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Just Keep Swimming Rev. Vonn Magnin

Greetings, Dharma friends! I hope y'all are surviving the summer so far! It's been a really interesting adjustment for Karen & me as we went from the sweltering temperatures of Arizona to the cool Pacific Northwest.

We're doing our best to soak up all the mild weather, as we know that in only a few short months, the coolness will start to transition to potentially very cold & wet weather!

The past several weeks have been very busy for us! We completed our final duties at our jobs, drove to Oregon to drop off my car only to fly back as soon as we arrived so we could attend the AZ Obon, packed up our belongings into a POD to move them, went on a couple of trips with family & friends, made our final drive to Oregon with Karen's car & our dogs, & then started unpacking our stuff when the POD arrived. Whew!

Throughout all of this, I felt like Dory from the great Disney movie *Finding Nemo*. I kept telling myself to just keep swimming.

To tell the truth, though, it's a bit hard to keep swimming. I started to tell myself that once I finished whatever I was focused on in that moment (like unpacking a box or building a piece of furniture), things would get easier; but what ended up happening is that something new would slide right into the gap that was left after I checked off the box of a finished task. That's life, isn't it?

It wasn't long before I felt like I wasn't swimming but starting to drown, despite the love & support I was receiving from Karen & our 2 furry doggies. It was becoming hard to notice the other things going on around me. I started suffering from tunnel vision & was only able to see the thing right in front of my face.

Then one day last week, I was driving somewhere for an errand & I noticed the sun shining on the snowcapped peak of Mt. Hood. In that moment, I found my attention drawn away from my list of things to get done as quickly as possible to the simple beauty of a majestic mountain view that was so new & fresh to me. The light that was illuminating the top of Mt. Hood left me awestruck in that briefest of moments.



Since that day last week, every time I'm driving & it's safe to do so, I make a point to look & listen to whatever is going on around me. I've heard birds singing, children laughing, the wind singing in the trees, & people singing in the cars. I've seen clouds passing by, the sun reflecting off the Willamette River, people enjoying being outdoors, & lots of happy dogs walking with their human companions. It's amazing how a little light can command you to wake up & notice the beautiful things around you.

To me, this is what *Shinjin* must be like. *Shinjin* is the Light of Amida Buddha's Boundless Wisdom & Compassion that is shining on each of us – illuminating us even though the world around us may still be cloaked in darkness. When we receive *Shinjin* from Amida Buddha, we naturally begin to wake up & see ourselves as we truly are. Our thoughts begin to soften & our hearts grow more tender to the world around us. Not all the way & not all the time, as we will always be tethered to this world of human existence filled with moments of dissatisfaction, disappointment, & suffering until we complete this life. But when we truly "see" the Light of *Shinjin*, we will know we are okay just as we are until we are born in Amida Buddha's Pure Land of Peace & Bliss.

So, the next time you are super busy & frantically going from thing to thing, I hope you will find your moments to look around & see the Light of *Shinjin* that is shining on you, always.

Namo Amida Butsu!



Welcoming Rev. Magnin Charles Reneau, OBT President

As I'm writing this, we're gearing up for our 2026 Obon Festival. If you'd like to help out, you can find information about volunteering on our website. Even if you can't help out this year, we'd love to see you there.

I've already written a lot about Obon, so I'd like to focus on the other big news of the summer: welcoming Rev. Magnin, who was officially installed at our Keishokushiki (succession ceremony) on July 12th. After the service, we had a wonderful meal, sang a campfire song to thank Rev. Koyama for his service to us, and wished him farewell.

I've gotten to know Rev. Magnin much better in the last few weeks, as we've met to go over some of the day-to-day

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business of our Temple. I've also gotten to know his wife, Karen, who has already stepped up to join the OBWA and several Temple committees! We three went out to late lunch the other day after service and I got to talk their ears off about Oregon history, climate, and geography.

I hope everyone at the Temple has a chance to get to know Karen and Rev. Magnin like I have, and help to welcome them to our Sangha.

In recent years, the BCA has been advising each Temple to stand up a Ministerial Affairs Committee, "to increase and facilitate communication between the ministers and their Sangha members," as Wheel Of Dharma Editor Jon Kawamoto puts it. The group is composed of myself, Cathy Yarne, Judy Hittle, and Kristen Wong. Smaller than our whole Board, but with more voices than just the Temple President's, we hope our new committee creates an accessible process to guide the Temple/Minister relationship, and allows for constructive dialog about how the Temple and Minister can

best serve each other. Please reach out to us with ideas or suggestions!

