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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

November 2026



May There Be Peace in the World Rev. Vonn Magnin

Greetings, Dharma Friends! It's truly amazing to realize we're already in the homestretch for 2026! There's just this month and December. But before we get ahead of ourselves, we need to remember that on November 1st, Daylight Saving Time will end at 2 AM. Yay! We'll all get an extra hour of sleep! This will be Karen's and my first time going through the change. Please wish us luck!

In case you're unaware, just two days after we move our clocks back by an hour, our country will hold the 2026 midterm elections. Right now, it seems we're inundated by nonstop campaign commercials on both TV and social media, and we may have even seen the occasional campaign sign staked in some of our neighbors' front yards. All of these things remind us of what's coming soon, and of the aftermath once everything is tallied.

So, what do you think as you go down your street and see a campaign sign that doesn't align with your political views? Do you get angry? Do you shake your head in annoyance or frustration? Do you curse at your neighbor within the safety of your car's rolled-up windows? Do you think they're any different from you as human beings?

We must do our best to consider these questions carefully, for if we fail to do so, there is precedent for what may happen in our future. We need only look at the Middle East. In places where Israelis and Palestinians have lived, worked, and even sent their children to school alongside one another, recent conflicts have turned neighbor against neighbor, often over how they identify themselves and how they identify one another. Instead of being curious about each other and looking for common ground, some push the all-too-easy button of violence without thinking about the consequences. It's such a sad state of affairs.

As Buddhists, we know that this is not an appropriate way to act toward our neighbors. But we are human beings, so sometimes these feelings emerge in our own neighborhoods despite our best efforts to thwart them. Still, we must do our best to understand our neighbors, whether they're blue, red, green, purple, chartreuse, or anything else. And even if we don't agree with them, we must make sure our hearts don't become filled with hate just because we think we're somehow different from, or better than, those we share this life with. Especially now.

You may be asking yourselves, "What can I do?" It may seem overwhelming and hopeless. We may not have much control over what happens in our own backyards, let alone in a land thousands of miles away, but we do have some control over how we conduct ourselves within our own community. We can work hard to realize that we have more in common with our neighbors than we have differences. This is easy to say but can be difficult to put into practice. It takes effort. At times, we may find ourselves being the ones who make the most effort. But it must start with someone.

During these times, I am reminded of a famous song recorded by Vince Gill whose first stanza goes like this:

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.*

It's a powerful message, and it's one that I try to draw personal strength from. Our founder, Shinran Shonin, wrote something very similar some 700 years before that song was composed. In a letter to a friend, Shinran wrote, "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's teaching spread." We can help the Buddha's teaching spread by doing our own part throughout our lives, not just in the days immediately before and after the midterm elections. And perhaps, if we all make this effort, we will find that our world becomes just a little more peaceful for ourselves and our neighbors.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Magnin's Regular Office Hours:

Fridays	12:30pm – 2:00pm
Saturdays	12:30pm – 2:30pm

*** Or by appointment (or when you can catch me ☺)

Ongoing activities (please check calendar for exceptions)

Event	Place	Time
Jodo Shinshu 101	OBT	1 st Sunday of the month 11:30am – 12 noon
Meditation session, followed by Shoshinge Service	OBT	Thursdays and Saturdays 10 – 11 am (none on Nov. 7, 14, 26)
Nokotsudo Services	OBT	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Sundays (usually 3 rd of the month). 9:15 – 9:30am
Coffee & Conversation	OBT	Fridays 10 – 11 am (none on Nov. 6, 27)
Offsite Social Gatherings	Varies	Next one: Nov. 20, after OBT activities

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OBT – Who is in Charge? Charles Reneau, OBT President

It's voting season! OBT will be holding an election for its Board of Directors, for terms running from January 2027 to December 2029. I thought now might be a good time to lay out the institutional structure of the Temple.

So, who is in charge of the Temple? Is it the Minister? The President? The answer is actually kind of complicated!

Much like the US is governed by our Constitution, the rules for OBT's operations are contained in the *Bylaws of Oregon Buddhist Temple: An Oregon Nonprofit Religious Corporation*. The Bylaws were created and approved by vote of Temple Membership decades ago, and are legally binding on the organization today. The only way to change the Bylaws is likewise by a vote of our Membership. In this way, ultimately, the power of the organization lies with the votes of its individual members.

