

PureLand Path



September 2026



Namo Amida Butsu!



This year, according to our most recent financial information, we netted about \$60,000. That's just a little above last year, thanks to lower expenses. In our planning meetings (masterfully led by Co-Chair Kim Kono), we heard loud and clear that volunteers love the Festival, but were feeling overworked, and didn't like missing out on the opportunity to dance. So this year, we made a few changes (in marketing, schedule, and menu) to allow our volunteers more time to enjoy the event, as well as dance; we made these changes in the awareness that we'd possibly take in less profit from the event.

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

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The fundraising component of the event has grown over the years, with nets ranging from \$14,000 to \$19,000 in the 2011-2017 period, and from \$20,000 to \$46,000 in 2018-2024 period. In the last two years, we've netted around \$60,000. That's great! A real boon to our Temple's finances. On the other hand, the real wealth of the Temple is in its members, and our planning needs to reflect a sustainable effort.

While Obon is a fundraiser, and the whole community is welcome, we always need to acknowledge that the primary meaning of the day is religious: a joyous celebration for us. Obon is ours to host and plan, and it wouldn't be possible without the dedication and effort of the many coordinators and volunteers who pour their hearts into the effort.

Of course, the Festival day is a fun and hectic modern version of barn-raising, but the planning begins in the spring and work continues, at times, through the rest of the year. In fact, I just

got back home from the Temple, where I helped a member re-hang lantern equipment.

This spirit of continual volunteerism is of primary importance to our Temple. As of now, we do have one full-time "employee" (our Reverend Magnin), but otherwise everything we do is volunteer driven. Helping out gives us a chance to repay the debt we owe to those who came before us, and gives us a chance to spend time with other Temple members. Together, we build connections and grow more rooted in our community. Even working alone at the Temple can be an opportunity to quietly appreciate the serenity of the space, or reflect on memories of previous, busier days.

Thanks again for a wonderful Obon. I'm happy with the changes we made in order to reduce the workload for our volunteers. If you have any suggestions for next year, please let me know!

BUDDHISM, BUDDIES & BOBA!



Join Rev. Magnin and Sangha members **Sunday, Sept. 20**, after Dharma exchange at "The Original" food carts on Powell Blvd (by John's Marketplace and Dollar Tree) for a casual hangout!

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 memorial service will be held at the September 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 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.

Kay Akiyama, 9/5/1997	Baby Kibe, 9/12/1952	George Okamoto, 9/1/2008
Yosaku Aono, 9/20/1970	Yosakichi Kitayama, 9/20/1959	Frank Morio Okita, 9/17/1985
Pauline Bretsch, 9/27/2006	Nobuo Kitogaki, 9/22/1984	Minami Omoto, 9/1/1979
Tsutomu Egashira, 9/4/1988	Sanshichi Kunishige, 9/28/1955	Eiichi Saito, 9/2/1957
Gennoro Ralph Falconeri, 9/20/2012	Lulu Chieko Toyooka Lee, 9/26/2002	Mary Fumiko Saito, 9/24/2018*
Ray Fields, 9/11/2018	Brian J Lew, 9/18/22	Penny Seibel, 9/29/2019
Kaoru Funatake, 9/27/1980*	Janice J Lew, 9/19/2000	Tatsu Shido, 9/23/1971*
Mae Furukawa, 9/27/1998*	Masayo Maehara, 9/18/1969	Shingoro Shiozaki, 9/18/1969
Shimi Furukawa, 9/27/2000*	Noriyasu Maruyama, 9/30/1977	Masatoshi Suzuki, 9/16/2010
Yasu Furukawa, 9/1/1966	Fukiyo Masuda, 9/16/1990*	Minoru Takemoto, 9/10/2010
Hamano Hara, 9/3/1970*	Bessie Misao Matsuda, 9/3/2007	Tetsuo Ted Tamaki, 9/10/2024
Midori Hasegawa, 9/19/1994*	Toki Matsuda, 9/8/1987*	Hanako Terakawa Tamura, 9/7/1986*
Charles Hashimoto, 9/18/1981	Taichiro Matsumoto, 9/22/1952	Chiyoko Helen Tateichi, 9/25/1985*
Yoshio Hasuie, 9/25/2011	Omoto Minami, 9/1/1979*	Asao Toyota, 9/2/1990*
June Fusae Hirai, 9/9/2013	Hisa Mishima, 9/24/1965*	Atami Yoshida Ueda, 9/4/2025
Tamezo Honda, 9/12/1978	Yosh Mishima, 9/25/1994	Setsuko Ruby Ueno, 9/4/2012*
Haruko Margaret Hongo, 9/5/1977	Junzo Mishiro, 9/11/1987	Hashisuke Uesugi, 9/18/1967
Dixie Yoshiko Iseri, 9/8/2010	Eikichi Muraki, 9/10/1961	Nobuko Uyetake, 9/5/2016*
George Iseri, 9/7/2010	Henry H Nakamura, 9/13/1975	Toshikazu Wakabayashi, 9/3/1950
Sumi Ishida, 9/19/2021	Kumashiro Nakamura, 9/2/1968	Joe Sunao Watari, 9/29/2004
Hisako Kakishita, 9/4/2011*	Fusae Nishikawa, 9/28/1963*	Jack Yasutome, 9/12/1998
Ben Shohachi Kasubuchi, 9/11/1984	Matsutaro Nishimura, 9/16/1974	Carl K Yoshida, 9/1/2014
Mary Mitsue Kato, 9/30/1979	Shigeji Noyori, 9/13/1975	Hideichi Yoshihara, 9/17/1962
Yuriko Kawasaki 9/21/1992	Tamiyo Ochiai, 9/6/1989*	Shig Yuzuriha, 9/15/2020
Martha Kenmotsu, 9/1/2013	Jocelyn Oguri, 9/3/1951	