On a final note, after welcoming our new Resident Minister, I'd like to acknowledge the skilled and tireless efforts of Minister's Assistants Brenda Fugate and Ken Garner. In the absence of a Resident Minister, Brenda and Ken take on the lion's share of organizing and officiating services, as well as organizing Dharma Exchange, Memorial Day and Hatsubon visits to local cemeteries, and much more. Their years of training, accomplished during busy lives with children and full time careers, allows them to officiate services at our Temple. Without that, we may have needed to reduce our service schedule, and only have services once or twice a month.

There are many other Temples in the history of the BCA which have unfortunately had to curtail regular services when they lose a Resident Minister. I believe OBT might have been one of them, had Brenda and Ken not stepped up to the plate with such generosity of their time and energy. Please join me in thanking them!

Keishokushiki (Succession Ceremony) Service, July 12 2026

Photos by Maho Garner



Keishokushiki (Succession Ceremony) Service, July 12 2026

Photos by Maho Garner

OBT officially welcomed Rev. Magnin during this special service followed by lunch and musical entertainment downstairs.

Rev. Koyama presented Rev. Magnin with his certification of appointment from the BCA and also reminisced on his last 3 years at OBT. Rev. Magnin greeted the OBT Sangha with reflections on his drive all the way from Phoenix. OBT President Charles Reneau thanked both ministers for their commitment and sacrifices to the temple.

To view video of this event please follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/VUOCUfdE91w?is=2P7OHxOh0u4arnpD>



August Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of August. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the August 16 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.

Patsy Abe, 8/30/2006*	Sei Kinoshita, 8/1/1973	Reiko Okawa, 8/31/1998*
Toshiko Akao, 8/14/2000	Tatsuko Kuribayashi, 8/20/2001*	Toichi Okawa, 8/11/1959
Suematsu Ando, 8/26/1957	Emi Kutada, 8/3/2016	Hantaro Sakamoto 8/25/1954
Sumiko Ando, 8/25/2001*	Francis Kanji Maeda, 8/24/2001	Teruko Sasaki, 8/28/2009
Nisuke Azuma, 8/11/1961	Kinu Maeda, 8/31/1987*	Mary Shido, 8/14/2000
Sada Brandon, 8/16/2016	Takako Maeda, 8/11/2023*	Kazumi Shintani 8/12/2016*
Jan Brown Jr, 8/31/1995	Nobuko Masuoka, 8/5/2016*	Vincent Smith, 8/19/2001
Reiko Akao Brown, 8/15/2011	Jean Matsumoto, 8/31/2025*	Kinu Sugimura, 8/10/1972*
Yoshimi Fujii, 8/31/1995	Kina Matsumura, 8/10/1972	Alice Sumida, 8/16/2018
Nobuko Fujinaka, 8/23/2018	Bernard Leon Mayers, 8/17/2010	Nobuko Susaki, 8/2/2001
Arlita Greenwood, 8/10/2001	Barbara Melore, 8/17/2006	Tsunetaro Takabayashi, 8/20/1960
Henrietta Ueoka Harrison, 8/5/2014	Henry Mishima, 8/13/2025	Hirao Tamiyasu, 8/21/1978
Kesae Kay Hata, 8/17/2000	Yachiyo Morita, 8/31/1997*	Saichi Tanaka, 8/12/1957
Jinsuke Higashi, 8/11/1961	Phyllis Muramatsu, 8/11/2006*	Kisuke Teramura, 8/26/1969
Tei Inahara, 8/6/1997*	Sam Matsutaro Muramatsu, 8/13/1978	Hatsuye Toyooka, 8/23/1983*
Baby Ishida, 8/12/1950	Saisuke Naemura, 8/20/1953	Take Uesugi, 8/9/1953*
Edith Itamura, 8/6/2002	Sam Sadatoshi Naganuma, 8/12/2001	Henry Uyeda, 8/24/1974
Masu Ito, 8/26/1956*	Sanami Nakano, 8/28/2008	Josephine Uyeda, 8/12/2012*
Kazue Katada, 8/28/1995*	Emil Nakao, 8/14/2005	Diane Renee Winner, 8/7/2001
Koriku Kato, 8/16/1974	Taitaro Nakao, 8/5/1972	Kan Yagi, 8/9/2013*
Ken Yoshito Kawazoe, 8/17/2022	Shoshana Sarah Newman, 8/3/2021	Ujitsuto Yamaguchi, 8/27/1986
	Joann Ng, 8/21/2004	Kamekichi Yoshida, 8/28/1952

* OBWA member

OBT Dharma Talks on YouTube

[Click this link to view OBT's YouTube page](#) or the links below for selected Dharma talks.

