



Buddha-nature Reverend Yuki Sugahara

(This is a modified version of my dharma talk on July 24, 2022)

The Nirvana Sutra states:

Good sons! Great love and great compassion are called Buddha-nature. Why? Because great love and great compassion always accompany the bodhisattva, just as shadows accompany things. All sentient beings will without fail ultimately realize great love and great compassion. Therefore it is taught, "All sentient beings are possessed of Buddha-nature." Great love and great compassion are Buddha-nature. Buddha-nature is Tathagata. (CWS, p.99)

I was assigned to Oregon Buddhist Temple June 1, 2017. Oregon Buddhist Temple is a wonderful temple and wonderful Sangha of many talents. I am really happy to have many people who have musical talents, and also we have people of artistic talents.

During the pandemic, one person of artistic talent passed away, and the family donated a beautiful woodwork by him. His name is Mr. Shinichi Miyazaki. He was a wood artist and a chair made by him in 1975 is displayed at the Smithsonian American Museum in Washington D.C.

Before the pandemic, Mr. Miyazaki used to come to the temple services and I often chatted with him after the service. He said he was in Boston, Massachusetts before and attended the group/Sangha organized by the late Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno. I remember Mr. Miyazaki mentioning the altar created for the group. I am not sure if the woodwork we received from his family in the lobby refers to the altar he mentioned, but it is a beautiful woodwork by Mr. Miyazaki.

You see the six characters in front and that says Namō Amida Butsu. I really love this work by Mr. Miyazaki. I feel that the shape of the wood expresses the dynamic working of the Name Namō Amida Butsu. And on the back, it reads “一切衆生悉有仏性”, meaning “All sentient beings are possessed of Buddha-nature.” This is the word from the Nirvana Sutra in the passage I shared at the beginning (see photos on page 10).

Generally, it is understood that Buddha-nature is something we possess. It is the potential for us to attain

Buddhahood inside of ourselves, but our Buddha-nature is covered by the blind passion afflictions, so we cannot sense it. We need to remove the blind passions in order to attain Buddhahood. This is the general understanding of the Buddha-nature.

I would like to share my understanding of this word “Buddha-nature”. In one of the text I have, it says Buddha-nature is Buddha-dhātu in Sanskrit and the text translated the word dhātu as “element.” According to the Princeton Dictionary of Buddhism, the word Dhātu, in epistemology, means “element” but, in cosmology, it means “realm”.

Also, according to one of the scholars, the late Dr. Jikido Takasaki, Buddha-nature is not the potential for us to attain Buddhahood. From the view of Buddha, there is no distinction between those who are able to attain Buddhahood, or not able to attain Buddhahood. So I could say that Buddha-nature is the working of Buddha which embraces us always.

Buddha-nature is not something we are possessed of but we are embraced by the Buddha-nature, the working of the Buddha always. The Chinese characters:

一切 Is-sai: all

衆生 shu-jo: beings

悉 shitu: altogether, all, entirely

有 u: exist

仏性 bus-sho: Buddha-nature/Buddha-dhātu

Usually, this is read as “all beings are possessed of Buddha-nature.” But, I am sure that we can read this as “all beings exist in Buddha-nature/Buddha-dhātu.” So again, instead of having Buddha-nature inside of us, we are embraced by Buddha-nature.

This makes more sense to me. According to Master Tanluan, great love and great compassion is the matter of Buddha. We are always in the working of great love and great compassion of the Buddha. It follows us like a shadow.

Also the Nirvana Sutra states, “Buddha-nature is Tathagata.” Tathagata means “came from thussness, suchness, oneness...” so, it is the formless Buddha-nature taking form to reach us, and taking form as Tathagata of Unhindered light filling the ten quarters. This is the working of the name Namō Amida Butsu. The light of Amida Buddha is unhindered. Nothing can be an obstacle for the working of the light.

So I am thinking that this passage 一切衆生悉有仏性 is expressing, instead of possessing Buddha-nature inside of us,

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we are embraced by the great love and compassion of the Buddha, the working of the Name Namo Amida Butsu.

Also, I did not quote the words today, but later in the same passage from the Nirvana Sutra, it says “Great shinjin is Buddha-nature.”

In Jodo Shinshu, we often express that we receive shinjin/entrusting heart from Amida Buddha. If Buddha-nature is inside of us, shinjin/entrusting heart should be inside of us. But we are receiving shinjin/entrusting heart from Amida Buddha. We are embraced by the working of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu always. I don’t know if you remember the metaphor of the soup of the dharma, but we are always in the soup of the dharma. It is a matter of whether we discard the mind of doubt, the mind of self-power or not.

