



Berkeley Zen Center



July 2002 Newsletter

Welcome new members Judy Bertelsen, Marialupe Duarte, and Annette Herskovits.



Jukai... On June 16, Sojun lay-ordained nine BZC members. In addition, with Sojun's help, Mary Mocine ordained one of her own students and David Weinberg ordained two of his. Here is a list of all the ordinees and their new dharma names:

Sojun's students:

Anzan Tokogyo

Peaceful Mountain Virtuous Walking
Jed Appelman

Shogetsu Junki

Bright Moon Straightforward Spirit
Diana Bartle

Shinko Se'wa

Deep Lake Clear, Peaceful
Leslie Bartolic

Muso Togen

Beyond Thinking Penetrate Source
Perry Goodwin

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Affirmation of Welcome

Walking the path of liberation, we express our intimate connection with all beings. Welcoming diversity, here at Berkeley Zen Center the practice of Zazen is available to people of every race, nationality, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical ability. May all beings realize their true nature.

July & August Schedule

Founders' Ceremony

Tuesday, 7-2, 6:20pm

Thursday, 7-5, 6:40am

Interdependence day

Zendo closed, Wednesday, 7-4

Hills and Streams Sesshin

Saturday, 7-6, 1:00pm through

Sunday, 7-7, 3:00pm

Half-Day Sitting

Sunday, 7-7, 8:30am to 12:30pm

One-Day Sitting

Sunday, 7-14, 5:00am to 5:30pm

Bodhisattva Ceremony

Saturday, 7-27, 9:30am

Half-Day Sitting

Saturday, 7-27, noon to 4pm

Founders' Ceremony

Thursday, 8-1, 6:20pm

Friday, 8-2, 6:40am

Mountains & Rivers

Friday, 8-2 through Sunday, 8-4

Bodhisattva Ceremony

Saturday, 8-24, 9:30am

One-Day Sitting

Saturday, 8-10, 5:00am to 9:10pm

Half-Day Sitting

Saturday, 8-24, noon to 4pm

BZC Campout

Saturday, 8-17 through Sunday, 8-18

Kisen Hoshin
Radiant Spring Dharma Heart
Marie Hopper

Kosan Shinshi
High Mountain Deep, Still
Walter Kieser

Antei Shujin
Serene Garden Cultivate Virtue
Anne Larson

Gyoshi Kisen
Walk Lion Resolute Practice
Bob Lyons

Kogen Kudo
Constant Presence Courageous Heart
John Mogey

David's students:

Gensho Shoan
Dark Pine Genuine Bliss
Sharon Gregory

Shunka Jundo
Spring Blossom Pure Way
Karen Pfluger

Mary's student:

Sokyo Seishin
Sangha Home Sincere Heart
Mimi Saunders

Congratulations to all and many gasshos to sewing teachers Linda Galilan, Jean Selkirk, and Rebecca Mayeno.



Alley Project.... The brick alley project is finally done. Our appreciation to the volunteers, including Rick Wallace, David Weinberg, Andrea Pratt, Greg Denny and others, who finished laying the bricks on

the east side of the BZC property. A job well done.



Gasshos... The BZC Library recently received a donation of Dharma books in memory of Pat Cannan. Many of the books have been shared with the Buddhist Peace Fellowship's Prison Project. Both BZC and BPF acknowledge with gratitude this gift in memory of Pat.

For many years Bob Poulsen, a long-time member and good friend of BZC, has been "bringing new life to old books" - to quote Bob's card. Bob rebinds damaged and worn books that are important to BZC's collection. Check out his recent work on The Last Days of Buddha, Buddha is the Center of Gravity, and Katachi: Japanese Pattern & Design. In addition, Bob binds our editions of Wind Bell. The beautiful, refined quality of Bob's work is a blessing to the BZC sangha. Thank you, Bob!