Just As We Are	Rev. Vonn Magnin
Remembering Those Who Came Before Us	Rev. Vonn Magnin
Succession Ceremony - Installation Service of Rev. Vonn Magnin	Messages from OBT President Charlie Reneau, Rev. Tadao Koyama, Rev. Vonn Magnin
Wisdom & Compassion With You Every Step of the Way	Rev. Tadao Koyama
Walk Sillier	Jack Kostylo
Medical Model of Buddhism	Dr. Alfred Ono
Not A Single Disciple	M.A. Ken Garner

Discover Shinjin Within Yourself Then Share With Others	Rev. Tadao Koyama
A Mother's Day Reflection	M.A. Brenda Fugate
Gratitude	Dr. Alfred Ono
Heedless of the Dew	M.A. Brenda Fugate
Fact vs. Truth	M.A. Ken Garner
The Nembutsu: A Care Package from Amida Buddha	Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
The Power of Remembrance – A Buddhist Perspective	Rev. Duncan Williams
Wisdom and Compassion in Action	M.A. Ken Garner

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Donations received 6/17/2026 to 7/16/2026

In memory of Amy Tsuji Curry

Colin Nakamura

SHOTSUKI HOYO***In memory of Sally M.L. Nakamura***

Colin Nakamura

***In memory of Jimmy Hondo
& Mas Hondo***

Ray & Lori Fukunaga

In memory of Shig Fujikawa

Frieda Fujikawa

Steve & Clara Pawlowski

In memory of Mishima/Takao family

Anonymous

In memory of Bachan & Pou

Sayuri

Special donations

Etsuko Osaki

Dana Kakishita (*Father's Day*)Dana Kakishita (*Obonfest*)Toki Ariyoshi (*Obonfest*)***Obonfest Donor Circle***

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Roberta Ando

Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

Katie Tamiyasu

Alfred Ono

Obonfest Shopping List

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Yasuko Fields

Julia Yoshimoto & Bobbin Singh

Toyoko Oguri

Kiyomi Dickinson

Alfred Ono

Tasha & Marlene Moro

Obon / Kangi-e

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Diane Ando Harder

Glenda Watson-Coly

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Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day!

Kim Kono & Charley Reneau

Summertime at OBT means one special thing: it is Obon time! On Saturday, August 1, from 2 pm to 9 pm, we will gather for a joyful day of remembrance, gratitude and community. Together, we will honor our ancestors and loved ones, share the Nembutsu and Jodo Shinshu teachings, celebrate with friends and neighbors from across Oregon, and dance Bon Odori under the lanterns as the sun sets. Obon brings back many memories—joyful, meaningful, and sometimes even magical—and our Sangha and broader community look forward to this beloved festival year after year.

Of course, Obon Fest would not be possible without the incredible generosity and spirit of so many people. We are grateful to the volunteers who have been diligently planning, preparing, cooking, organizing, and sharing their time and talents. We also thank the businesses that have supported the festival through in-kind donations and the individuals whose cash gifts help underwrite food items and event expenses, making OBT's largest fundraiser a success. To everyone who helps bring Obon to life: Arigato Gozaimashita!

As always, there will be so much to enjoy. Guests can look forward to creative and delicious Japanese festival foods prepared by temple members, exciting sumo wrestling, powerful taiko performances, and educational temple talks. The evening will culminate with Bon Odori dancing, when everyone is welcome to join in and dance in memory of our departed loved ones.

The Kimono and Omiyage booths will be filled with lovely treasures to browse, enjoy, and take home.

Families will find plenty to enjoy in the Children's Activities area, with the Rose City Retro Store nearby for more shopping. We are also pleased to welcome two community booths: JACL and Tsuru for Solidarity.

We want to highlight a few changes for our members and guests. This year, the main food booths will close at 7 pm so our event volunteers can participate in the dancing. The Shave Ice booth, Beverages, and Beer Garden will remain open until the event ends, so everyone can stay refreshed and hydrated as the dancing continues into the evening.