The mind of self-power is like putting ourselves in a container. It is like the ending of the Pixar movie Nimo. The fishes tried to escape from the dentist by putting themselves in the plastic bag. When they reached the ocean, they could not swim because of the plastic bag. They can swim the ocean when they are free from the plastic bag.

It is the same for us. Amida Buddha’s working is always here with us. But if we are putting ourselves in the plastic bag, we cannot receive the working even though we are always in Buddha-nature. So accepting the working of Amida Buddha without doubt, without the plastic bag, this is shinjin/entrusting heart.

So again, instead of being possessed of Buddha-nature, we are in within Buddha-nature. We are always in the working of Amida Buddha. When we realize this, we begin to live with appreciation and gratitude and will be more aware of our self-centered actions in our daily lives.

Today, I tried to talk about my understanding of the word 一切衆生悉有仏性, “All sentient beings are possessed of Buddha-nature.” I can appreciate more about the teaching when I understand that I am in the working of Amida Buddha always. If this makes sense to you, I am happy about it.

Gassho



President’s Message
Charles Reneau
OBT President

As of this writing, we are about a week and a half from Obon Festival. This is our first in-person Obon since my maternal grandfather passed away last spring, so I ordered a new commemorative lantern. I also asked to re-hang my paternal grandfather’s lantern and my father’s husband’s as well. This all spurred a surprising amount of grief.

As painful as it can be to remind ourselves of what we’ve lost, Obon remains a joyous occasion: an opportunity to experience gratitude for the bonds of family and friends who have left us. Our lives are so much richer for these bonds; even if those bonds leave us open to grief.

Joining a Jodo Shinshu Temple like ours means embedding oneself in a network of people who come together with the express purpose of living a life full of this kind of

gratitude. As great as it is, sometimes living in a network can be a challenge: you might have to learn some new skills to help out, and never know when you’re going to have to perform emergency plumbing. Also, the individuals making up this network represent fairly diverse backgrounds and very diverse personalities! However, our Temple also teaches us the best tool to overcome these challenges: compassion.

I recently had to travel to visit my grandmother in the hospital, and I received many, many words of care and concern for her well-being and my well-being from fellow Temple members. I know that my Temple family cares for me, and that is at the forefront of my mind when I think about how to best care for my Temple, in return. Being cared for will probably increase one’s capacity for caring.

In a spirit of recognition and gratitude, I’d like to thank everyone who is volunteering for the Temple in the coming Obon weeks: without your cooking, cleaning, paperwork, planning, and donations, we wouldn’t be able to celebrate this joyous and important event.

In Gassho,
Charley

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August Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of August. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held August 14th at the 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 Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Abe, Patsy 8/30/2006 *	Kutada, Emi 8/3/2016	Sasaki, Teruko 8/28/2009
Akao, Toshiko 8/14/2000	Kuribayashi, Tatsuko 8/20/2001 *	Sakamoto, Hantaro 8/25/1954
Ando, Suematsu 8/26/1957	Maeda, Francis Kanji 8/24/2001	Shido, Mary 8/14/2000
Ando, Sumiko 8/25/2001 *	Maeda, Kinu 8/31/1987 *	Shintani, Kazumi 8/12/2016*
Azuma, Nisuke 8/11/1961	Masuoka, Nobuko 8/5/2016 *	Smith, Vincent 8/19/2001
Brandon, Sada 8/16/2016	Matsumura, Kina 8/10/1972	Sugimura, Kinu 8/10/1972 *
Brown, Jan Jr 8/31/2007	Mayers, Bernard Leon 8/17/2010	Susaki, Nobuko 8/2/2001
Brown, Reiko Akao 8/15/2011	Melore, Barbara 8/17/2006	Takabayashi, Tsunetaro 8/20/1960
Fujii, Yoshimi 8/31/1995	Morita, Yachiyo 8/31/1997 *	Tamiyasu Hirao 8/21/1978
Greenwood, Arlita 8/10/2001	Muramatsu, Sam Matsutaro 8/13/1978	Tanaka, Saichi 8/12/1957
Harrison, Henrietta Ueoka 8/5/2014	Muramatsu, Phyllis 8/11/2006 *	Teramura, Kisuke 8/26/1969
Hata, Kesae Kay 8/17/2000	Naemura, Saisuke 8/20/1953	Toyooka, Hatsuye 8/23/1983 *
Higashi, Jinsue 8/11/1961	Naganuma, Sam Sadatoshi 8/12/2001	Uesugi, Take 8/9/1953 *
Inahara, Tei 8/6/1997 *	Nakano, Sanami 8/28/2008	Uyeda, Henry 8/24/1974
Ishida Baby 8/12/1950	Nakao, Emil 8/14/2005	Winner, Diane Renee 8/7/2001
Itamura, Edith 8/6/2002	Nakao, Taitaro 8/5/1972	Yagi, Kan 8/9/2013 *
Ito, Masu 8/26/1956 *	Ng, Joann 8/21/2004	Yamaguchi, Ujitsuto 8/27/1986
Katada, Kazue 8/28/1995 *	Okawa, Reiko 8/31/1998 *	Yoshida, Kamekichi 8/28/1952
Kinoshita, Sei 8/1/1973 *	Okawa, Toichi 8/11/1959	

