



PureLand Path

Crests of Jodo Shinshu Reverend Yuki Sugahara

Recently, I received the wagesa for the Hongwanji-ha's scholarly title holder. This wagesa has a different crest from the Sagarifuji (hanging wisteria) that Nishi Hongwanji officially uses as the temple crest. If you want to see how different it is, please come to the Sunday services so that you might have a chance of seeing me wearing the wagesa!

I was curious about the different temple crests, so I did a little bit of research by reading articles and a history book on the Hongwanji. It was so interesting that I will share the information with you this month.

Our founder Shinran Shonin (1173-1263) was born as a son of Arinori Hino. It is said that the Hino clan had its origins in the powerful, aristocratic Fujiwara clan. The Fujiwara clan used the sagarifuji as their family crest (figure 1) but the Hino clan's family crest was the Tsurumaru (circled crane, see figure 2).

According to Junji Nomura of the Hongwanji-ha, there is no historical record regarding the temple crests. The only way he could research the temple crests was to look at the images of the historical head priests of the Hongwanji. This article is based on his research, but also on my imagination, so there's no historical evidence to this article.

It has been common to put crests on Jodo Shinshu minister's robes. But when looking at the images of priests, Nomura found that there were no crests on the robes of Rennyo Shonin or on the robes of any head priests who came before him. The first head priest who used a crest was the ninth head priest, Jitsunyo, and he used the Tsurumaru crest.

Shonyo, the 10th head priest, was adopted by Hisatsune Kujo. The Kujo clan uses the wisteria as a family crest so it is possible that Shonyo started to use a wisteria crest called Hattomon (Eight Leaves Wisteria, see figure 3) as the temple crest.

At the time of Kenryo, the 12th head priest, the Hongwanji was involved in a war with the warlord Nobunaga Oda. Later on, the Hongwanji and Nobunaga made peace, and after the passing of Nobunaga, the warlord Hideyoshi Toyotomi became the top samurai. He used Goshichi no Kiri (Five-Seven Leaves Paulownia, see figure 4) as the family crest and Hideyoshi took such good care of the Hongwanji that it is possible that Kenryo started to use Goshichi no Kiri as one of the crests, or that the crest was gifted by Hideyoshi. I need to do further research on that. After Kenryo, the Hongwanji was split into Nishi and Higashi.

The mother of Ryonyo, the fourteenth head priest of Hongwanji-ha, came from the royal family and his second wife was also from the royal family. The royal family's crest is the chrysanthemum, so probably the Hongwanji was allowed to use the Kikkanomon/Chrysanthemum (figure 5).

The use of the Sagarifuji crest we see now is recent. This Sagarifuji was the crest of the Kujo clan, but when Kazuko Kujo married Kozui Otani, the 22nd head priest of Hongwanji-ha, the design of Kujo's wisteria (figure 6) was modified and became Hongwanji's wisteria (figure 7). As we have experienced a lot of changes of the temple crest, there is a possibility that the Sagarifuji will be replaced by another crest in the future, but we will see.

Otani-ha, known as Higashi Hongwanji in the US, uses a different crest from the Nishi Hongwanji; it uses the peony crest (figure 8). Their thirteenth head priest, Takunyo, married the daughter of Nobuhiro Konoye and Konoye's family crest was the peony. This is probably why the Higashi Hongwanji's crest is the peony.

There is another Jodo Shinshu branch called Bukkoji-ha in Kyoto. Unlike the Nishi or Higashi branches, whose second head priest was the descendant of Shinran Shonin, their second head priest was Shoshin, one of the disciples of Shinran Shonin. Interestingly, they had the first female head priest in Japan nearly 600 years ago. Their 13th and 14th head priest were adopted children of the Nijo clan and because Nijo clan's crest (figure 9) was also the wisteria, Bukkoji uses a wisteria crest similar to the Nijo clan's crest (figure 10).

I never thought about the transition of the crests when I was in Japan, but many people in the US are really curious about them so I hope this article helps to satisfy your curiosity.

Gassho

The 10 crests described above are on the following page.