As decided by those Members, years ago, the Bylaws mandate that “The Purpose of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is to provide its Jodo Shinshu Sangha with the necessary resources to share the Buddha-Dharma in their lives.” The bylaws also state that we “shall be affiliated with the Buddhist Churches of America” (headquartered in California), and refer to the ultimate authority, in terms of religious doctrine, of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha (in Japan).

How are we to fulfill this purpose, then? We could continue to make decisions as a full Membership body, as for the creation

of the Bylaws, but that would be really unwieldy! So, to organize the day-to-day activities of the Temple, our Bylaws vest decision making authority in the Board and Minister.

The Bylaws, again: “The business and property of OBT shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors.” The Bylaws also define the “Duties and Responsibilities” of the Board, including the following: to “plan for the long-term well being of OBT,” “preserve, protect, and enhance the assets of OBT,” and to prepare an annual operating budget and Annual Membership Meeting. Crucially, “The Board shall select the resident minister. The Board shall endeavor to select a minister from candidates approved and offered by the Bishop of the BCA.

Our Bylaws then define the role of Minister, who “shall conduct all religious ceremonies, be in charge of all religious education, be an advisor to all affiliated organizations and perform other such duties as may be mutually agreed upon with the Board.”

There are a lot more details in our Bylaws, but I think this illustrates the most important shape of our governance structure: while the Board is tasked with running the non-religious “business” of the Temple, the Minister has broad authority over our religious activities. Aside from outlining these separate, complementary roles, the Bylaws also mandate that we work together to fulfill our purpose

I've run out of space to describe the roles of Board Officers, and haven't even mentioned the BEC or Dharma School! I'll have to say more on this in December's issue.



Eitaikyo Service – Sunday Nov. 22 Eitaikyo (永代経) “Sutra (over) long generations”

One way to understand the Eitaikyo is as the temple's promise to continue to share and propagate the Dharma, in particular the Nembutsu Teaching (as expressed by the character 「経」 or Sutra), over many “long” (「永」) generations (「代」). The expression “long generations” (「永代」) is frequently translated as “perpetual.”

Because of this, the Eitaikyo can be seen as the temple's promise to propagate in perpetuity. However, the temple is also a place that helps us to understand that what makes it possible and meaningful for the temple to propagate is all the people of the temple's past and their concern for the future that helped to make the present and the future possible.

The Dharma, the Nembutsu, is the teaching that gave the people of our past the strength to live their lives. It is also what gave them hope for the future that we are all now a part of. As a way of assuring that the temple is able to propagate in perpetuity, and to continue the process of receiving and

sharing, the temple reminds us to appreciate the gifts from our past by remembering and honoring all those who made the Nembutsu a part of their lives and to honor their wish to share this Dharma with the future. This Dharma is shared as part of the temple's daily morning service. It is what is shared at the temple's monthly memorial service. It is shared annually at the temple's Eitaikyo Service.

At our monthly (Shotsuki Hoyo) service, names of all those who have had a connection with the temple are read. At our annual service, the temple takes the time to remember all the individuals who have had a connection with the temple and who are no longer physically with us. Although names are not read at this service, the temple takes special time to remember their lives and to share the Dharma, the Nembutsu, that those of our past continue to help the temple propagate. The temple is helped to have the dream of sharing the Sutra over many long generations because over many long generations the temple has already been helped to share the Sutra. This is part of the living legacy of the temple.

Excerpt from [Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple website](#)

November Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of November. The Shotsuki Hoyo memorial service will be held at the November 15 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 you would like to add the name of a loved one to this list, or if a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Kikue Ando, 11/9/1989*
 Nogi Seichi Asakawa, 11/14/1992
 Junpei Emoto, 11/11/1957
 Kazuo Fujii, 11/5/2007
 Masao Fujimura, 11/29/1959
 Frank Furukawa, 11/9/1979
 Fujimatsu Hamataka, 11/5/1950
 Mineto Hara, 11/13/2015
 Richard Harder, 11/21/1996
 JamieJo Hasebe, 11/26/2004
 Dr Mie May Hayashi, 11/2/2002
 Totsavask (Todd) Hiransomboon, 11/08/2002
 Megan Akemi Imamura, 11/01/2013
 Kyuji Kanzaki, 11/06/1962
 Yahichi Kato, 11/19/1964
 Hikojiro Kawasaki, 11/25/1952
 Nadine Colette Kinoshita, 11/28/2009
 Kyo Kirihara, 11/11/1962*
 Yukino Kiso, 11/27/1991*
 Jutarō Kiyohara, 11/13/1953