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Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2021	1 Year	2006	17 Year
2020	3 Year	1998	25 Year
2015	7 year	1990	33 Year
2010	13 Year	1973	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for Loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements With Reverend Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Condolences



To the family of Mrs. Tamio Watari who passed away July 23, 2022. Reverend Sugahara provided a pillow service for her.

The below article by OBT board member Katie Tamiyasu is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Visiting Other Temples Katie Tamiyasu

It's always a pleasure to visit other Jodo Shinshu temples whenever one has the opportunity. In June, I was visiting my brother Harold Iwamoto and family in Wailuku, Maui. While there, I attended service at the Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and visited with Reverend Shinkai Murakami and members of the Sangha. I had attended the temple a few times before, so it was nice to see some familiar faces. Rev. Murakami has served there for 18 years and knows Rev. Sugahara, who has been a guest there in the past. The Wailuku Hongwanji has been meeting in person since March after their two-year pandemic closure and was preparing to get back to some of their regular temple activities, one activity being their delicious chow fun fundraiser that was held July 9th and is known as the "Maui Fair Chow Fun".

On July 19th my husband Ed and I attended a special service at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, conducted by Reverend Dean Koyama. Many of you may remember Reverend Dean Koyama served at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple from 1996 to 2002. It is ironic that the current resident minister at the Tacoma Buddhist temple is Rev. Dean's nephew, Reverend Tadao Koyama. It is also ironic that Rev. Tadao studied to become a minister under the guidance of Rev. Yuki Sugahara in 2013, who at the time was resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Florin.

We are very, very grateful and proud to have Rev. Yuki Sugahara and his family here at the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

To friends, family and guests, come visit if have the time when passing through Portland.

In Gassho



Palo Alto Buddhist Temple



Palo Alto Onaijin

Music Interlude

[Summertime Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong](#)



["Toreador" \(Play with Me n.48\) - Andrea Giuffredi trumpet - YouTube](#)



<https://youtu.be/UwYW5hdzQNs>

Yuzurihas below



Wailuku Hongwanji



With Reverend Murakami



OBT Services, Events, and Meetings by Date

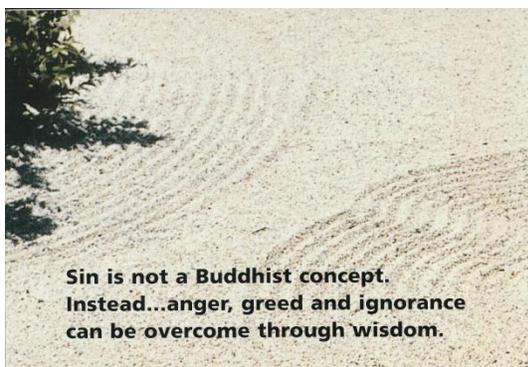
Links to Recurring Events – special links in table following For questions: bec@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

NOTE: Because OBT reopened March 27th the schedules/meetings are a little different. Please check our website for any last minute updates.