Food booth volunteers should also note that this year there will be an Orientation for food booth volunteers at 1 pm on event day. Volunteers will receive an email in advance with additional details.

For the latest schedule on indoor and outdoor programs, the food menu, and event maps, visit the OBT website at <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-festival>

We still need volunteer help, especially on event day in the food booths. If you can lend a hand, please sign up here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5A923A0FFC70-63339023-obon#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5A923A0FFC70-63339023-obon#/)

Do invite your friends, family, and neighbors to attend the festival. Your support and enthusiasm help make Obon and OBT such a special place to gather. We can't wait to see you at Obon Fest!

In Gassho,
Kim Kono
Obon Co-chairs

Charley Reneau

OBT Hatsubon & Shotsuki Hoyo Service, July 19, 2026

Photos by Maho Garner

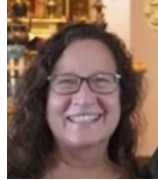
OBT held its annual Hatsubon service to honor loved ones who passed over the previous year. A short memorial service was also held in the columbarium (nokotsudo) after service to remember those interred there.





OBWA Report Jayne Ichikawa & Nancy Kajitsu

As the OBWA reporter for August, I thought it would be a great opportunity to introduce **Karen Magnin** who is the wife of OBT's new resident minister to our members/friends. I have asked her questions which are answered below.



Please tell us about your family

We both grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. We have two grown boys. One lives here in Portland and the other is attending ASU and lives in our house in Phoenix. We have two dogs named Chewie and Percy or better known as Naughty and Spaz. We have one grandpuppy named Tony.

What is your professional background and past involvement with the Arizona Temple?

Before retiring I was a kindergarten/1st grade teacher for 29 joyful years. I loved every minute of it. At the Arizona Buddhist Temple I was on the Board, The Dharma School Superintendent, one of the Dharma School teachers, a Junior YBA advisor, flower toban, and on the social committee. (Like many people here I wore many hats :) My favorite was the social committee. I really enjoy setting up events to give the Sangha opportunities to grow as a community.

What are your hobbies and favorite pastimes?

For hobbies, I love to read, crafting, traveling and going to coffee shops.

What are your hopes and expectations at OBT and OBWA?

I want to be a supportive and active member of OBT and OBWA. I'm really excited to be here and becoming part of your amazing community.

Karen and Rev. Magnin, "Welcome to our OBT Sangha and community!" We are glad to have you here!

Other OBWA News

GoFundMe Request: Diane Harder shared that her daughter-in-law, Shannon Harder's father, Mike Lockard recently lost his home, belongings and three beloved dogs in a house fire. There is a GoFundMe fund raiser campaign set up by Shannon's sister, Amber Philips. Here is the link to the GoFundMe account: <https://gofund.me/a7895c3d1> For

anyone who prefers to donate by check to Michael Lockard, Diane Harder will gladly ensure it will get to Shannon's dad. OBWA has donated \$50 to Michael Lockard. Diane thanks everyone who helps with this GoFundMe for Michael Lockard.

Community Outreach:

The CREW fundraiser has ended very successfully thanks to many donations from the Sangha. Donated items will be delivered soon. Please see the [note of appreciation](#) from Julia Yoshimoto in this newsletter. Jayne Ichikawa will apply to the BCA Social Welfare Committee to request a matching amount. The Food Bank collection will continue until the end of 2026. This fundraiser has been greatly impacted by the immense amount of food donations.

OBT Cemetery Schedule:

*Saturday, July 25, at 10:30 am at Gresham Cemetery and NOON at the Rose City Cemetery

*The Nokotsudo at the OBT columbarium service has already taken place on July 19.

Local Event and Conference Schedule:

Aug. 8 (Sat) 11am-5pm Portland Buddhist Festival
At Dharma Rain Center

Aug. 16 (Sun) Nikkei Picnic at Oaks Park

Oct. 2-4 48th BCA FBWA Conference
Sept. 11-12, 2027 World Buddhist Women
Conference in Hawaii

OBT Upcoming Events

Aug. 1 (Sat) OBT ObonFest – [Volunteer!](#)
Sept. 13 (Sun) Dharma Service at Kenilworth Park
Potluck Service / Picnic
Sept. 19 (Sat) 10am OBWA Meeting
Sept. TBD Oregon Food Bank Volunteer Event
Oct. 25 (Sun) Sukiyaki Fall Bazaar
Nov. 14 (Sat) Craft Fair

(Next OBWA reporter Jeanette Hager)

Interested in signing up as an [Obon Volunteer](#), dancing in [Bon Odori](#) practices, or finding [Kimono](#) for sale? See the [Obon Fest notices](#) in the back of the newsletter.

