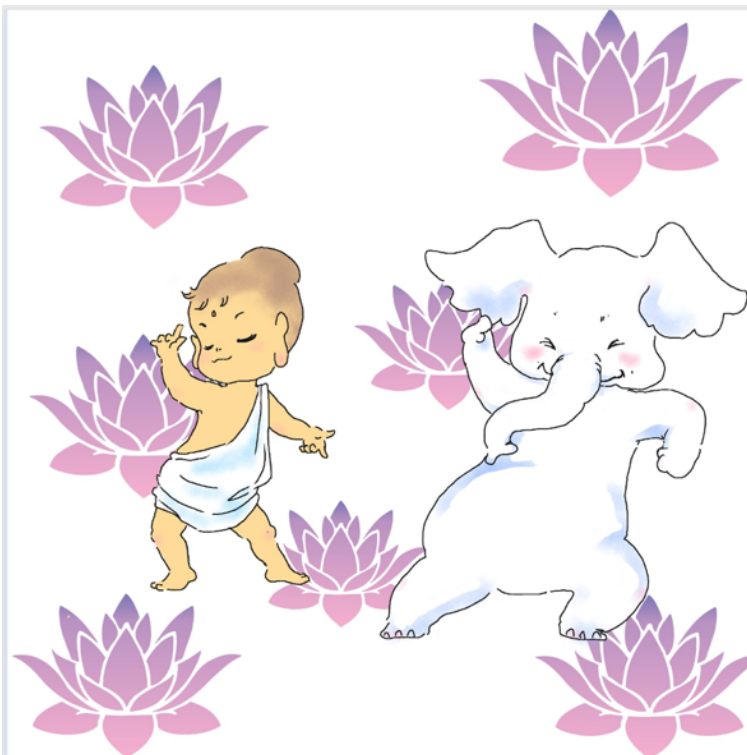
Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Setsuko Aono, 4/6/1977
 Carol Asakawa, 4/10/2020
 Alice Dabelstein, 4/1/1997
 May Michiko Fujii, 4/15/2001
 Tatsuo G Fujinaka, 4/15/2007
 Michiko Fukushima, 4/21/1994
 Richard Furukawa, 4/22/2012
 Merrie Greenwood, 4/25/2012*
 Noye Hirofuji, 4/4/1976*
 Sadakichi Ideguchi, 4/13/1950
 Ryokichi Imai, 4/8/1955
 Ben Tsutomu Ishida, 4/2/2015
 Suetaro Ishida, 4/12/1961
 Miyoshi Iwamoto, 4/14/1956
 Tsuneki Kagawa, 4/18/1997
 Carol Fumie Kamaya, 4/28/1976
 Alan Kasubuchi, 4/26/2014

John H Katada, 4/12/1995
 Miyaki Kayama, 4/30/1988*
 Masaki Kinoshita, 4/1/1996
 Sauda Kinoshita, 4/24/2008
 Tunesuke Konishi, 4/5/1963
 Matsuyo Masuoka, 4/26/1960*
 Dale Meiners, 4/17/2020
 Makie Muraki, 4/15/2017
 Mitsunosuke Nagae, 4/28/1966
 Misuyo Nakamura, 4/29/1993*
 Shoemon Nakamura, 4/27/1973
 Tami Niemi, 4/2/1950
 George Nishimura, 4/9/1999
 Hiroshi Ogawa, 4/9/2021
 Tsutsuji Okawa, 4/6/1957
 Frances Ota, 4/3/2009*
 Kyuta Ouchida, 4/30/1980
 Shizue Ozaki, 4/3/1963*

Tamenaka Ozaki, 4/10/1951
 Sisaveny Phaophongsavath, 4/6/1980
 Boun Panh Phommavanh, 4/6/1980
 Emil Saito, 4/16/2000
 Kathie Sato, 4/28/2020
 Mitsu Shimoishimaru, 4/25/1978*
 Matsuko Shimomaeda, 4/22/1999*
 Katsumi Sunamoto, 4/18/2002
 Noboru Newton Takashima, 4/12/1978
 Haruyo Tomohiro, 4/18/1983*
 Yoshio Urushitani, 4/4/1975
 Hatsue Saikawa Waskevitch, 4/17/2002
 Haruka Juliana Weiser, 4/5/2016
 Takeo Yamanaka, 4/1/1985
 Calvin K Yasumichi, 4/24/2001
 John Terukichi Yoneyama, 4/9/1993
 Isako Yumibe, 4/20/1989*