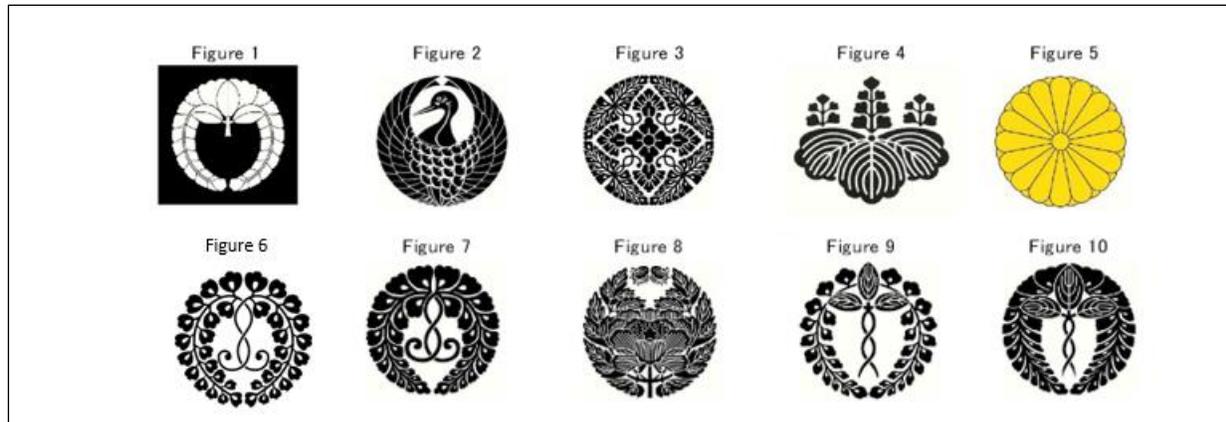
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September Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of September. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the September 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. If a name is missing, incorrect, or prior to 1950, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Akiyama, Kay 9/5/1997	Kenmotsu, Martha 9/1/2013	Noyori, Shigeji 9/13/1975
Aono, Yosaku 9/20/1970	Kibe, baby 9/12/1952	Ochiai, Tamiyo 9/6/1989 *
Bretsch, Pauline 9/20/1970	Kitayama, Yosakichi 9/20/1959	Oguri, Jocelyn 9/3/1951
Egashira, Tsutomu 9/4/1988	Kitogaki, Nobuo 9/22/1984	Okamoto, George 9/1/2008
Falconeri, Gennoro Ralph 9/20/2012	Kunie, Sanshichi 9/28/1955	Okita, Frank Morio 9/17/1985
Fields, Ray 9/11/2018	Kunishige, Sanshichi 9/28/1955	Omoto, Minami 9/1/1979
Funatake, Kaoru 9/27/1980 *	Lee, Lulu Chieko Toyooka 9/26/2002	Sato, Eiichi 9/2/1957
Furukawa, Mae 9/27/1998 *	Maehara, Masayo 9/18/1969	Shido, Tatsu 9/23/1971 *
Furukawa, Shimi 9/27/2000*	Maruyama, Noriyasu 9/30/1977	Shiozaki, Shingoro 9/18/1969
Furukawa, Yasu 9/1/1966	Masuda, Fukiyo 9/16/1990 *	Suzuki, Masatoshi 9/16/2010
Hara, Hamano 9/3/1970 *	Matsuda, Bessie Misao 9/3/2007	Takemoto, Minoru 9/10/2010
Hasegawa, Midori 9/19/1994 *	Matsuda, Toki 9/8/1987 *	Tamura, Hanako Terakawa 9/7/1986 *
Hashimoto, Charles 9/18/1981	Matsumoto, Taichiro 9/22/1952	Tateishi, Chiyoko Helen 9/25/1985 *
Hasuike, Yoshio 9/25/2011	Minami, Omoto 9/1/1979 *	Toyota, Asao 9/2/1990 *
Hirai, Junne Fusae 9/9/2013	Mishima, Hisa 9/24/1965 *	Ueno, Setsuko Ruby 9/4/2012
Honda, Tamezo 9/12/1978	Mishima, Yosh 9/25/1994	Uesugi, Hashisuke 9/18/1967
Hongo, Haruko Margaret 9/15/1977	Mishiro, Junzo 9/11/1987	Uyetake, Nobuko 9/5/2016 *
Iseri, Dixie Yoshiko 9/8/2010	Muraki, Eikichi 9/10/1961	Wakabayashi, Toshikazu 9/3/1950
Iseri, George 9/7/2010	Nakamura, Henry H 9/13/1975	Watari, Joe Sunao 9/29/2004
Kakishita, Hisako 9/4/2011 *	Nakamura, Kumashiro 9/2/1968	Yoshida, Carl K 9/1/2014
Kasubuchi, Ben Shohachi 9/11/1984	Nishikawa, Fusae 9/28/1963 *	Yasutome, Jack 9/12/1998
Kato, Mary Mitsue 9/30/1979	Nishimura, Matsutaro 9/16/1974	Yoshihara, Hideichi 9/17/1962
Kawasaki Yuriko 9/21/1992		