THANK YOU

OBT and everyone who participated in the



donation drive!

Total value of
donations collected
(money & items):
\$2551.74!



We will be applying for a
matching funds grant from the
BCA's Social Welfare Committee.

Minidoka Swing Band Commemorates Minidoka NHS Anniversary

By Todd and Elaine Yuzuriha



The Minidoka Swing Band returned to internment camp band roots--at the Block 22 Mess Hall of the Minidoka National Historic Site

The Minidoka Swing Band returned last week from a historic tour commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Minidoka National Historic Site (MNHS) becoming part of the National Park Service. We returned to our roots by performing in an original Mess Hall in Block 22 of MNHS. In all, we played for 3 venues in and around Twin Falls, ID for the 2026 Minidoka Pilgrimage and played at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, OR.

Once it was determined that an original mess hall existed at the Minidoka National Historic Site, manager Elaine pushed to bring the band there. It took a lot of convincing to get MNHS staff to warm to the idea. They needed to remove some of the interior supports to make enough room for the band, and they needed to clear the adjacent field for audio equipment access. With no electricity in the mess hall, we used backup batteries for our soundboard, mics, speakers, and bass.

It surprised me how hard it hit me emotionally as we played one of the Minidoka camp dance favorites (according to my dad) "Moonlight Serenade" with our daughter Joy soloing on clarinet.

Band performers included OBT attendees Elaine Yuzuriha (manager), Todd Yuzuriha, Joy Stafford, Chris Fajardo, and Lonny Doi. Other band members were Jon Payne, Cooper Dunsmore, Todd Ouchida, Eric Olson, Doug Hamilton, Morgan Dickerson, Richard Watson, Mark Elliott, Josie Liascos, Larry Bicknes, and Pat Fitzgerald. Also the band entourage of 30 included Chris Stafford, Jill, Daisy, and Reina Fajardo. Other OBT members and friends who attended the Pilgrimage were Janice Okamoto, Robbi Ando, Diane Harder, Connie Masuoka and the Stacy, Roxie, and Maxxine Dadfarma family.



The Minidoka Swing Band touring group consisted of 30 people and 4 generations.



The Minidoka Swing Band on stage of the Main Auditorium, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.



Mottainai Craft Group Debi Shimamoto

During July, Kimono Pre-Sales were ongoing during evenings of Obon practice. Dancers were able to preview some of the yukata, kimono, happi, accessories, and make purchases as well.

Visit the FULL VERSION of the Kimono Sale during Obon, Saturday, August 1st. Our members can offer you help in selecting a kimono to purchase.

Several of the mannequins in the temple basement will be dressed in kimono sets, each for a different occasion. The complete sets of kimono will be available to purchase. Also on display in the basement will be beautiful kimonos hanging along the wall. Not only can kimonos be worn, but they can also be one-of-a-kind wall hangings for a room interior.

Please volunteer to help at the Kimono Sale at Obon Fest. Link to [SignUp Genius](#) is available online, or email mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com for information.

We are grateful for the donations of kimono, yukata, and Japanese-themed fabric. Many of these items hold memories, and we aim to preserve them by offering them for others to enjoy. 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. All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple and the women's group (OBWA.)

WHAT'S AHEAD

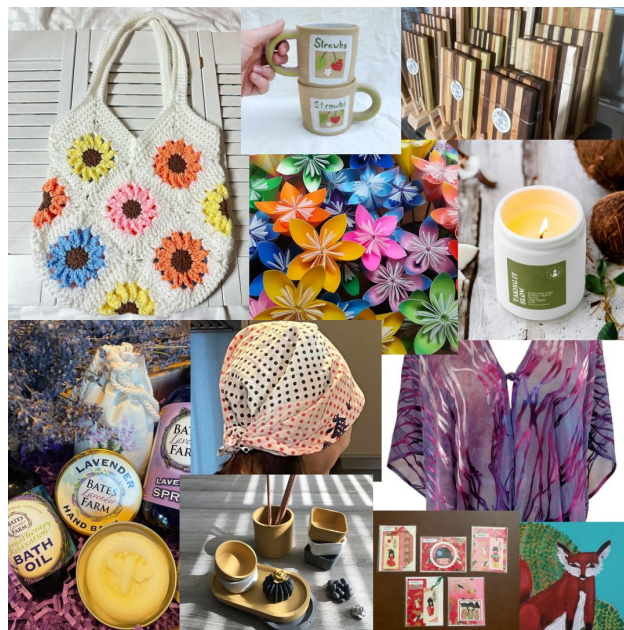
- No meeting in August.
 - Our next meeting will be September 16, Wednesday
- Thank you for your continued support. Contact the group for any questions at:
mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.