*OBWA member



Hanamatsuri

Shakyamuni Buddha's
 Birthday

Sunday April 13

Service 10 am with Rev. Koyama

**Potluck follows
 service. Bring a
 favorite dish to
 share**



Oregon Buddhist Temple February 2025 Donations

SHOTSUKI HOYO***In memory of Herb Osaki***

Joseph & Lora Wahl

In memory of Denny Ando***In memory of Hiroshi Fujii***

Diane Ando Harder

Roberta Ando

In memory of Kichitaro Fujii

Diane Ando Harder

In memory of Tomi Tsujimura

Katie & Ed Tamiyasu

In memory of Sachiko Wakamatsu

Tadaie Wakamatsu

In memory of Shigeichi Kakishita

Dana Kakishita

In memory of Pamela Burke

Anonymous

SHOTSUKI HOYO (continued)***In memory of Bachan***

Mika & Sayuri

Shotsuki Hoyo / Lotus Circle

Connie Masuoka

Dana Kakishita

Susan Endecott

Special donations

Dennis & Virginia Sugihara

Mark & Marilyn Achterman

Etsuko Osaki

Roberta Ando (*seminar*)

Jonathan Greenwood

Hoonko

Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

Nirvana Day

Dana Kakishita

Kiyomi Dickinson

2025 Annual Pledge

Beth Sellers

Roberta Ando

Randy Choy & Kim Kono

***Monthly/bi-monthly/quarterly
pledge donations***

Chie Nakamichi & Paul Nist

Diane Ando Harder

Pat Hokama

Glenda Watson-Coly

Patrick Hammersmith

Susan Endecott

***Donation acknowledgements
are mailed for donations of
\$250 or more, and to any
donor upon request.***

***Please inform us of any
significant error or omission.***

Thank you.***sjendecott@gmail.com***

A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for these events and at any other time.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E - Shinran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-E - "A Celebration of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Bodhi Day
	Year End Gift for the Temple

Jodo Shinshu 101:

Rev. Koyama's Monthly Study Classes

These are informal Zoom classes offered on
the second Wednesday of each month.

Everyone is welcome.

Registration is needed just for your first class.

[Click here to register](#)





OBT Spring Bazaar – Sunday, April 27

Amy Peterson

Please join us for the OBT Spring Bazaar! It's been since before covid that we've had a more traditional bazaar. We're still not ready for dine-in as we need more manpower, so all orders will be **pre-order and pickup only (April 27, 12pm-3pm)**. The order form is also included in the newsletter [here](#) or on the [OBT website](#), so you can print out the form and either drop at the temple or mail in by April 20th so we can determine how much to make.

We're doing a BBQ Chicken bento using the traditional OBT teriyaki sauce, Chow Mein, and inari. We'll have the plain inari people now days are used to having with sushi rice in a wrapper.

We're planning on going a little old school and making some fancy inari with gobo, carrots and kamaboko. We're testing some recipes on Sunday March 30th.

Volunteers are always welcome and any time you have available from 1 hour to all day. We will be starting at 9 am each day (Friday April 25, Saturday April 26, Sunday April 27.) Serving shifts start on Sunday at 10 am. We always need help cleaning up if you are available in the afternoon. Some of you are aware and proficient in using sign up genius, [use this link](#) or use the QR code below.

[Spring Bazaar 2025 Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link](#)

HELP OUT AT THE SPRING BAZAAR!

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

TIME: 9 AM – 5 PM

Scan the QR Code to select your shift!



OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE SPRING BAZAAR **VOLUNTEERS!**

2- hour Shifts:

- Setup/Takedown
- Kitchen and Food Prep
- Order Pick Up

Editor's Note: The article below by OBT board member Carolyn Saiget is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Our OBT Community Carolyn Saiget

A community can be defined as: "A group of people with shared interests or values. It's a group in which people can receive support, engage socially, foster connection, and live out their values. A community can be a place where people feel they belong, are accepted, and are cared for. (Rogers Behavioral Health, 8/15/23)"

Research tells us that having COMMUNITY is important for many reasons:

- **Interest:** A community is a group of people with common interests or shared goals. It may provide opportunities to share ideas.
- **Knowledge:** A community is a place to share and gain knowledge.
- **Support & Safety:** A community can be a place to get and give support from/to others.
- **Connection & Belonging: Meaningful Relationships:** Humans are social creatures who desire connections and a

sense of belonging. A community is a good place to find and build meaningful relationships, thus creating a sense of belonging, confirmation, and togetherness.

- **Education & Inspiration:** A community can be a source of information, inspiration, and motivation. It may include people who have different views, experiences, or beliefs, and learning from them can be helpful and motivating when forming opinions and making decisions.
- **Opportunities:** A community can be a place to find or build opportunities to share and make your situation better as well as opportunities to influence and/or help others. A community can give us the confidence and motivation to invest in our well-being and the well-being of others.

The Oregon Buddhist Temple is a community. Regardless of ethnicity, age, gender/sexuality, socio-economic status, physical ability, history, or political affiliation, membership is open to all. Just looking at our Sangha, on any given Sunday, you can see a community that exemplifies and values each of the bullet points included above.

I am proud and grateful to be a part of our temple community. I do have to remind myself to let my words and actions reflect positive contributions, and to express my gratitude for this community, our Sangha, our temple. Namu Amida Butsu

Congratulations to Schindler and Lewis

A wedding ceremony for Christopher Schindler and Todd Lewis was held in the evening of March 15 with Rev. Kobata officiating. A reception followed in the social hall downstairs.





Dharma School Ann Shintani

We enjoyed Childrens' messages in March, including Rev. Koyama's lesson about the patience of kneeling.

The Dana (middle- and high-school) class have been producing a new script for ObonFest; the Lumbini (Pre-K to 1st grades) and Bodhi (2nd to 5th grades) have made a butterfly art piece which is on display in the Social Hall. Each butterfly represents the uniqueness of our students, and we are all welcome and celebrated for our differences, whether they are visually apparent, or differences in how we interact with each other (such as being more outgoing or more reserved). The caterpillar uses a period of quietness and rest within a chrysalis to mature to the next stage of life. I feel that we are ending the cold Winter to finally emerge the cocoons of our homes to reconnect with nature and our communities.

In March, we learned about Buddhist symbols and items with a card matching game (here is a photo with co-teacher Jeanette Hager).



On another Sunday, we observed "Children's Day" by helping Ann put together a family Japanese doll display,

In April, we will be celebrating Buddha's birthday during the Flower Festival, or Hanamatsuri. Please join us on the Saturday before Hanamatsuri to set up the beautiful Flower Altar, or Hanamido, by bringing fresh cut flowers to decorate. We will meet at the temple at Noon, Saturday, April 11th. We usually need just a few people, and many will already be at temple for the SOLV clean up.

To parents, please register your student via this [link](#). Thank you!



Girl Scout News Amy Peterson

The new girls in the troop are very enthusiastic and we've accomplished a lot in a short period of time. They are excited to go camping so have been working on their skills including a practice sleep over, meal planning and cooking, fire safety, fire building and introductory knot tying.

While starting with a simple goal of 35 boxes for an initial cookie patch, they got rolling and all got to the next level if not over 100 boxes, with Kenzie having a goal of 750!

They participated in Scout Sunday explaining why they like scouts and how it relates with personal religious beliefs at home (the girls don't have to be Christian or Buddhist to be a scout). They also started a postcard exchange with other troops, most from BCA temples. The girls opted to draw their own postcards rather than purchase ones and are sending council patches as well.

They will present their Cookie Share donations to Ikoi no Kai during Spring Break thanks to your generosity.

They want to thank the Sangha for your support and purchase of Girl Scout Cookies. If you have not been able to pick them up yet or pay, please contact Amy Peterson or email us at gstroop43720OBT@gmail.com.