Rei Kiyokawa, 11/25/1979
 William Minoru Koida, 11/13/2010
 Seimi Kuribayashi, 11/19/1987
 Kameichi Maehara, 11/19/1957
 Tomoko Maekawa, 11/24/1995
 Yone Maekawa, 11/24/2004*
 Ryonosuke Masuda, 11/20/1975
 Kametaro Matsumoto, 11/6/1980
 Ayame Matsunaga, 11/2/2006*
 Yoneo Eddie Minagi, 11/11/2002
 Hisa Mitoma, 11/16/1960*
 Chieto Morita, 11/1/1989
 Ramon S. Moro, 11/17/2003
 Kazue Murahashi, 11/14/1979*
 Toyoki Murahashi, 11/24/1961
 Takaichi Nakamoto, 11/15/1952
 James S Nakamura, 11/15/1976
 Tsuru Nakamura, 11/21/1986*
 Katsumi Nakayama, 11/25/1996
 Yutaka Nishikawa, 11/15/2022

Clara Kazue Okita, 11/17/2004
 Shizuyo Ouchida, 11/8/1965*
 Shizue Suzie Sakauye, 11/13/1997*
 Fumie Sako, 11/25/1998*
 Shizuno Shimizu, 11/3/1952*
 George Tatsuo Shoji, 11/12/1995
 Bob Hiroshi Sunamoto, 11/22/2009
 Toki Tachibana, 11/19/1962*
 Utajiro Takabayashi, 11/10/1963
 Tokiye Ruth Takashima, 11/25/2005*
 Sakajiro Takeuchi, 11/9/1963
 Shiro Takeuchi, 11/22/2011
 Gunichi Tamiyasu, 11/20/1958
 Mitsuru Tamura, 11/27/1977*
 Poh Chye Tan, 11/25/2008
 Rev. Tansai Terakawa, 11/12/1944
 Uno Teramura, 11/28/1966*
 Alice Yamano, 11/22/1988*
 Hiroshi Yamauchi, 11/3/2014
 Chiyoko Yoshihara, 11/20/2006*
 Taro Yoshihara, 11/6/2004

* OBWA member



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Thursdays & Saturdays
10 am – 11 am



Oregon Buddhist Temple

Donations received 9/18/2026 to 10/20/2026

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In memory of Etsuko Osaki

Oregon Buddhist Women's Assoc.
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SHOTSUKI HOYO

In memory of Fumi & Tomo Saito

Cathlyn Yarne
Carolyn Saiget

In memory of George Okamoto

Janice Okamoto

SHOTSUKI HOYO (continued)

In memory of Masao Tamiyasu

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In memory of Mae Ando & Masaki Ando

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Diane Ando Harder

In memory of Masako Urushitani

Connie Masuoka

In memory of Kay Akiyama

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Glenda Watson-Coly
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Thank you!

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



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2026 Sukiyaki Fall Bazaar

Photos by Maho Garner

Thank you to the Golden Chain Diner committee and all volunteers





OBWA Report Nancy Kajitsu & Amy Peterson

A Happy Birthday to all of those celebrating birthdays in October and November. A special Birthday Wish for Kimi Iwamoto! Thanks to Katie, who is also celebrating a November Birthday for all your care of your Mother!

The OBT is still looking for board members--interested? Please let us know!

Jeanette and Amy flew to San Diego for the annual Federation of Buddhist Women's Association. We were voting on suggested By-law and more changes which took 3 hours instead of the allotted hour. We missed some fun activities. They were able to connect to some old friends including Rev. and Kyoko Gibbs. Rev. Gibbs was the first person to greet us at the hotel.

We were also able to connect with Karen Magnin as she split her time with OBT and the Arizona temple as they were also part of the hosting District. Retired Dentist and Minister Rev. Akiyoshi was the English Keynote Speaker. We also heard from last year's representatives to Japan. Very inspiring presentations of their journey in Japan. That was one of the changes allowing two youth to Japan instead of two young women by the Federation. There was so much more that may get posted to the FBWA site at BCA.