Calling all crafters and artisans! 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. 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!



Obon Preparations in Full Swing

Photos by Amber T.

Thanks to Amber and Joel for sharing photos of the mochi preparation that took place on July 22. They had a great time preparing mochi with Amy, Gene, Cathy, Noah, and others. We appreciate them and all the volunteers helping OBT prepare for Obon!



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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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

Oregon Buddhist Temple

Obon Fest 2026

Saturday, August 1, 2026 2-9pm

Attendance is FREE
All are Welcome!

A vibrant illustration depicting the Obon festival. In the center, a large, orange, lion-like creature (a lion dance) is being pulled by a rope. Several children are shown in various poses, some dancing, some holding lanterns, and some interacting with the lion. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. The overall style is colorful and festive.

Obon Dance
Food and Beverages
Kids Activities
Entertainment
and so much more!

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97202
www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com



We are looking for ObonFest volunteers!
Please sign up on [Signup Genius](#) or contact Jayne Ichikawa

KIMONO Sale 2026

@Oregon Buddhist Temple

Vintage and New Kimono, Yukata, Obi,
Happi and Kimono Accessories at
Obon Fest 2026

Saturday, August 1 (2-7pm)

*Pre-sale on July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 (7 to 8:30)
during Obon Dance practice.*

Closed during dancing to not interfere with dancers.



Donations are welcome!

For more information, please contact
mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com

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3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97292

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.



CALL FOR ENTRIES
6th Annual BCA Virtual Art Exhibit

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT 1, 2026

Open to all members of our BCA Sangha Community!

Register at
[TINYURL.COM/BCARTCALL2026](https://tinyurl.com/BCARTCALL2026)

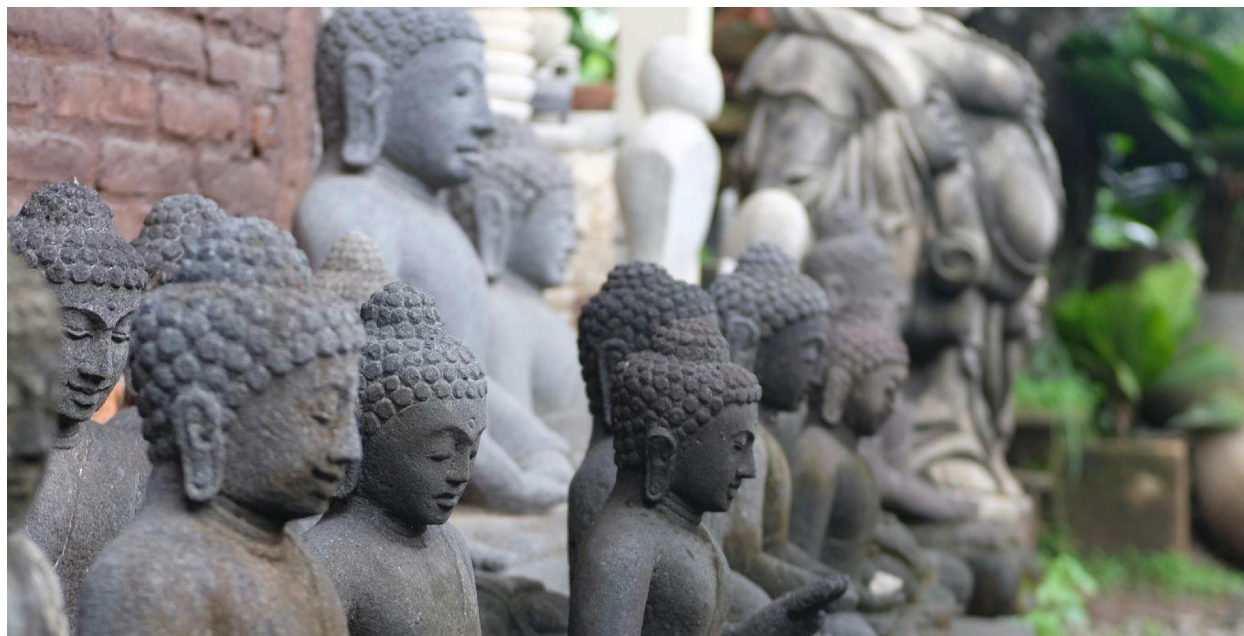
Buddhist Churches of America
ARTWORK BY TESSA ASATO