OBT Board Meeting Summary Jack Kostylo, OBT Secretary

The OBT Board meeting was held on March 5th at 6:40pm. Reverend Koyama provided a minister's report. The membership vote to change the by-laws required number of directors has been delayed for now. Liaison roles were revised and discussed. The meeting ended at 8:05pm.



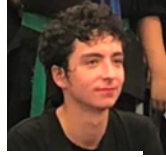
To join the BCA mailing list:

buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect.



OBWA News Jayne Ichikawa

The March 15 OBWA meeting began with a valuable session of Healthy Body exercises led by **Avery Hughes-Davis**. His appropriate and helpful stretch exercises were clear and easy to follow for viewers. Fortunately for our members, there will be a session conducted in April and May by Avery. We appreciate these Healthy Body exercises to help maintain and keep our bodies strong, balanced, and fit for our everyday living.



It will be a busy month for everyone. Here is a list of events that should be marked on your calendar.

- April 12 [SOLVE Event](#) from 9-11am to clean the neighborhood around the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Meet at the temple's parking lot and receive your SOLVE garbage bags, vest, and cleanup tool. Light refreshments afterwards. Everyone please help - the more the merrier and accomplishments will be successful and productive! See [Flyer](#) for more information.
- April 13 Hanamatsuri Service with Rev. Koyama, 10 am. Potluck to follow
- April 19 OBWA zoom meeting, 10 am
- April 27 OBT Spring Bazaar, 12:00-3:00 pm, PICK UP ONLY. [Volunteer help](#) is urgently needed April 25-27. Contact Amy Peterson at obtlanterns@gmail.com for details.

The remainder of my article is to introduce OBWA's two new members, **Carina Keller** and **Betty Young** and give readers a chance to enjoy and appreciate their membership and support to the Oregon Buddhist Temple and Oregon Buddhist Women's Association. Questions were presented to Carina and Betty to answer about themselves. I hope by reading their comments and thoughts, the Sangha will get to know them better, if they haven't already.



Carina Keller

What are your interests, hobbies, passions?

I don't have hobbies per se, but I enjoy yoga, working out, and recently I started learning German as it's my heritage. I enjoy Thrift store shopping, meditation, reading, journal writing, cooking, and learning about nutrition and skincare. I am passionate about dog rescue and animal welfare.

Family information: I have 2 adult children, 2 grandchildren and my other kids, my 2 senior dogs.

Occupation: I currently work as a funeral director (mortician) but am ready to change careers. I would love to be a professional organizer. I've actually started an organizing business but haven't had any time to work on getting clients other than pro bono work I've done for friends and family.

What brought you to the OBT and to become a member of the OBWA: I came to the temple with the intention of learning more about Buddhism and being involved in a community. I'm grateful I found the temple. I felt welcome from the first day.



Betty Young

What are your hobbies, interests? Healthy lifestyle - exercise routinely. I just started playing pickleball and am a fan of OSU Women's basketball. I enjoy crafts, traveling, concerts, working on genealogy - when I have time.

Family information: Husband - Henry, retired, Adult Children - Nicholas, Kendra and Lauren.

Former occupation: I am retired now but was a Kaiser in-patient pharmacist.

What brought you to the OBT and OBWA? I had been peripherally involved with OBT and more recently for family memorials (Mother passed in 2016, sister 2020, brother 2024). My spouse and I both traveled with the OBT group to Japan in 2023 and met many friendly and welcoming people. I enjoy meeting others in the community and learning new knowledge and skills with members of OBT. I have done some volunteering at OBT prior to that and continue to volunteer and meet more members. I find that enjoyable.

Any other details you want to share? I am the second youngest of 5 children, I grew up on a farm and am an OSU alum. I spent about 9 years after graduation working in Tucson Medical Center in Arizona prior to returning to Tigard, Oregon.