* OBWA member

Condolences to the Shioshi Family

By Ann Shintani



Beth Nakamura/The Oregonian

Sadly, Mrs. Jeanne Shioshi passed away on August 23, after a brief illness. She was 103 years old. She had attended the Minidoka Pilgrimage this Summer with her family, which include the Dadfarma family (Stacy, Roxie and Maxine). Our condolences to them and Mrs. Shioshi's large family.

A memorial service will be held on
Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1pm at:

Ross Hollywood Chapel
4733 NE Thompson St
Portland, OR 97213

[Oregonian Article: Jeanne Shioshi's 100th Birthday](#)

Oregon Buddhist Temple
Donations received 7/17/2026 to 8/16/2026

In memory of Eiko OkayamaYasuko Maekawa Fields (*Hatsubon*)***In memory of Henry Mishima******In memory of Joe Nagasawa***Amy Peterson (*Hatsubon*)***Hanako Kuioka 7th year memorial***

Susan & Clyde Kaneshiro

In memory of Greg Naganuma

Joann Naganuma

In memory of Kuni & Masako Takayama

Janet Takayama

In memory of Harry & Elaine GekkoJoann, John, Ethan, Chris Ng (*Nokotsudo*)**SHOTSUKI HOYO*****In memory of Shoji & Judy Shimamoto***

Debra Shimamoto

In memory of Nobuko Masuoka

Connie Masuoka

In memory of Kazuo Kinoshita

Jayne & Shinya Ichikawa

In memory of Jean Matsumoto

Susan Endecott

In memory of Sumino Fujii***In memory of Toshimi Fujii******In memory of Suematsu Ando******In memory of Sumiko Ando******In memory of Yoshimi Fujii***

Diane Ando Harder

Roberta Ando

In memory of Nancy Kuioka

Michael & Kimberly Hanabusa

SHOTSUKI HOYO (*continued*)***In memory of Edith Itamura***

Michael & Kimberly Hanabusa

In memory of Bachan

Mika & Sayuri

Special donations

Linda (Koike) Babcock

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(*Anonymous*)Faye Emiko Sono (*Thank you*)