CARVING THE DIVINE
Buddhist Sculptors of Japan
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Special Showing and Q&A Discussion with filmmaker Yujiro Seki
Saturday September 19, 2026 2:30 pm
Details to Follow

SAVE THE DATE



PORTLAND Buddhist Festival

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8

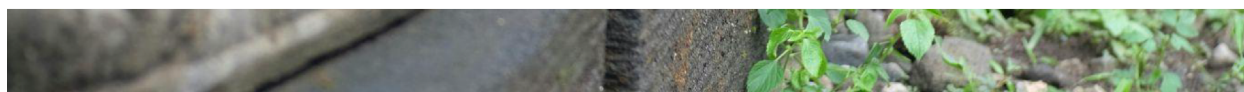


11am-5pm

Celebrate the vibrancy of Portland's Buddhist community with representatives from more than twenty Buddhist temples and organizations.

Join us at Dharma Rain Zen Center's 14-acre park-like property. Visit information booths from an array of Buddhist temples. Participate in Buddhist chants, ceremonial practices, dance, mindfulness activities, and children's programs.

DHARMA RAIN ZEN CENTER
8500 NE Siskiyou St, Portland, OR 97220





The poster features a light beige background with stylized autumn leaves in orange and green. At the top, the text "OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE" is arched over a blue circular logo. The main title "SUKIYAKI FALL BAZAAR" is in large, bold, brown letters. Below this, there are two main informational boxes: an orange cloud-like shape on the left and a green rounded rectangle on the right. The orange shape contains the text "Dine-In or Pick-Up" with a wavy line underneath. The green box contains the date "SUNDAY OCTOBER 25", three dots, and the time "12-3 PM". To the left of the green box is a QR code with a 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".

OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

SUKIYAKI FALL BAZAAR

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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: _____

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.**



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

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

BCA MEMBERS RED CARPET WEEKEND 2026

Returns by Popular Demand! ✨



JODO SHINSHU CENTER
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



AUGUST
28–30, 2026



Join fellow BCA members for an unforgettable weekend filled with:



Meaningful
Connections



Inspiring
Discussions



Fun with
Dharma friends



Opportunities for
learning and reflection

Open to all BCA temple members ages 18 and older — whether you're attending for the first time or returning from last year's successful event!

NEW IN 2026



PRESIDENT'S TOWN HALL

Join BCA President Glenn Inanaga for an interactive discussion about temple life, ideas, experiences, and the future of the BCA community.



WHAT'S NEW IN BCA?

Hear exciting updates and initiatives shaping the future of the BCA.



EVENING SOCIAL WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Enjoy desserts and refreshments while connecting informally with BCA executive leadership and staff.

ENCORE FAVORITES RETURN



SPECIAL SESSION WITH BISHOP REV. MARVIN HARADA

One of last year's most-loved highlights returns! Ask questions and hear the Bishop's reflections and insights.



KIESHIKI AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

Participants may arrange in advance to receive a Buddhist name.
(\$50 administrative fee applies.)



RARE VIEWING OPPORTUNITY

First-time attendees may view the Holy Relics enshrined inside the Stupa atop the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.



MUSICAL OFFERING SERVICE

The weekend concludes with inspiring music and performances that share the Dharma and touch the heart.

REGISTER NOW!



Registration Deadline: **July 15, 2026**



Limited lodging available at the Jodo Shinshu Center



Information & Registration:
Visit the webpage for event details and registration.

Link to website:
<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/red-carpet-weekend>
Password: **bcarcw2026**



FREE Meals & Lodging at the JSC

(Space is limited, and shared accommodations may be required.)

Thanks to the generous support of:

- Dharma Forward
- Bishop's Expansion Fund
- Bloomquist Education Endowment
- Bay, Northern, Northwest, and Southern Districts



SCAN TO REGISTER!



QUESTIONS?



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