The OBWA will be going to hunt for Matsutake on Oct 28th and hoping for as much success as other groups in October (pictures next month)

The OBWA bylaws were reviewed and the only suggested revision is to raise the amount for our graduates and a reminder to give a book with the congratulatory gift.

The World BWA Conference scheduled for 2031 in Las Vegas may be the last one due to cost and attendance!

The Cookbook committee is still going and open to volunteers. Contact Roberta! The first face to face meeting is planned for November 8th, following Dharma Exchange.

If you would like to learn the art of butter mochi, please join Amy Peterson on Nov 14th for the OBT Craft Fair! Time: 9am to 3pm.

Portland Taiko Matinee is Sunday, November 15th at 2pm. The event is being held at PSU's Lincoln Hall. Lunch and carpooling are in the works. Let Diane Harder know you would like to attend!

Mochitsuki is December 13th. Please sign up to volunteer and order your mochi!

Thank you to all of you who volunteered for the Sukiyaki Bazaar!

Our next OBWA meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 10am!

Gassho, Nancy Kajitsu and Amy Peterson

(Next OBWA reporter: Jayne I.)



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 23rd Yoga and Buddhism Carol Saiget

Buddhism and yoga share a long history of practices that nurture the mind, body, and spirit. It is said the even Shakyamuni practiced yoga techniques during his journey to enlightenment.

The OBT is excited to host a special workshop, BUDDHISM and YOGA on January 23rd (9AM - 4PM) led by **Bob Matsueda**, yoga wellness teacher and therapist. The workshop will cover breathing, chanting, gentle movements, meditation, and yogic lifestyle. We will explore the common principals of Buddhism and yoga and how these practices "support mental, spiritual, physical health and brings people together."



The workshop is designed for all ages, gender, and physical condition. (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.) Participants will be standing or sitting in chairs (no mats needed). Participants will be expected to attend the entire session.

This event is sponsored by the BCA Dharma Forward Campaign and the George and Kathleen Anderson Charitable Trust. Watch the temple website for details about "REQUIRED" pre-registration which will open later this month.



To join the BCA mailing list:

buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect.



OBT Holiday Craft Fair November 14th Angie Hughes

It is that time of year again! The 11th Annual OBT Holiday Craft Fair is just around the corner. We will have a variety of skilled artists participating again this year, some returning and some joining us for the very first time. Handmade clothing, felted and 3D ornaments, intricately beaded and silver inlay jewelry, miso products, paintings, ceramics, hand-woven baskets, and unique stocking stuffers are just some of the amazing creations you will find at the fair. There will be something for everyone—and all budgets! Bring

the kids and plan to shop the day away at Oregon Buddhist Temple: 3720 SE 34th, Portland, OR 97202 on Saturday, November 14th, 2026, from 9am-3pm. The first 30 people through the door will receive a discount coupon from the kitchen, where tasty dishes will be served all day long. There will also be a bake sale booth, run by our very own Dharma School. If you have any questions, please call Angie Hughes at 503-367-2650 or email at angie_hughes@kw.com. Please come out and support these wonderful artists. All are welcome. We'll see you at the fair!

11TH ANNUAL OBT HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

A FESTIVE GATHERING OF ARTISTS
SHARING THEIR HANDMADE GOODS

OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free Admission!
Tasty Concessions!
30+ Incredible Artisans!

3720 SE 34th Ave.
Portland, OR 97202

503-367-2650
For more Information



Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

At the October meeting on Saturday 10 October was well attended by many who came to work on their own project, to share ideas or just socialize with creative people, and of course, to share lunch! We also had a guest, Andrea Hoyt, who owned a business specializing in bridalwear alterations and veil and headpiece manufacturing. She offered many great technical ideas on how to alter kimono and we hope to have her join us again in the future.

Mottainai Craft Group will have a booth at the OBT Holiday Craft Fair. Come check us out at the Fair to see our crafts. All proceeds are donated to OBWA.

We will have Kimono Ornament Workshop with instructions by Mai Thi on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1pm-4pm. Attendance is \$3 and is limited to current Mottainai members (those who has been receiving email notifications of our meetings), so please sign-up by notifying us at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com before November 14. There is no sewing involved and all supplies are provided. The goal is to help utilize the small scraps Mottainai has accumulated over the years and to enjoy

creating a unique ornament. This workshop may be open to a wider group in the future.