Joann Naganuma

Anonymous

Obon/Kangi-e services

Ronald Kobata

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Pat Hokama

Amy Peterson

Yoshie Kagawa

Naomi Masuoka

Obonfest - Donor Circle

Gerald & JoAnn Sumoge

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June & Stan Shiigi

Susan Leedham

Diane Ando Harder

Connie Masuoka

Kim Kono & Randy Choy

Dennis & Virginia Sugihara

Obonfest - Shopping List

Suniti Kumar

Mikiko Flynn

Lodiana Liggett-Fox

Janie Okawa

Tom Howard

Dan Snyder

Obonfest

Ronald Kobata

Cathy Shikatani

Christopher Schindler

Susan & Clyde Kaneshiro

Rose City Retro

Arlene Kimura

Keiji Osada

Lauren Sadataki

E. K. Moriwaki

Ted Yamasaki

Anonymous

Anonymous

2026 Annual pledge

Amy Osaki

Junko Iwao Toll

Monthly/quarterly pledge

Pat Hokama

Diane Ando Harder

Glenda Watson-Coly

Jonathan Greenwood

***Thank you for your
continued support.***

***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.***

sjendecott@gmail.com



It's Always a Good Time to Plan

By Kim Kono

Did you know that more than half of U.S. adults have yet to establish any estate planning documents? I learned this during National Make-A-Will Month this past August, and it served as an important reminder that it is always a good time to plan for the future—including documenting our charitable wishes for after we pass. As we approach fall and the giving season, this is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how we can support the causes and nonprofit organizations that matter most to us. Perhaps this may include OBT. Why not begin the season by planning for the future and the charitable legacy you would like to create?

The *Wisteria Society* honors individuals who have included a charitable gift to OBT as part of their estate plan. Through their future gifts, members of the *Wisteria Society* join others in helping OBT to preserve the temple building, the onaijin, and the grounds, while also helping to keep the doors open for the Sangha and the entire community to share in Jodo Shinshu teachings and practices. If you would like information on including OBT in your estate plan or if you have already done so, kindly contact any OBT Board member or reach out to Kim Kono. OBT is deeply grateful to everyone who continues to support the temple in so many ways. Arigato gozaimasu (thank you).

Obon Fest, August 1 2026

Photos by Stan, Todd, Mayu, Maho, Angie, Stacy, Toki; Videos by Todd



For many more Obon Fest photos
use the QR code or click on these links: [Obon Photos](#) and [Obon Videos](#)



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2026 Obon Fest - Thank You! Kim Kono & Charley Reneau

On behalf of Oregon Buddhist Temple, we wish to extend our deep gratitude to the many volunteers and temple members who helped to make the 2026 Obon Festival a success. Our Sangha and many in the broader community look forward to Obon each year. This gathering of remembrance and joy would not be possible without all of you sharing your time and talents. We are also grateful to the individual donors and vendors for their support. We thank everyone involved with Obon Fest—arigato gozaimashita.

Obon Fest 2026 in the news and media:

[Portland KOIN 6](#)

[Portland KGW 8](#)

[Rev. Vonn Magnin Obon Talk](#)

[OBT Instagram](#)

In Gassho,
Kim Kono
Obon Co-chairs

Charley Reneau



In Gratitude - OBWA Report Jeanette Hager

In gratitude to our OBT Sangha-OBWA members, families and friends who did so much to create the wonderful 2026 ObonFest at OBT. There are so many dedicated and talented members and friends who gave of their time, energy and more, weaving a tapestry of community spirit. Our OBWA, brought together our greater community in:

- Bringing forth the beauty of the kimono, yukata, haori, and accessories that were sold which support our OBT Sangha-OBWA members and our many community activities during the year;
- Created delicious foods for our Sangha and community members to enjoy;
- The many members and friends donated, organized and assisted in creating a pathway for omiyage items to find new homes;
- ...and so much more!

Most importantly, our members created and organized the hanging of lanterns with the names of our Sangha members and friends who, although, they have passed from this life, are still with us in our hearts, in our memories and in spirit as we danced the Obon Odori in the evening hours on August 1st.

In deepest appreciation and gratitude to all.

Gassho, Amy & Jeanette

P.S. Look for OBWA upcoming events and activities where our members will be busy volunteering including helping to sort food at the Oregon Food Bank. We invite you to join us!

(Next OBWA reporter: Amy Peterson)



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

A special seminar, *Yoga and Buddhism* is coming to our temple, January 23rd. Bob Matsueda, will present a one day session to introduce Yoga as a practice that “supports mental, spiritual, and physical health and brings people together”. For this introduction, he will teach breathing, chanting, gentle movements, meditation, yogic lifestyle. participants will be standing or seated in a chair (no mats needed). It is recommended for any age, gender, or physical condition. Throughout the session Matsueda will share the philosophy and history of yoga and Shakyamuni practice yoga techniques during his journey to enlightenment. The session will be brought to our temple by the George and Kathleen Anderson Charitable Trust and the Dharma Forward Foundation.