Hope everyone will participate in the many important and supportive services and events at the OBT in April. (May OBWA reporter -Jeanette Hager)



Omiyage Donations Susan Leedham

We are beginning to collect donations for Omiyage to sell at Obon. We sold most of our inventory at our last Obon, so we really need your donations, and please ask your friends and relatives too! So as you're decluttering or going through a loved one's possessions, please think of donating to OBT to let someone else enjoy something new.

Most anything Japanese sells best, such as dishes, serving pieces and art. We are also interested in gently used decorative and kitchen items, although as is common with garage sales, it is surprising what sells! Toys and jewelry also sell, though other than T-shirts, most clothing does not.

I will put a box in the basement in the corner near the piano. If you need help or have any questions, my cell phone number is 503-803-1041, and my email address is leedhamreporting@comcast.net.

Thank you!



Mottainai Craft Group

Debi Shimamoto and Toyoko Oguri

Mottainai craft group met for a mini-temari workshop given by Debi on March 5 at the home of a member with 7 people in attendance. Temari is a traditional craft of thread-wrapped balls of varying sizes that are embroidered with geometric patterns and kaleidoscopic designs. Often very colorful and it symbolizes friendship and wishing good luck.

For the first-time participants at the workshop, they tried the “wrapped band” design (see photo).

We welcome requests for items to make for the temple, such as nenju case, aprons, and anesan kaburi (head coverings for kitchen workers). We can also make or teach you how to make custom size happi, yukata or monpe (farmer’s pants). If you have any kimono, yukata, kimono accessories, or fabric to donate, please contact us at the email below.

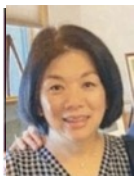


WHAT’S AHEAD: Open regular meeting on Wednesday April 16 10:30 to 3 in the temple basement. Marbling workshop at a member’s home to refurbish stained obi and tabi foot coverings on Wednesday May 14, and regular meeting on Saturday May 24.

FUTURE PLANS: From the month of May, the group will ramp up to twice a month to work on items for the kimono sales during ObonFest preparation.

Contact the group for any questions at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.

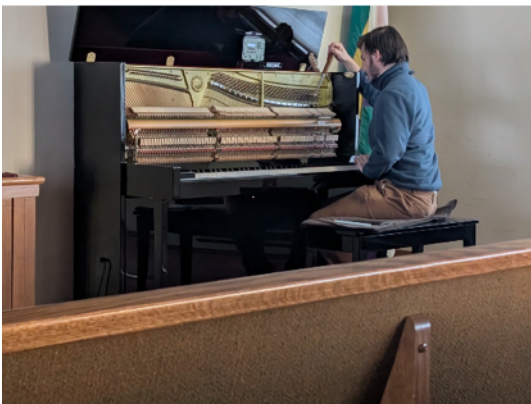




OBT Pianos Now in Tune

Marilyn Achterman

The temple is filled with wonderful, kind people with talents abound. We have sangha members with technical skills, with cooking skills, with speaking skills, with organizational skills. Some are financially astute, some beam being with kids, some handy with carpentry tools, some enjoy gardening, some musically gifted. We are fortunate that sangha members recognize a need and take action. Recently, two members of our sangha took action: our beautiful Yamaha piano was tuned and our treasured upright was repaired and tuned. Both now have a deep, resonating sound. Thank you to everyone that cares for the temple in their own way.



Japanese American Graduation Banquet

Elaine Yuzuriha

Tickets are currently for sale for the Annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet.

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 1 pm, located at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, 8105 NE 33rd Drive, Portland. This annual event will honor the Class of 2025 high school graduates from the Portland Metro area and award the community scholarships. The keynote speaker will be Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Executive Director of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon. Happily, we have two graduating seniors this year from Oregon Buddhist Temple, Midori Carrollo and Avery Davis. Please join us in honoring our students by attending the banquet.

Please send the names of any Japanese American High School Graduate from the Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County, WA to the graduation committee so they can invite the graduate to the banquet to honor them. Contact Elaine Yuzuriha at elaine@minidokaswingband.com or Ann Shintani for information. See our Facebook page: Portland Japanese American Community Graduation.