We continue to gratefully accept donations of yukata and kimono-related accessories, and print and solid color cotton fabric. These materials are repurposed by our group and sold at temple events, with all proceeds benefiting the temple and women's group (OBWA). If you plan to donate, please let us know who you are so we can thank you properly.

WHAT'S AHEAD

- November 14 (Saturday) | OBT Holiday Craft Fair.
- November 18 (Wednesday) | 10:30 am–3:00 pm regular meeting
- November 21 (Saturday) 1 to 4 pm. Kimono Ornament Workshop for Mottainai Group.
- No meeting in December. Meeting will resume in January.

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





OBT Scouts Report

Amy Peterson

The troop has been very active including the end of last scout year and the new year which started Oct. 1st.

They completed September hosting a songfest highlighting even our Daisy scouts for our Service Unit. It was such a great leadership experience. Unfortunately we couldn't get the fire hot enough, so Rev. Vonn got a cold marshmallow s'more.

Rev. Vonn has offered to help with the Padma and Metta Religious BCA Scouting Awards. So if you have a registered Scout associated with OBT please contact Amy Peterson at GS43720obt@gmail.com.

The troop was able to attend the Juliette Low Birthday (Now called Founder's Day) on Sat Oct 14th at the Pumpkin Patch at

Sauvie Island for 3 hours of fun! We went through the corn maze, ate nachos and s'mores in celebration in a special fire pit area!

They are working on some things for Veteran's Day. Unfortunately, we won't get to go camping until spring, but we are hoping we can get to the beach for a "camping" weekend.

November 7th we are planning on attending the Council STEM day. Iris will be moving up to helping with the implementation and the others will be attendees. This is in Salem, OR.

We continue to fill the little library, but the use is very high. If you have books we'd appreciate your donation. Please leave us a bag downstairs by the personal care donations.

Thanks for the continued support of our troop. <3



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



To Find an Answer is Meaningful, but There is also Beauty in the Search Suniti Kumar, OBT Vice-President

I became a Buddhist during a Friday evening insight meditation session in my aunt's living room. In the fleeting moment of stillness between inhale and exhale, I chose to walk this path. I wanted the world to make at least a little sense. I meditated, attended retreats, read books, and questioned monks. I learned to be calm and to listen (and often disregard) my own thoughts, but the world was still too chaotic, unpredictable, and loud.

Then, my already too-loud life got louder. I had long dreamed of motherhood. No two adoption stories are the same, but my two children seemed to fall out of the sky without much fanfare and suddenly I had a family. My own mother, who excelled at motherhood, arrived to help. Then, the world shifted as it always does. I realized my mother had memory loss, so instead of helping me, I needed to help her. And I needed a Sangha to help me.

The insight meditation community is a quiet, kind one, but it was not a place to scream or run, or be angry or frustrated. I did not find my Sangha there.

When we first visited OBT, my daughter still preferred to be

carried and my son was still shorter than me. My mother, while not knowing exactly where she was, sensed the calm of the temple's routines. While I worried about the squirming, disinterested, interrupting creatures who sometimes didn't make it through service, no one else at the temple seemed bothered. One day after service, one of my Sangha friends said, "I am so grateful that your children act like children. They are who they are and that is who they should be."

When I was in my teens, I would escape for days at a time to the mountains of East Tennessee. At times, fatigue would convince me that I was getting nowhere. Then, in a flash, I'd realize I was already at my destination, because my destination was all around me. Then I would stop on the trail and pause for a while among the trees, listening to the stillness of the forest, and then proceed knowing that the destination arrived with each step.

Those passing words from my Sangha friend (who probably doesn't even remember saying them) brought me back to those forests. Her words manifested the power of the Nembutsu, which is in accepting people, society, life, and the universe as they are, because they should be as they are. She found gratitude and compassion in just that.

Life is still loud and chaotic. These days, it is also heartbreaking and scary. But at the moment between inhale and exhale, more often than not, I can find a fleeting moment for the Nembutsu, and my heart can feel gratitude and compassion for having reached this step, right at this moment, which is my destination.



Beauty Created and Appreciation for the Flower Toban Jayne Ichikawa

Did you know flower arrangements on the Onaijin serve as symbols of impermanence? Many of you attend the service appreciate the beautiful floral arrangements but you may not know that the temple has a group of ladies who serve on the Flower Toban.