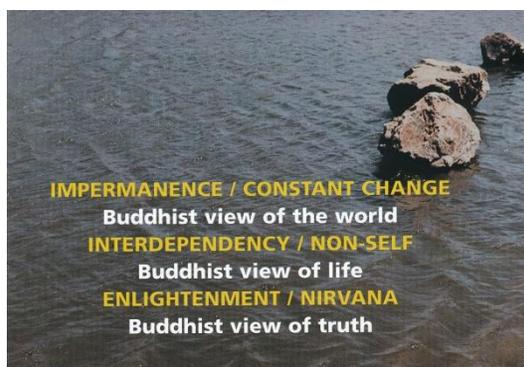
<p>OBT Regular Service Every week – Sun 10 AM Services are now hybrid – in person and on zoom. Link below to website for the filmed services, and below that the zoom link for the hybrid services. https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/</p> <p>zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85452093371?pwd=RkV2QkRyb3dIRllyQkNneFE5cTRKQT09 Meeting ID: 854 5209 3371 Passcode: 517706</p>
<p>ON HOLD until further notice</p>
<p>Dharma Exchange Every 2 weeks – Sun 11 AM Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816 Passcode: 103319 https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0IHeXNlVVM4dz09</p>
<p>Intermediate Study Class Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428 Passcode: 704135 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxvBz09</p>
<p>OBWA 3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM Zoom Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266 Passcode: 574232 https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjI5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09</p>
<p>Dharma School will be starting on Summer Break 6/26. Check with Ann Shintani for details</p> <p>Dharma School Every 2 weeks – On non-Dharma Exchange Sundays Zoom Meeting ID: 972 9043 7213 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97290437213</p>
<p>Girl Scouts -- meetings in person at OBT at 12:15 on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Continue through Summer. Check with leader Amy for details – dates below in table.</p> <p>OBT Girl Scout Troop Zoom Meeting ID: 934 4857 6281 Passcode: 43720 https://zoom.us/j/93448576281</p> <p><u>Calendar:</u> https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcpc-GtqT0oEtVJpNmFUrmDsDwMTIjqlwF4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrqj8iH9OTshGGRowqBo-gWe_wtiFBj7drtg_LDgZmcA7SJcZVH4ZWOsnc</p>
<p>Bon Odori --- For July 26 and 28; Aug 2 and 4; and Obon Aug 6th. At 7 PM on Zoom</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182 Passcode: 113529 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09</p>

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
July				
7/26	Tue	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	Due to heat, on zoom
7/28	Thur	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	Due to heat, on zoom
7/31	Sun	10 AM	Service – leader Brenda	Rev. Sugahara message on film in Hondo (new TVs). Also Zoom
7/31	Sun		Dharma School Break	

7/31	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
August				
8/2	Tue	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and on zoom (link above)
8/3	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
8/4	Thur	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and on zoom (link above)
8/6	Sat	2-9 PM	Obon	In parking lot – bon odori on zoom (link above).
8/7	Sun		No Service	Cleanup after Obon
8/7	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/7	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
8/14	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
8/14	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/14	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
8/14	Sun	2 PM	BCA Virtual Obon Dance	On BCA: Center for Buddhist Education YouTube channel: https://tinyurl.com/CBETube
8/17	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
8/20	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
8/21	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
8/21	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/21	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
8/28	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
8/28	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/28	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
8/31	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
September				
9/4	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
9/4	Sun		Dharma School Break	
9/4	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
9/11	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
9/11	Sun		Dharma School ???	
9/11	Sun		Dharma Exchange TBD	
9/14	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
9/16	Fri		NW District Convention	Details coming ...
9/17	Sat		NW District Convention	Details coming ...
9/18	Sun		NW District Convention	Details coming ...
9/18	Sun	10 AM	Service TBD - convention	
9/18	Sun		Dharma School ???	
9/18	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
9/24	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
9/25	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
9/25	Sun		Dharma School ???	
9/25	Sun		Dharma Exchange TBD	
9/28	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara



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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
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Portland Taiko Farm Festival in West Linn Wynn Kiyama

Join us as we go inaka (“country”) this summer! Rather than presenting an indoor concert, Portland Taiko will host a Farm Festival in West Linn on Saturday, August 27 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a full-length taiko concert on a grassy field with produce sales by Triskelee and Naked Acres Farms, beer and wine in the barn, a shave ice truck, and farm tours. Registration is limited. See our website for ticketing and more information (www.portlandtaiko.org).