*OBWA member

Home Visits

Rev. Yuki has been visiting members who are unable to or have difficulty coming to the temple. If you or a family member would like to have Reverend Yuki visit you, please call him at 916-834-7350

2019 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2018	1 Year	2003	17 Year
2017	3 Year	1995	25 Year
2012	7 Year	1987	33 Year
2007	13 Year	1970	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtportland06012017@oregonbuddhisttempl.com

President's Column

Ken Garner, OBT President

*Amidst the ripening grain,
By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.*

Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*

It is the end of August, 2 days past deadline again (sorry Shinya). Believe it or not, the year is already 2/3 past. The faintest hint of Fall is detectable in the air. The sun is softening, and shadows are lengthening. Autumn is my favorite season. After the play of summer, September is the time of return. Even though we enter the home stretch of the calendar year, it paradoxically is also the time of new beginnings. The school year starts with the promise of new schools and subjects to learn and explore.

At the beginning of the year, I challenged all the chairs of our events to rethink their particular event. The thought was to have at least 1 change to the way we have done things. This summer we again ran the corn concession at Natsu Matsuri held at the Beaverton Uwajimaya. Marilyn Achterman and Matt Langer chaired the event. This year we included a wasabi butter topping for the corn. Even though this event is just a week before Obon, we had a lot of eager hands on-site to sell our corn. This is a great event to advertise Obon.

For those of you who attended and/or volunteered for Obon will have seen many changes. Charley Reneau was the Obonfest chair and he really took the challenge to heart. The two most obvious changes was the closing of 34th Ave to vehicular traffic and a revamped menu. In getting a permit to close 34th Ave, Charley wandered into the maze of city regulations.

Unbeknownst to us, our Obonfest had been non-compliant to several city ordinances for many years. We are now fully legal, and more importantly we know what we need to do in order to be compliant in coming years. Moving the vendors and the Kodomo (children's) Corner was a huge success. It provided a great space for the kids to play and opened the parking lot for more dancers. With the additional space, the dancers were not as cramped as before. Chris Dart and the team did a great job in selecting fun and interesting dances. I myself particularly enjoyed the live music set and would love to see more of that in coming Obons. I heard good things about the menu revamp. Unfortunately we had a snafu which resulted in the loss of some of our items. This was due to a refrigeration issue. We will make some process changes about when the walk-in refrigerators are turned on and checked prior to the event to prevent similar problems in the future. Even with the problem, our sales were very good. All in all it was an outstanding Obonfest. Thank you all for your hard work and participation in this our most important fund raiser and community outreach event.

As I mentioned above, September is a time for new beginnings. The Dharma School will soon be in full swing and temple activities will be returning to normal. In the coming months we will have the Gomoshu's visit, Sukiyaki Bazaar, our 7th Annual Holiday Gift Fair, Mochitsuki, and more. If you haven't been to the temple for a while, I invite you to return. We miss you. If you have been considering coming in for a first-time visit we invite and welcome you. And for those who have attending regularly I thank you for your dedication and commitment. We are better as a Sangha for having you all with us.

In Gassho

A Brief Obon Recap

Charley Reneau

Thank you to all the volunteers and coordinators that helped make this year's Obon Festival a success! Specifically, thanks to everyone who helped with planning for and implementing our first-ever street closure, and to everyone who helped cook the delicious food. Thanks also to Angie Hughes for stepping in mid-stream to help with food coordination.