In addition, temple members who are interested in Yoga teacher training certification, and heading a yoga program at our temple, are encouraged to contact Matsueda (rmatsueda@bcahq.org) for more information.



A New OBT Webmaster Maho Garner

Please welcome the new Web Admin for our OBT website!!

Joy Stafford has graciously agreed to take on the web admin role starting mid-August. Joy, as many of you would know, was a regular face at OBT as a Dharma School student. She led many projects for Dharma School and Girl Scouts. After graduating college, with a new job and marrying an awesome partner Chris, she came back to Portland area recently, and has been participating in many different areas of OBT.

I am very grateful that Joy, with her excellent skills, knowledge and vision, will be the new admin for OBT website.

*Editor's Note: The OBT website is a welcoming place for visitors and supporters to learn about and keep informed of OBT activities and events. **Thank you to Maho Garner** for tirelessly maintaining the OBT website for the last 9 years – in addition to all of her other volunteer duties.*





Girl Scouts Report

Amy Peterson

We had 4 scouts complete the Obon patch this year! A couple unfortunately had scheduling conflicts. They were having so much fun they did almost every dance! Thanks to Sensei Chris for helping the girls again this year.

The troops Little Free Library has been such a hit that we've had to restock it over a dozen times since erecting it in June. We still have a few books left to stock and the scouts continue to check their libraries for more books. They are still looking for donations of adult books to stock. The late Dolly Parton was a supporter of Girl scouts

As a tribute we'd like to recognize Dolly Parton who wanted everyone to put a book in a child's hand, address bullying and

make the world a better place. Was Dolly a Girl Scout? Not quite. The link comes from the fact that members can earn a patch called "Coat of Many Colors" – named after Dolly's famous 1971 single, of course. The honor is given for thinking about those who are less fortunate and organizing ways to help the poor, and it was created by the Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians in collaboration with the country star herself.

Then at our last meeting the scouts cleaned up the bottles and cans from OBON that the temple donated to a bottle drop account that helps the scouts or access for overnights, activities if needed, etc. We are welcoming some new Daisy Scouts and one, Luca helped with the service project at her second meeting!

We continue to work on some cat items for the OR Humane Society (OHS) and collaboration with OBT to encourage donations for them.



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



Come See "Carving the Divine" – Saturday, Sept. 19 Ken Garner

About a year and a half ago, OBT applied for and received a grant from the George and Kathleen Anderson Charitable Trust. The purpose of the grant is to develop and present a free lecture series open to the public exploring current issues and ideas from a Buddhist perspective. For a long time we have thought of "temple education" as fairly narrow way: a dharma talk, maybe a study group. So I've been glad to watch our new lecture series, *Buddhism In Our Times*, stretch that definition.

On September 19th, as part of the series, we're screening the documentary *Carving The Divine*. I want to talk you into coming, and I want you to bring your curious, not-yet-Buddhist friends.

Carving The Divine follows Buddhist sculptors in Japan training, over years, in the traditional art of carving wooden Buddhist images by hand. It offers a rare look into a 1400 year old tradition and the practitioners struggling to preserve its legacy in a rapidly changing Japan. The film has received numerous awards and honors within the film industry as well as accolades from artists, art curators, writers, and religious thinkers and leaders.

Through this film you'll understand something about devotion and discipline that words alone don't quite get across. There's no podium, no explicitly Buddhist doctrine to explain it to you. Sometimes the teachings land better through a chisel than through a lecture.

That's the spirit behind the *Buddhism In Our Times* series. Sunday service and Dharma Exchange aren't the only doors into practice — some of us learn by discussion, some by sitting quietly in a dark room and letting an image work on us sideways. Widening the formats widens who the Dharma reaches.

You don't need to know anything about Buddhism to watch this film and feel something. That's a low bar — and exactly the kind that turns into a first real conversation about what any of us believe.

So: Join us on **Saturday September 19 at 2:30 pm** for the **FREE** and open to the public screening. Directly following the film, which runs 98 minutes we will have a live discussion and Q&A with filmmaker Yujiro Seki. This session will be via Zoom. This promises to be a fascinating event. I hope to see you there -- and bring a friend!