Adults (\$26), Youths under 18 (\$10)



AV Project Upgrade Chris Dart

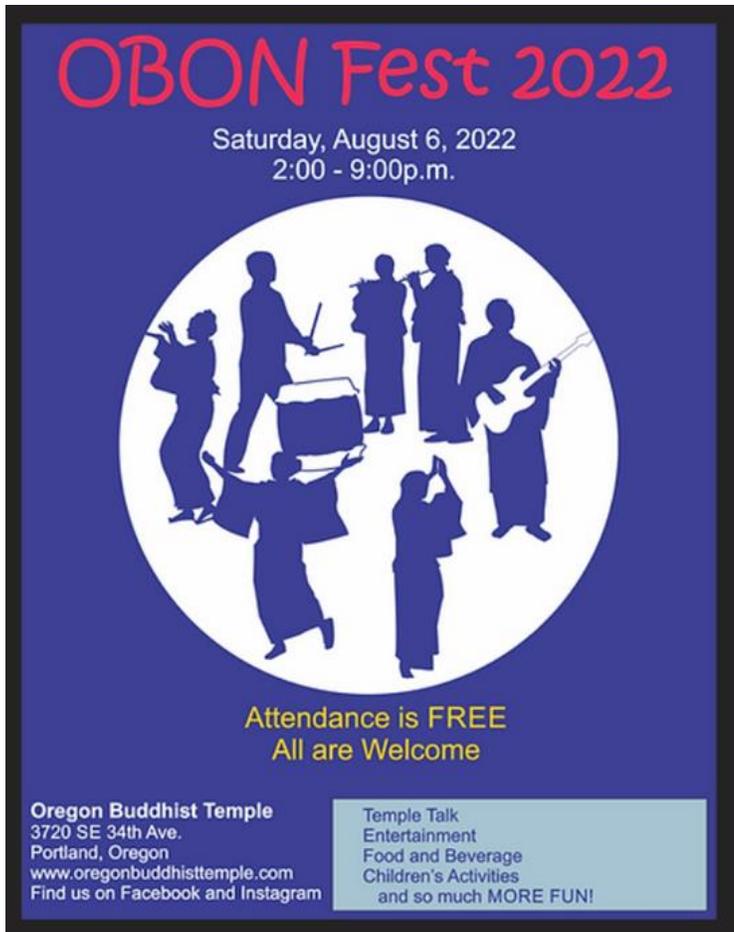
For the last few months in the BEC committee and for years at the temple, there have been conversations about upgrading our Audio Visual system at the temple (from the 60’s and 90’s). In June, the BEC decided to do something and put a committee together. So, the group is Bob Kagawa, Charley Reneau, Ken Garner, Rev. Yuki and me. Because of my tech background I have taken the task of organizing, looking at the various products we wanted, reading specifications/reviews, and doing documentation. As a group we bring several different perspectives to the table, determine what we are trying to accomplish/need, then decide what we want to buy. If you were at the temple last Sunday, you will notice we are moving ahead starting with new TVs and laptops. Plus adding more cables. As we transition to the new system, it will become far less messy, fewer cables, and there will be far fewer people in front waving their arms.

We wanted equipment that was quality and would last, with high rating, and from good companies that stood behind their products. On the list are:

- Two TVs – LG OLED (for picture quality), 77” diagonal and mounted by heavy duty brackets. TV and work from Best Buy, Geek Squad.
- Two Lenovo laptops chosen for their chip (i7 for power), 8 gigabytes of ram, USB3, and HDMI port (last two needed for newer technology). One for use in front of the Hondo. This laptop has an HDMI splitter with two cable connections which go to the TVs. Both will have Microsoft office. That means PowerPoint slides, movies, excel spreadsheets, word docs, photos, or whatever we have on the laptop. The second laptop will have the same setup but used to run the techie equipment and filming.
- Sony camcorder FDR-AX700 with a full HDMI plug and an Elgato Cam Link 4K capture card. The Sony has excellent picture quality and will allow us to film from the back of the room. The Elgato Cam Link 4K plugs into the full HDMI on the camera and sends video and sound down to Zoom for live broadcasting. At the same time the camera can film, make into mp4 videos, and save to SD cards in the camera. I used the same setup broadcast on Zoom the bon odori practice last year and this year practice from the temple. We used it at the temple on Sunday for service.
- Internet – had Comcast come out to advise on why our Wi-Fi was so slow. Bottom line, is we need a new router. One is on the way – an ASUS Wi-Fi 6 gaming router – very powerful.
- Total replacement of the sound system – speakers, wiring (hidden in the walls/ceiling), and tech equipment to run it. All from ProSound (great company) who will get the equipment and install the system. Some speakers will have manual controls (like in the Mabel Boggs room) to turn sound down or off. Because of demand on the equipment (8 – 10 weeks to ship), the sound system will go in September/November.

A couple of other requests have come in since we started. The top of the list is something for the hearing impaired. It’s at the top of the add-on list, we have not forgotten.