The main floral vase is placed in the center along with two pairs of identical vases on each side of the Amida statue. Besides these floral arrangements on the Onaijin, there are others created for the lobby, the Nokotsudo (the columbarium), entry to the social hall in the basement, and two in the restrooms. There are ten in all created every weekend for the Sunday service.

The women who are on the Flower Toban are Susan Endicott, Yasuko Fields, Brenda Fugate, Jeanette Hager, Karen Magnin, Naomi Masuoka, Janice Okamoto, Janie Okawa, Hiroko Stacey, and Jayne Ichikawa. Etsu Osaki was a founding member of our Flower Toban. Every month a pair meets on the weekend at the temple to buy and create the flower arrangements for the Sunday service.

Please take time to enjoy the beauty created to symbolize life's impermanence and appreciate the workings and efforts of the Flower Toban Team.





Dharma Exchange and Sunday Bon Odori "Out of the Box" Party Chris Dart

On December 27th, 2026 (our last Sunday in December), we are going to do something different. Instead of Dharma Exchange at 11:00 ish, and then Sunday Bon Odori at 1:00, we (at the BEC meeting (Buddhist Education Committee)) decided to combine the two. We thought it would be great to be all together and have a little party on our last Sunday of the year.

The plan is this: After the service at 11:00 we will have a potluck in the basement for everyone who wants to join, temple members and Sunday Bon Odori dancers. Give everyone a chance to meet and visit. This is where my "Out of the Box" comes in... While we eat, we will be playing videos of koto music performances by Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto who is a master koto player and teacher. She has done some amazing "not standard" music on the koto - like the Star Spangled Banner. We will experience something different and perhaps have a new perspective.

Then, about 12:00 we will follow that with dancing a few of our usual bon odori and then bon odori to Christmas music. We will do "our" dances to new music -- Shiawase Samba to

Winter Wonderland by Hiroshima (jazz band), Shin Sakura Ondo to Rockin Around The Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee (I know many of you remember Brenda Lee ;-), Tanko Bushi to Jingle Bells, and AIUEO to Auld Lang Syne sung by Dougie MacLean. Maybe I'll find a few more... We have had a lot of fun and laughter with this over the last couple of years so let's do it again. Dancing will conclude about 1-1:30.

If you want to come just for the food that is fine, if you are able to bring something we are happy with just about anything, and if not come anyhow. I can guarantee you that no one, ever, has left the temple hungry. If you want to come for only for the dancing that too is fine. Main idea is being together and having fun.

November 1st, and 29th will be the regular 1:00 PM in the basement Sunday Bon Odori.

Look forward to seeing everyone one starting with this coming Sunday Nov. 1st (cannot believe it's November already).

Any questions?? Obon.OregonBuddhistTemple@gmail.com

take care
chris



Autumn Haiku – page 1

My dear Mom and Dad
Your October birthdays come
Autumn leaves are falling

Autumn shows its face
Impermanence and change
Appreciation

Jayne

Was two days after
Pearl Harbor forty one
In Black out—baby

The movie Charade
Gary Grant, Audrey Hepburn
But she kept talking.

Shinya

Heroic green fades
Orange, yellow, red unfold
Summer concedes fall

Ken Garner

Fall—sun shines, leaves turn

Wish this could last forever

Our colorful world

Holding on to life

Hope, breathe, move, love, laugh

Embrace every day.

Anonymous

Crackle of fall leaves

Music of a forest walk

Crisp warmth of late days

Persimmons above

Branching shadows under foot

Warmth of home awaits

Anonymous

Autumn Haiku – page 2

Autumn evening

Sitting quietly outside

Watching the moon grow

Enjoy the weather

Complaining isn't helpful

So take it all in

Cooking in the kitchen

A little bite as I stir

Dinner disappears

Fall means mushroom time

Look for the bumps in the woods

Smell matsutake

Anonymous

Fall is upon us

Coolness in the evening air

Time for warm blanket

Soft autumn plaid wraps

Lonely nostalgic feeling

Golden dog of love

Chip

Anonymous

Green bush in garden

One ripening tomato

Pick and take a bite

Chilly golden leaves

Pumpkin harvest lost in corn

Damp leaves fall, then crunch

warming october,

lacking rain, fire deepen

but mushrooms compost

Jan Ishii

John Fial

Autumn Haiku – page 3

Rampant Summer tires
Oak and elm yawn, grow drowsy
Warm blanket of leaves

Sadness in brown skies
Ashes float from distant trees
Hope grows green in black

Clever girl, she hunts
Australian man is flanked
velociraptor

Michel Jurcsak

Fractals to Fractions
Colors dance off of branches
Delicate breakings

Leaves mimic sunset
weather reflects silver moon
left alone to view

Anonymous

The beauty of autumn the leaves
Of red and yellow
As I walk my dog

Looking for matsutake in the morning air
The wide space of the forest
I follow the river.