Oregon Buddhist Temple presents a special FREE showing of the award-winning film

Free and
Open to
the Public

CARVING THE DIVINE

Buddhist
Sculptors
of Japan

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**Q&A Discussion with the filmmaker
Yujiro Seki follows the showing
Saturday September 19, 2026 2:30 pm**

**Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave
Portland, OR**

Tamura-Terakawa Memorial Scholarship Presented to Avery Hughes-Davis

Photos by Maho Garner

Avery Hughes-Davis received the Tamura-Terakawa Memorial Scholarship following service on August 23, 2026. The scholarship was presented by Amy Peterson, from the scholarship committee.

The Tamura and Terakawa families established the scholarship in memory of Reverend Tansai Terakawa, who served at the Oregon Buddhist Church from 1939 to 1944, and Mrs. Hanako Tamura, who re-established the Dharma School after World War II and headed it for many years.

Congratulations to Avery and best wishes for his continuing college endeavors.



Mottainai Craft Group Debi Shimamoto

The yearly Obon at OBT is a special opportunity to share many things with our community. For the Kimono Sale, it is a chance to help anyone interested in kimono learn how to dress in one, accessorize it, select one to purchase, or simply have their questions answered. Our group takes great pleasure in doing this and in sharing our belief in reusing and repurposing these beautiful garments that were once cherished by their original owners. Year after year, seeing Obon participants enjoy wearing garments that past and present Mottainai members made strengthens the ties to our community as well as fostering our creative spirit. It felt wonderful to accomplish that once again this year.

We have many people to thank for making the sale a success: the donors who generously give us their kimono; all the volunteers who help for months before the sale, during the sale, and again afterward; and all the members, friends, and family who stopped by to browse, purchase, and say “hi.” We could not accomplish the sale without everyone’s support and involvement.

This year we had extra volunteers who stepped up to help dress our customers in kimono. Our dressers are often busy in

the room set aside for this purpose, and at times work continuously for long stretches. Having extra help with dressing allowed us to offer this service to even more people, and we are grateful for their help.

With perfect weather on Obon day, it was an especially fine day for wearing a summer yukata or kimono. It was a wonderful day for the Kimono Sale, and we are grateful for the continued support we receive from our community.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple (OBT) and the Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association (OBWA).

If you would like to donate kimono, yukata, accessories, and Japanese-themed fabric (print or solid colors), we continue to accept donations through the year to sell at temple events. If you plan to donate, please let us know who you are so we can thank you properly.

Thank you for your continued support. Contact the group for any questions at: mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.

Next meeting dates:

September 16, Wednesday, 10:30 – 3 pm

October 10, Saturday, 10:30 – 3 pm

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Below are some photos of the sale; inside the dressing room; friends and volunteers of Kimono Sale.
Photos by Mayu G., Maho G., Todd Y., Yasuko F., Karen S., Debi S





The 2026 OBT Holiday Craft Fair is Just Three Months Away! Angie Hughes

Are you a crafter, artist, or someone who just likes to make things? If so, this is for you! Oregon Buddhist Temple will be hosting its 11th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 9:00am—3:00pm, and there are still vendor spots available. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to participate in this fun

community building event. Each booth space will be offered to vendors at the very reasonable rate of \$35.00 per booth (6' table), and this includes complimentary tea and coffee during the set-up hours of 7:00am—9:00am. We are hoping for all types of quality handmade items and pieces of art that come from you! Temple affiliation is not required or expected. For the application and more information, please contact Angie at angie_hughes@kw.com or 503-367-2650. Each space is approximately 6'x9' and traffic has been great in previous years. Thanks for your interest!



New Videos - Minidoka Swing Band performing at the Minidoka National Historic Site Todd Yuzuriha

The Minidoka Swing Band made history by playing in an original mess hall from WWII at the Minidoka National Historic Site on its 25th anniversary becoming part of the National Park Service, just like the bands they honor. The performance was for former internees--some felt so moved that they danced like they did over 80 years ago.

Here's a link to the playlist--it consists of 4 short video clips and our overall performance for that tour group.