Calling All Earth Day Supporters

Jayne Ichikawa

Event: [SOLVE—Think, Say, and do SOLVE](#)

Date/Time: April 12, 2025, 9-11am

Location: Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, 97202

What: Clean up the neighborhood
surrounding the Temple

Additional Information: SOLVE will distribute garbage bags, vest, and cleanup tool. After the cleanup is finished, light refreshments will be served.

Questions or concerns: contact Jayne Ichikawa at
jayneichi@gmail.com

A SOLVE acronym:

- S Sangha
- O Oregon Buddhist Temple
- L Lotus
- V Vinaya, Buddhist rules
- E Eitaikyo, perpetual service

Oregon Buddhist Temple

@ SOLVE

Neighborhood Clean up

Please Join our Sangha
for a Saturday Morning
Neighborhood Clean Up!

We will meet up at OBT :
3720 SE 34th Ave,
Portland, OR 97202



Saturday, April 12th, 2025

9:00am - 11:00am



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Please contact Jayne Ichikawa for details:
jayneichi@gmail.com

Don't Miss This Rare Opportunity to meet with Dr. Satsuki Ina May 10th, 2PM @ OBT and on [Zoom](#)

Book Talk: *The Poet and the Silk Girl: A Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*



The OBT and JAMO (Japanese American Museum of Oregon) are co-sponsoring a book talk and opportunity to meet Dr. Satsuki Ina, author, activist, psychotherapist specializing as a community trauma consultant, and Buddhist.

Dr. Ina will talk about her latest book, *The Poet and the Silk Girl: a Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*, and will be available to respond to questions from participants.

Julie Abo, educator, historian, and outreach consultant will be our moderator.

Copies of the book are on sale at the OBT and JAMO (\$35).

One of the most compelling accounts of the forced removal, unjust incarceration, and family separation experienced by the Japanese American community during WWII. Born in an American concentration camp, Satsuki Ina weaves her own experiences into conversation with her parents' wartime letters and father's haiku poetry from behind barbed wire to show how family history is a part of the very fabric of the struggle to belong in America. Brilliantly reveals how the past, present, and future are interlinked.

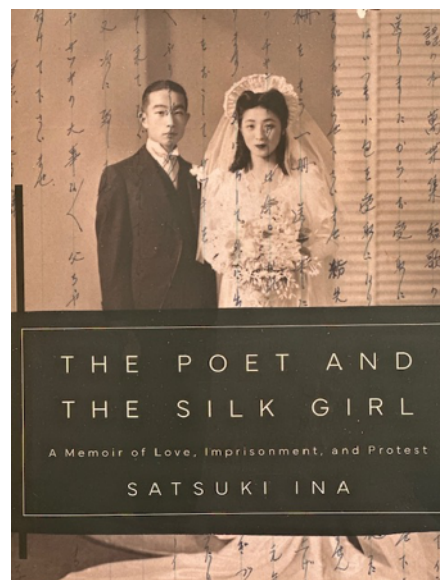
Duncan Ryuken Williams

Director, USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture

The event is free to the public or available on Zoom.

Zoom info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81130380868>

Meeting ID: 811 3038 0868



OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117

OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

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Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.

Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link is [here](https://www.tacomabt.org/) and also on the Tacoma Buddhist Temple website, <https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.



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OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE SPRING BAZAAR

Sunday, April 27, 2025



- Bento – \$18
- Chow Mein - \$12
- Plain Inari - \$12 for 6 pieces
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PICK UP ONLY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025, 12PM - 3PM
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Item	Includes	Price	Quantity
Bento	Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Inari, Tsukemono, Konyaku, Orange Slice	\$18.00	
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Plain Inari	Sushi Rice, Fried Tofu, Dashi Broth	\$12.00	
Fancy Inari	Sushi Rice, Fried Tofu, Veggies, Dashi Broth	\$15.00	
Total \$ for Food:			\$
Additional donation: Oregon Buddhist Temple			\$

Name: _____

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The Poet and the Silk Girl Book Talk