Janice Okamoto

brisk cloudless morning
with sun beams reflecting
on a quiet pond

yellow buses stop
up climb excited children
quiet sigh and smile

honking in the sky
soft tickling through sparse branches
the path is lonely

Anonymous

Bright yellow red blue sky
OH how lovely you look to me
Such a beautiful autumn sunset

Katie Tamiyasu

Autumn Haiku – page 4

Green, yellow, orange red

Weightlessly twirl float to earth

Rake, rake again, rake

Over-the-hill senior

Seventy five my autumn

Fill each day with joy

Anonymous

The sunlight is bright

The breeze is warm—I'll pretend

that it's still summer

The oblique sunlight

warns me to cherish the warmth

October afternoon

Crunching under foot

Dogwood leaves all gone to red

Bright autumn morning

Brenda Fugate

My cat's eyes

Are the mirrors

To Autumn Sky's Blue

Peeling fresh chestnuts,

Dyeing the fingertips.

Crisp autumn wind

Clearing the view

For multi-colored trees.

Maho

Yellow, orange and brown

Cold weather begin to come

Shorter days are here

Warm coffee to drink

Sitting by the fire at night

Start to read a book

Stacy

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://us06web.zoom.us/j/82843200560?pwd=xL7ke6ww4LHe6QMLv3QicVN7y0zYT9.1>

Meeting ID: 828 4320 0560

Passcode: 195998

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. Our new resident minister, Rev. Magnin, will lead on many of the tasks (for which we are so grateful) but there is still plenty to do. 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 which will be on the calendar.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

2026 Bon Odori Practice Schedule

2026 Event:	Month	Date	Day	Time
No Dancing	January			
Sunday Bon Odori	February	1	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	February	22	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	March	29	Sunday	1:00 PM
No Dancing	April			
Sunday Bon Odori	May	3	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	May	31	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	June	28	Sunday	1:00 PM
Obon Leader Practice	July	5	Sunday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	13	Monday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	15	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	20	Monday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	22	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	27	Monday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	29	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Obon Bon Odori	August	1	Saturday	7 - 9 PM
NOTE: Japanese Garden practice and dancing is for those who sign up as space is limited. Japanese Garden members can come to the practice and dance event without signing up but need to provide their own transportation to the garden.				
J Garden Practice	August	14	Friday	7:00 PM
J Garden Practice	August	21	Friday	7:00 PM
J Garden Bon Odori	August	22	Saturday	10:30 AM
Sunday Bon Odori	September	27	Sunday	1:00 PM
No Dancing	October			
Sunday Bon Odori	November	1	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	November	29	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori (Xmas)	December	27	Sunday	1:00 PM

NOTE: All Sunday Bon Odori is at 1 to 3 PM in the OBT basement. All practices for Obon and the Japanese Garden are from 7 to 9 PM in the OBT basement.

PORTLAND
TAIKO
PRESENTS

KAERU

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Saturday evening, Nov 14th
Sunday matinee, Nov 15th
PSU Lincoln Performance Hall
1620 SW Park Ave
Tickets on sale now at
portlandtaiko.org



PORTLAND
TAIKO

An OBT and OBWA group viewing of the Portland Taiko performance titled “**Kaeru**” is planned for **November 15** at 2pm.

Please see portlandtaiko.org or call Portland Taiko at 503 288-2456 for questions about the performance, or **Jayne Ichikawa** (jayneichi@gmail.com) about plans for the group viewing.