Ino.. As of July 1, Paul Ridgway takes over for Malcolm Fairbrother as Zendo Manager. So beginning then, make sure to see Paul (at 524-9625 or PLRidgway@lbl.gov) for any questions about activities and events in the zendo, including well-being and memorial services. Many deep gasshos to Malcolm for filling this very time-consuming position so gracefully and fastidiously. Also, know that Malcolm leaves this month for extended travels to do research for his dissertation. He will be gone for quite some time but is planning intermittent visits back. Safe journey, Malcolm, and many thanks for your conscientious practice here over the last few years as sangha member and resident.



More Changes...Jeb Appelman replaces John Andrulis as Bathroom Attendant. Gasshos to John for so conscientiously performing this duty. Ann Greenwater is now the Community Room Porch Bulletin Board Attendent. Thanks to Dolly Gattozzi for many years at this position. And finally, the new web site manager is Paul Ridgway.

He takes over for Laurie Senauke. Thanks to Laurie for covering these duties for a few months.



For Shuso Tsuzan Gensho Doug Greiner

Being time, universes appear and disappear.
Being time, stars coalesce, suns collapse.

But meanwhile
In our garden
The noble tree is in continuous bloom,
Each blossom the fruit
Of years
Of love, of loss, of taking care.
Such good care.

Being time, in the wind the limbs creak a bit now.
But underneath the deep roots work,
Support our very practice ground.

Being time, in the breeze the leaves shimmer like smiles,
A dance of quiet liberation.

Being time, before dawn,
We step through the gate rubbing the sleep from our eyes.
The tree is already awake.
If you look closely,
On every leaf and blossom,
You can see the dewdrops of our gratitude.

Benji Heishin Tando Greg Denny
Shuso Hossen, June 2002



Like Water

Someone asked me:
What is the practice of a Zen Student?
I said:
Like water.

Water always seeks the lowest place
It goes with gravity
It takes the shape of whatever boundaries it meets
Sometimes it looks like a cup or an ocean
The sweat on your hands
The snot on your nose
Clouds
Raindrops
Lifeflood
Constantly flowing
In and out of
Your body.

We meet it with plumbing.
Strong pipes with tight joints.
Water is truth
Plumbing must be honest
Water can't be fooled
Water makes everything truthful
That is its pure activity
Sometimes it appears as slime
Or poison
Or tears
It goes through infinite transformations
When it dries out it appears somewhere else
It is never lost
Or gone
It is purified by coursing through rocks and boulders.

Water is drawn to the rarified realms by the sun
Gravity pulls it to earth
It has the qualities of spirit and matter
Water becomes vapor
Becomes cloud
Retreats from earth

Loses its shape
Lets go
Returns to the dusty realms
To nourish all beings
As drops
Mud
Hailstones
Snow
Dew.

The monk is called “unsui”
“clouds and water”
The unsui sits upright,
Doesn’t lean right or left backward or forward
Gravity pulling down with all its force
Spirit rising with all its strength
Mind open, vast as space
The life force blooming like a flower
Equilibrium of all the forces and powers
The unconditional realm in the midst of
All conditions.

The lowest place is the highest place
The shape of the cloud and water person
Is determined by the direction of the wind
Water has no special shape or form
It responds to prayers
Its love pervades everywhere and is not limited by
Self interest.

Eno, says That One, is like the sun
Shining its light in all directions
Illuminating the way
Facing challenges
Not turning away from difficulties
With purity
Like a lotus in muddy water.

Sojun





Saturday Childcare

Childcare is offered on Saturdays from 9:15 to 11:15. The cost is \$5 per family. Note that the childcare schedule is tentative.

Childcare is not offered if no one's planning to come, so please call Laurie the Thursday before to let us know if you're hoping to attend. For more information, call Laurie Senauke, 845-2215.

July 6	Childcare
July 13	No program
July 20	Childcare
July 27	Childcare
August 3	Childcare
August 10	No program
August 17	Childcare
August 17-18	BZC Campout!
August 24	Childcare
August 31	No program

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