Seeing the entire Temple community work together to host thousands of happy attendees is inspiring: service to the Dharma that makes the world a better, happier place. Maintaining the decades-old tradition of celebrating Obon is itself a great way to pay respect to our ancestors.

We really stretched ourselves this year, and while there were challenging moments, the Festival earned the Temple funds to continue our Dharma mission, and our attendees had a blast, too. I have heard from Temple members and attendees that the street closure makes our event seem more festive, and I think that the cafeteria-style food lines were a good fit for our space. If you have any feedback, feel free to let me or another Board member know. We are always looking to improve.

In Gassho,

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association (OBWA)

Marilyn Achterman

The Dharma is a wonder. We hear it each Sunday from Sensei and we see it amongst the faces of the Sangha most notably during Sunday refreshments. Have you noticed how everyone's eyes widen when the Ando sisters bring out yet another original specialty dish. Everyone ravenously enjoys the food and ravenously enjoys the budding friendships and long-time friendships.

We share an overwhelming bond of discovering the Dharma together and embracing the Dharma together. Being surrounded by my family, by Sensei and all my best friends at the temple is a peerless, profound and wondrous life to embrace

Dharma School Ann Shintani



Service in the Park, Sep. 8: Dharma School will welcome back families the Sunday after Labor Day. We will kick-off our year at the Sep. 8th Sunday Service at Kenilworth Park. We will meet in the picnic area and bandstand near the corner of SE Holgate and 34th Avenue. Bring a potluck dish (and

your own reusable picnicware), if you are able, and we will bring beverages, and plates/cups/napkins/utensils. Bring your friends for service, brunch potluck, and games!

Portland Taiko 25th Anniversary exhibit at Legacy Center: Thank you to Kurt Ikeda for hosting our Dharma School visit on Aug. 11th. We watched a video of Portland Taiko members and supporters share their memories and gratitude to the community. Kurt shared that taiko originated in the US by those who wished to be "loud" and "to be heard".

Care Items Donated to Crisis Agencies Robbi Ando

The toiletries and other care items you have left at the temple over the past year will be donated to four agencies which support people in crisis: ROSE HAVEN serving women and children experiencing the trauma of abuse, loss of home and other disruptive life challenges; TRANSITION PROJECTS helping people transition from homelessness; RAPHAEL HOUSE a domestic violence agency; JOIN which supports the efforts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness to transition into permanent housing. More than 45 pounds of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and other personal care items will be distributed to the agencies under the auspices of the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association.

The collection will continue throughout the coming year, so remember to bring back those unused travel toiletries and place them in the bin near the basement information bulletin board.

The article below by Traci Kiyama is the eighth in a series of articles written this year by an OBT board member to help make the board more accessible to temple members.

Be Present in the Present Traci Kiyama, OBT

The beginning of school is reminding me to be present in the present. I am a teacher, and as I write this, the first week of meetings starts in about a week. I am trying to enjoy the time I have to myself this last week instead of worrying about what is to come.

I am reminded of this scene probably familiar to you: Random person (let's call him Kai) has a vacation coming up. Kai is so excited! He dances around at work, telling everyone about his vacation, looking forward to it every day. Kai goes on his vacation, and it is everything he hoped it would be - a dream come true! Then, on the last day of his vacation, he is sad, unexcited about having to return to work the next day. How terrible returning to work will be! But what is so terrible if he is still on his vacation? And why was work so good right before the vacation? Isn't it the same job?

It is easy to laugh at Kai, but I struggle to enjoy this moment without worrying about the work I need to get done next week and the upcoming school year. Why is it so hard to enjoy this quiet moment I am having right now? I am in my safe home, I enjoyed a warm shower this morning, I drank clean water from my faucet, and yet I worry about what I will do in a month. For now, I will laugh at myself and enjoy things like my son's face when he opens his eyes really wide when he is excited about something and says "Really, Mama?!" For now, I say "Namo Amida Butsu".