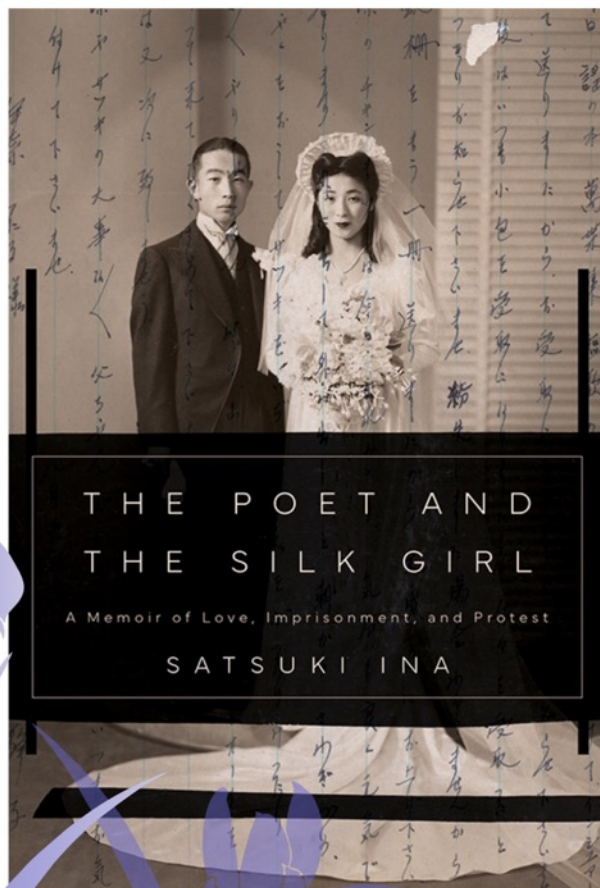
by the author, Dr. Satsuki Ina
(Co-founder of *Tsuru for Solidarity*)

Saturday, **May 10th**, 2025
2pm

at Oregon Buddhist Temple
(3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland)

ZOOM MEETING ID: 811 3038 0868

*"What secrets were so painful
they had to be suppressed?
What choices
did my parents make?"*



The Poet and the Silk Girl
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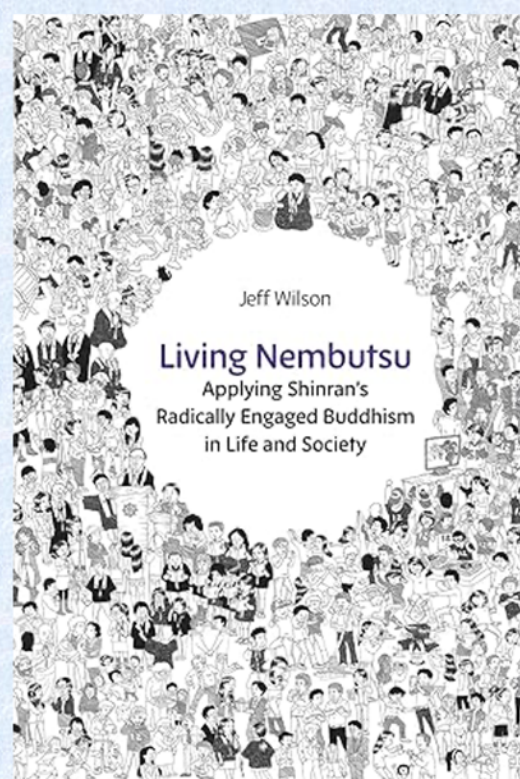
<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/satsuki-ina-book-talk>

Dharma Exchange Reader's Club

Next Session: Sunday April 6, 2025

We will continue the discussion started on
March 9 ***“Chapter 1 Radical Shinran”***
of Jeff Wilson’s latest book **Living Nembutsu**

**Secure your copy and join us for what promises to
be an interesting conversation.**





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English Dharma Dialogue by Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Topic: Learning Japanese Buddhist Technical Terms

Textbook: Cocktail

When: Second Tuesday of the Month

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM PST/PDT

Contact: rev.kusunoki@seattlebetsuin.org

Jodo Shinshu 101 by Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Topic: Various

When: Second Wednesday of the Month

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM PST/PDT

Contact: revtadaok@gmail.com

日本語話し合い法座 By Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Topic: 証巻を読んでみよう！

Textbook: 教行信証現代語版

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