2026 Mochi Order Form Oregon Buddhist Temple				
First NAME:		Last NAME:		
PHONE:		EMAIL:		
Mochi (in increments of one pound)	Subtotal	Donation (optional)	Total	Office use only
X \$7	=	+	=	
(Cut here and keep bottom part as your order pick-up reminder 😊) Notes:				
THANK YOU! – Sangha at Oregon Buddhist Temple				
Mail/return top part with check payment no later than Monday, Dec. 7th to: Oregon Buddhist Temple, c/o Mochi 3720 SE 34 th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202		Your freshly made mochi order will be ready for pickup on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 3:00pm to 4:30pm at temple Social Hall (located in the basement). After that time, the mochi will be frozen.		
Questions? Contact us at obtmochitsuki24@gmail.com				



OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE



Sunday, Dec. 13, 2026

MOCHITSUKI

Accepting orders Nov. 1 - Dec. 7

Mochi is \$7/pound

Use paper form or order online at OBT website

Please sign up to volunteer for Dec. 13th (must be 14 years or older)

THANK YOU!

OBT FOOD DRIVE FOR OREGON FOOD BANK



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to the Oregon Food Bank every Shotsuki Hoyo Sunday through the end of 2026.



Sangha Cinema (aka movie night)

Please join us for pizza, popcorn, and a movie on Friday, January 15th at 6:30 pm in the Oregon Buddhist Temple basement. We will watch the movie Rental Family and follow it up with a brief discussion. A free dinner of pizza and popcorn will be provided. All are welcome. 😊

Oregon Buddhist Temple Presents

Buddhism in Our Times Lecture Series #4

BUDDHISM and YOGA

Saturday, January 23, 2027

9am to 4pm



Led by **Bob Matsueda**: Yoga and Wellness teacher, Yoga Therapist, Advanced Pranayama Teacher (certified by the Govt. of India, Ministry of AYUSH Yoga Certification Board).

Buddhism and Yoga can support mental, spiritual, and physical health.

Workshop activities will be carried out from your chair or standing position (no mats or floor exercises)

Pre-Registration required (details to follow)
\$10 fee includes lunch

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR
Parking available

Funded by the Dharma Forward Foundation and
the George and Kathleen Anderson Charitable Trust





OBT BOOKCLUB

Have you been dreaming of reading a book and discussing it with others? Well, now is your opportunity! Please join the OBT book club. Our first book will be *Moving Forward Just As You Are* by Monshu Kojun Ohtami. Please let us know if you would like to join so we can order the books from BCA. The books are \$10 each. Some will be available to check out from the OBT library.

Saturday February 6, 2027
11am Location tba

BCArt Exhibit 2026

Sharing artwork from our Sangha community and friends



Portrait of Queen Maya (Mayu Garner)



Please Visit our Virtual Art Show
on BCA website!

For more information: click on this link:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/copy-of-bcart-exhibit-2026>

Weekly Guided Meditation

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM Pacific Time

Hosted online via Zoom

**Join the Buddhist Churches of
America each Wednesday
for a free online guided meditation
led by Rev. Marvin Harada.**



These weekly sessions offer a welcoming space to pause, breathe, and reconnect with the present moment through Buddhist mindfulness and meditation practice.

Whether you are completely new to meditation or have an established practice, all are welcome. Each session will include gentle guidance, silent meditation, and reflections rooted in Shin Buddhist teachings that encourage compassion, gratitude, and inner awareness.

Meditation can help cultivate calm, clarity, resilience, and a deeper connection with ourselves and others. Through regular practice, we learn to meet life with greater openness, balance, and appreciation for each moment.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81859478933?pwd=vy0OX4Jai1LDIPmGbxqAJtVAnDuNbc.1>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/81859478933>

Meeting ID: **818 5947 8933**

Passcode: 898828

To join the Weekly Guided Meditation meeting: [Click HERE](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81859478933?pwd=vy0OX4Jai1LDIPmGbxqAJtVAnDuNbc.1)



SUPPORTER OF THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

PLEDGE FOR 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

All individuals who make a pledge will be listed as a Supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

For individuals who pledge \$300 or more:

- A portion of your pledge will be forwarded to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) for BCA membership
- Eligible to be nominated to be on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors
- Eligible to vote for the Board of Directors of Oregon Buddhist Temple and other issues that are presented at the General Meeting.

I will pledge for 2026, the amount of \$ _____

_____ The above amount is to be given as a one- time amount of \$ _____ or

_____ The above amount is to be given in payments of \$ _____

_____ Monthly _____ Quarterly

_____ I would like a pledge reminder before the end of 2026 at (email or phone) _____

Please send this completed Pledge for 2026 and payments to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202-3037

[Make an online donation](#)



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