Lotus Circle – September Jean Matsumoto

Fall is right around the corner -- already? And thanks to the members of OBT's Lotus Circle, our Flower Toban will have golden-colored flowers to arrange on the altar and around the temple in memory of loved ones who passed away in September. This month these generous donors are:

- September 1 – Janice Okamoto in memory of (imo) husband George & his parents Hisashi & Misuyo; Kathy Yoshida imo her husband Carl; Toyoko Oguri imo mother Setsuko Ruby Ueno; Dana & Chieko Kakishita & Minnie Young imo mother Hisako; Susan Leedham imo father Kay Akiyama; Toshiko Seaman imo of grandmother Toki Matsuda, and aunt Bessie.

- September 8 – Anonymous imo Hanako Terakawa Tamura; May Takemoto imo husband Minoru & sons Johnny & Eric; Ben Kasubuchi imo parents Ben Shohachi & Mary, brothers Dennis & Alan; Yasuko Fields imo husband Ray & sister Minako Maekawa
- September 15 – Linda Ignowski imo aunts & uncles, Yoshiko & Jack, Toshiko & Jerry, cousins Kenneth, Richard and James; Lynn Kanaya imo grandparents Fukiyo & Ryonosuke; Gayle Ratliff imo parents Frank Morio & Mary Okita
- September 22 – Cannon Yoichi Kitayama imo parents Yosakichi & Kuni; Cathy Yarne imo mother Fumi Mary & Nunotani grandparents Nobuichi & Harumi; Wendy Hasuike imo parents Yoshio & Sachiko; Barbara Uyesugi imo late husband’s parents Hashisuke & Kazu; Amy Peterson imo father Yosh Mishima, Mishima grandparents Katsumi & Sakae, brother Robert, and grand-aunt Hisa
- September 29 – Marty Lee imo mother Lulu Chieko Lee & grandparents Kay Nobuyoshi & Fumie Toyooka; Tamiyo Watari imo husband Joe and daughter, Sue Koshiyama

September Toban

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From the Archives

Etsu Osaki

This is the information on the hanging bell at OBT.

- Shotaro Otsubo, Saga-ken
- 1933 mid-January
- Portland Buddhist Church
- Chuzai Kaikyoshi (present minister): Yoshihiro Tokuno

Onaijin Cleaning

Etsu Osaki

Have you noticed that the onaijin is brighter now? It’s because a few people met on Sunday, August 4 and cleaned and polished much of the shiny, metal pieces. Thanks to Rev Sugahara, Brenda Fugate, Jayne Ichikawa, Jenna Yokoyama, Ken Garner and Etsu Osaki. Reverend’s son, Hikaru, kept us entertained as he whizzed around in his little car.

“A Walk with Refugees and Immigrants”



OBT members Connie Masuoka, Jayne Ichikawa, Maho and Mayu Garner and Lori Fukunaga participated in this event on July 21, sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation. It has been an annual event for about 10 years in which the mission has been to show support and welcome “new” Portlanders. Although this year there was information on assisting asylum seekers. The walk started at the East Portland Community Office, 1017 NE 117th, Portland. and ended in Knotts Park where there was entertainment, food booths and information.

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Thank you for your continued support

2019 Sukiyaki Bazaar: Sunday, October 6, 2018, from 11:30am-3:30pm
at the Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 SE 34th Ave., Portland, OR 97202

Fall is fast approaching and we are seeing cooler weather and the warm meal of sukiyaki. This year's Sukiyaki Bazaar will again comfort you with familiar foods, familiar company, and familiar surroundings. Come and enjoy the delicious, warm and soothing sukiyaki. Our chow mein and chicken bento are always crowd favorites. Cultural displays will be set up to enjoy and reflect upon. Omiyage (gifts) will be tastefully presented for your shopping pleasure and snacks will be for sale by our own Dharma School to help support the young ones and teach them about working together. We look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new friends and coming to dine at this annual fall fundraiser.

To put on this Sukiyaki Bazaar, we would love to have your help! Food prep times are listed in the October calendar. Thank you for your time, dedication, and generosity, but mostly for coming to visit with friends and family and to enjoy the delicious Sukiyaki Dinner in support of Oregon Buddhist Temple.

SUKIYAKI BAZAAR ORDER FORM

Pre-Ordering is highly recommended

You may also pre-order at www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com using credit card.

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Beef Sukiyaki	\$14				
Vegetarian Sukiyaki	\$14				
Chicken Bento	\$10				
Chow Mein	\$8				
Total \$:					

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