[Click here to view the Minidoka Swing Band performing at the Minidoka NHS.](#)

Full article about the Minidoka Swing Band's tour was in [August 2026 PureLand Path](#).



Invitation to participate in study of spiritual care in Shin Buddhism

Greetings to members of the Oregon Buddhist Temple,

We write to invite you to participate in a study of spiritual care in Shin Buddhism. The aim of this project is to ask about spiritual practices and spiritual care within communities.

We invite you to complete the anonymous online survey linked below. We expect it will take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete this survey. The initial phase of this study is now open to anyone who is 18 years of age or older and is a member or regular attendee at a BCA temple of the Northwest District (we hope to expand this study to include the entire BCA in the coming years). The survey will be open into September.

No incentive is offered for participation in this survey. This is an anonymous survey, but summative reports from this study will be shared with temple leadership and in academic venues. We are grateful to have the support of Bishop Harada and the Northwest District Council for conducting this survey.

Please be aware that one of the researchers, Erik Hammerstrom, is a Minister's Assistant at Tacoma Buddhist Temple. However, personally identifying information will not be collected in this survey.

Thank you for your participation. Thank you also for letting other members at your temple know about this survey. We look forward to sharing our findings in the near future.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Department of Religion
Pacific Lutheran University
<hammerej@plu.edu>

Aimee Hamilton, M.A., M.Sc.
Independent Researcher
<hamilton.aimee@gmail.com>

Survey Link: https://plu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3mT5DxTeYPFjUWi

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. 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.



To register for this BCA Virtual Art Exhibit, click on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/bcartcall2026>



Thank You!
for volunteering today



Oregon Buddhist Sangha and friends please join us in a volunteer event repackaging food for the

OREGON FOOD BANK

Saturday, 10 October

9:00 – 11:00 am

Oregon Food Bank,
Portland Warehouse
7900 NE 33rd Dr
Portland, OR 97211



Pre-registration required. To register use the above QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/4gclZA2> or contact Robbi Ando at 503.329.6682 or rchando@comcast.net.

Carpool and luncheon options, contact Robbi.

Pre-registration required.

**Minimum
age 8
years**

Sponsored by the
OBWA Oregon Buddhist
Women's Association

To register for this Oregon Food Bank event, click on this link: <https://bit.ly/4gclZA2>

The poster features a light beige background with faint, stylized autumn leaves in shades of orange and green. At the top, the text "OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE" is written in a brown, serif font, arched over a central circular logo. The logo is a blue, ornate mandala. Below this, the main title "SUKIYAKI FALL BAZAAR" is displayed in large, bold, brown serif letters. In the center, there are two main informational boxes: an orange cloud-like shape on the left containing the text "Dine-In or Pick-Up" with a wavy line underneath, and a green rounded rectangle on the right containing the text "SUNDAY OCTOBER 25" followed by three white dots and "12-3 PM". To the left of the green box is a QR code, with a black curved arrow pointing from it towards the bottom left. To the right of the QR code is an orange pumpkin shape containing the text "Other food for sale, with vegan + vegetarian options!". At the bottom, there are two horizontal bars: a brown one with the text "ORDER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 11" and an orange one with the URL "oregonbuddhisttemple.com/fallbazaar".

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Oregon Buddhist Temple - Sukiyaki Fall Bazaar 2026

**Dine-in & Pick-up on Sunday, Oct 25, 12pm-3pm**

Form Deadline: Sunday, Oct 11 | ***Other food items will be sold on the day of the Fall Bazaar

Item	Includes	Price	Quantity: Dine-in	Quantity: Pick-up
Beef Sukiyaki + Rice	Beef, tofu, veggies, mushrooms, konnyaku, dashi, rice	\$22		
Vegan Sukiyaki + Rice	Tofu, veggies, mushrooms, konnyaku, dashi, rice	\$22		
Tsukemono	Pickled cabbages	\$3		
Total \$ for food:			\$	
Additional donation: Oregon Buddhist Temple			\$	

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Optional: Pick-up reminder. Phone number/email: _____

PORTLAND
TAIKO
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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
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An OBT and OBWA group viewing of the Portland Taiko performance titled “**Kaeru**” is planned for **November 15** at 2pm. There is a discount available (code: PARTNER15) if tickets are purchased by **September 7th**.

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.

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.

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](#)



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](#)



In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple