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NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

Our services are also live on ZOOM.
Please contact Sensei for links.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

BILINGUAL SERVICES
Sundays 10:30am

CHANTING PRACTICE
2nd&4th Sundays 11:30am

JAPANESE PLAYGROUP
Takarajima Tuesdays 10-12pm

SEIZA MEDITATION
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION
Fridays 10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday April 5th 10:30am
Shotsuki Service

Saturday April 11th 1pm to 4pm
Chow Mein Drive Thru Pickup

Sunday April 12th 10:30am
Regular Service &
11:30am Chanting Practice

Monday April 13th 7:00pm
Board Meeting

Thursday April 16th 10:00am
Moe no Kai

Friday April 17th 7:00pm
Hanamatsuri Concert

Saturday April 18th 3:00pm
Lecture by Rev. Kanaya

Sunday April 19th 10:00 am
Dharma School &
10:30am Hanamatsuri Service

Sunday April 26th 10:30am
Regular Service &
Sarana Affirmation Ceremony

HANAMATSURI



Finally, a little bit of sunshine!! Over the past week we have been experiencing what meteorologists refer to as an atmospheric river and at times it has felt like a river was coming down upon us. Today (Friday, March 20th) was the first day in about a week in which the blue skies have come out and the cherry blossoms have sprung to life in full blossom.

It is during such a wonderful time of the year that we celebrate our Hanamatsuri Service. Hanamatsuri celebrated in April to commemorate the birth of Gautama Sakyamuni Buddha, who was said to have been born on April 8th, 565 BC, in Lumbini's Garden, in what is now known as Nepal. It was in Lumbini's Garden that Queen Maya gave birth to baby Siddhartha who would later go on to become the Buddha. The word, "Hanamatsuri" is Japanese and is translated into English as the "Flower Festival", alluding to the passage that says that sweet rain and flower petals fell from the heavens when baby Siddhartha was born.

According to legend, the newborn baby took seven steps and pointed his right hand to the sky and his left hand to the earth and spoke the following words:

*"Above and below the heavens,
I alone, am the World-Honoured One."*

Every year, we hold the Hanamatsuri service pouring sweet tea over the standing statue of the baby Buddha which symbolizes the sweet rain falling from the heavens. The meaning behind baby Siddhartha taking seven steps is to signify that the Buddha was beyond the six realms of suffering that exists in this world. The words that the baby Buddha spoke symbolizes, not that he is the greatest, but that we each only have one life which is unrepeatable; therefore, for each of us, our lives should be considered in the same way. In this way, Hanamatsuri is not just a celebration of the Buddha's birth, but a celebration of the true gift of life.

Shinran Shonin, in his *Shō Zō Matsu Wasan* (Poems on the Right, Semblance, and Last Dharma Age) wrote the following verse:

*"Sakyamuni and Amida by their compassion
gives us the desire for Buddhahood.
By entering into wisdom of Shinjin
We become those who thank the Buddha."*

Through the teachings of Sakyamuni and Amida Buddha, we have been given the guidance to find the truth to life. As we gather for the Hanamatsuri Service on the 19th of April, let us come together to say thank you to Sakyamuni Buddha for coming into this world to share the teachings of the Buddha Dharma.

Gassho,
Grant Ikuta

Dharma School

Tsumugi Kamakura

Today at Dharma School, we had a fun and meaningful day together.

We enjoyed many recreational activities and spent a great time with everyone. We also took photos together with the Children's Day display, which made the day even more special.

At the end, we all had a nice snack time together. I'm really happy I could spend this wonderful time with everyone.



2026 Vancouver Island Obon Tour

Date: August 6 –10, 2026

Participation Fee: Still to be determined.

Highlights:

- This year, we are delighted to announce a group from the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta will be joining us on the tour. We will be renting 2 Vans to travel on the Island.
- Participating in Lantern festival for Peace in Nanaimo.
- Visit to Paldi Museum, Campbell River Museum, and Cumberland Museum with presentations on the "Nikkei Experience prior to and during WWII on the Island".
- Bon Odori in Nanaimo with the Seven Potatoes Nikkei Community.
- Possible visit to the Nikkei Monument Project in Victoria
- Visiting the Japanese-Canadian cemetery sites in Port Alberni, Cumberland, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan, and Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria
- Enjoying fellowship gatherings with local communities on the Island.
- Along with the spiritual component, we will also have the opportunity to sightsee some of the most beautiful areas of our west coast.
- Enjoying fine culinary cuisines of the Island.
- Maximum number of participants will be capped at 20 people due to the van sizes.

Join us for this special journey of the heart. A trip you won't want to miss.

For a detailed schedule of weekend events or for more information please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca, or at the Steveston Buddhist Temple (604) 277-2323.



FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Kawamoto

Japanese Foods Sold on First Sunday of every month at Shotsuki

- Genmaicha (400g bag (small) or 1 kg bag (large))
- Inari (40 bags)
- Takuan (small/regular)
- Miso paste
- Sakura crackers
- Black Bean crackers
- Instant miso
- Shoyu low sodium
- Cooking sake
- Mirin
- Sashimi-grade maguro
- Fukujinzuke
- 40lb rice



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Steveston Buddhist Temple

- Guy Garry
- Katai Teruko
- Rodrigues Leah
- Wenzel Brad

We are very happy that you have become a member of the Temple and hope that you will be able to enjoy the variety of activities this temple offers.