With sincere thanks to the Anniversary Committee (\$20,000), a small grant from 2015 (\$2,000) and approval from the board, we had a healthy budget so we could do this, do it well, and all at the same time. We are waiting for one final figure on installation (the estimate fits in budget) but so far we are right on budget. We are so grateful.



OBON Fest 2022
 Saturday, August 6, 2022
 2:00 - 9:00p.m.

Attendance is FREE
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VIRTUAL
 — OBON DANCE —

AUGUST 14, 2022 @ 2PM (PT)

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Shinichi Miyazaki Donates Artwork to OBT



Very brief resume'

EDUCATION: Tokyo University of Fine Art and Music, Tokyo, Japan. BFA, Painting, 1965. Additional coursework in sculpture and industrial design.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS: Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. Mirt Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC.

AWARDS/PUBLICATIONS: Award of Excellence, American Craft Council, February 2000. The Art of Making Fine Wood Jewelry, Sterling Chapel, 1996; American Craft Magazine, "Portfolio". February/March 1995.

From Reverend Sugahara

I don't know if you remember Mr. Miyazaki who used to come to the temple. He passed away in January and his daughter Hibiki Miyazaki said it was Mr. Miyazaki's wish to donate this art to the temple. I went to receive this and now it is in the hallway of the temple. This is not the set place so I might relocate it.

I really like this art which says "Namo Amida Butsu". The back side says "All beings possess Buddha nature (from the Nirvana Sutra)"

A chair made by Mr. Miyazaki is exhibited at the Smithsonian Museum.



OBWA
Jeanette Otsuji Hager

Our July meeting was held “virtually” via Zoom. As the 2022 ObonFest is in August, our members are busy working on the first live event since the easing of the restrictions post-COVID pandemic. We are missing getting together so we are planning an outing on Saturday, August 20th to see “Dances of Three Nations”, 2:00-3:00 pm at “The Round,” 12600 SW Crescent Street in Beaverton. There will be performances by Portland Chinese Dance Troupe, Tsubaki Buyo Doukukai (former students of Madame Sahomi Tachibana, including Ann Shintani), and Oregon Korean Performing Arts Troupe.

The Oregon China Council, Consular Office of Japan, and Korean Consulate are hosting this event that features music and dances from their three nations. Everyone is welcome! The venue (“The Round”), is an outdoor venue by the Beaverton City Hall. Seating is limited to a few concrete benches, so please consider bringing folding lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

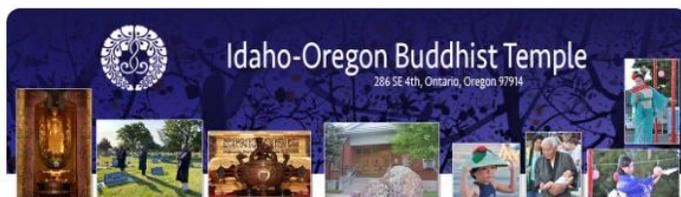
This is a free event, but tickets are available through Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dances-of-three-nations-tickets-273585249847>



There are more hot days ahead, but it should cool down for OBT’s 2022 ObonFest. Best wishes and many thanks to all that are making this event happen.

Have an enjoyable August! There will be no meeting in August to give our members a break after Obon. Our next OBWA meeting is September 24th at 10:00 am via Zoom.



Idaho Oregon Buddhist Temple (IOBT) is hosting the 75th NW Buddhist Convention September 16-18, 2022.

Mike Iseri

The hotel we've contracted with is the Holiday Inn Express. Reservations may be made by calling them directly at 541 889-7100, referencing the group rate under NW Buddhist Convention.

Registration is expected to begin at 4PM, Friday, Sept 16 at Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario. Registration materials are expected to be available online soon.

The format of this convention is HYBRID. So, for those who want to attend virtually, that is being facilitated in such a manner that most sessions will be available for virtual attendees to move back and forth between sessions, just as though they were here. Plus, we should have two way communication available for those sessions that involve interaction between the audience and presenter.

For those who fly in, transportation from the airport will be provided by IOBT. We also plan to have local transportation available for you as needed. If you'd rather rent a car, there are many to choose from in Boise. In Ontario, we have only Enterprise Rent A Car.

Not only do we have Bishop Harada as our keynote speaker and guest, Stu Hirai will be on hand for one of the sessions. Stu is a native of Nyssa, Oregon who grew up at IOBT. He is extremely well versed with the 442nd/100th, and his session will involve "looking to the past" in keeping with part of the convention theme.