Sarana Affirmation Ceremony

The Steveston Buddhist Temple is organizing a special Sarana Affirmation Ceremony on Sunday, April 26th following the morning service. The Sarana Ceremony is an important ceremony for individuals interested in receiving their Dharma Name and making an affirmation that he/she will try to live their life as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

Bishop Tatsuya Aoki will preside over the ceremony. The day will begin at 9:30 am with a half hour conversation with Socho Aoki, discussing the meaning of the Sarana Affirmation Ceremony. Following the discussion, we ask that participants join in the morning service starting at 10:30 am which will be followed by the actual Sarana Affirmation Ceremony at 11:30 am.

Please contact Rev. Ikuta for more information and to receive the application form for the Affirmation Ceremony.

Sarana 帰依式

4月26日(日)の日曜礼拝の後に特別なSarana帰依式を開催いたします。帰依式は、浄土真宗門徒として生きることを誓い、法名をいただく重要な儀式です。カナダ開教区の青木龍也総長が式典を主宰いたします。当日は午前9時30分から青木総長との30分間のサラナ帰依式の意味について話し合います。ディスカッションの後、参加者の皆様には午前10時30分から始まる日曜礼拝に参加し、その後11時30分からサラナ帰依式が行われます。詳細およびSarana帰依式の申請書の受け取りについては、生田開教使までお問い合わせください。

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!

Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple, and allow us to create our programs, which we hope you also can enjoy, so we thank you for your contribution.



Upcoming Lectures

Starting Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 pm, Rev.

Grant will start up the spring lecture series. The lectures will be for 5 to 6 consecutive weeks and will continue to use Prof. Jeff Wilson's book, "Buddhism of the Heart" as the source material for the talks. The lectures will be online using the Zoom platform. Please contact Rev. Grant if you are interested in joining the sessions. Everyone is welcome.

春の講習会

4月8日(水)の7:30p.m.から生田先生による春の仏教の講習会が始まります。講習会は毎週水曜日5週間から6週間続きます。テキストは今まで通りジェフ・ウィルソン先生Prof. Jeff Wilsonの「Buddhism of the Heart」です。講習会はオンラインでズームZoomで行います。参加なりたい方は生田先生にご連絡ください。お寺の会員でなくてもどなたでも歓迎です。

OBITUARY

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family members of the following deceased:

Andrew 'Andy' Nakata	February 22, 2026	92 Years Old
Kiyoko Tanaka	March 2, 2026	106 Years Old
Tamotsu 'Tom' Yesaki	March 7, 2026	91 Years Old
Jean Setsuko Koyanagi	March 13, 2026	89 Years Old

April 2026 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Kinuyo	Hikida, Tatsuo	Kishiuchi, Michio	Morishita, Michiyo	Oikawa, Hisashi	Tsukijima, Shigeko
Atagi, Kazuko	Ikari, Senichi Roy	Kishiuchi, Yoshiko	Morizawa, Choichiro	Okano, Tokiko	Urata, Minoru
Atode, Yasutaro	Ikari, Tsuru	Kitade, Sute	Murao, Mon	Oura, Chiye	Uyeyama, Tokue
Ayukawa, Margaret	Rev. Ikuta, Kyojo	Kitagawa, Michiko	Nakamura, Miyuki	Oye, Yasuo	Yamada, Shizuyo
Etori, Chiyo	Ito, Tamotsu	Kitsuda, Nobuo	Nakanishi, Harue	Sakai, Ei	Yamaguchi, Junshiro
Fukakusa, Akio	Iwata, Genevieve	Kondo, Fujikazu	Nakatani, Sam	Sakai, Terry Teruo	Yamaguchi, Nobuye
Hama, Kenzo	Kakino, Chiyoko	Koyanagi, Mutsuo	Nakatsu, Tsunenobu	Sakamoto, Hirotake	Yamashita, Harry
Hamada, Chiyoko	Kariya, Ayako	Maeda, Toshimatsu	Narukami, Teruo	Sameshima, Margaret	Yamashita, Heijiro
Hamade, Tokuno	Kariya, Chiyoko	Matsumura, Matsuo	Nishi, Misako	Shiyoji, Koito	Yesaki, Sunae
Hamanishi, Shinjiro	Kariya, Isamu	Matsuo, Kametaro	Nishi, Nancy	Shoji, Matsue	Yokota, Ayako
Hamano, Kiyoshi	Kariya, Sadasuke	McAllister, Rosalie Chitose	Nishi, Shigeo	Suzuki, Richard	Yokota, Shige
Hashimoto, Shizue	Kariya, Yonekazu	Miyazaki, Susie Shizuko	Niwatsukino, Betty Hideko	Tanaka, Eddy	Yoshida, Mitsu
Haya, Yoshimatsu	Kawasaki, Takeo	Mori, Kahoru	Nogami, Mieko	Tani, Seikichi	Yoshida, Kinoo
Hikita, Takeo	Kimura, Yoshio	Morishita, Masaharu	Ohara, Masao	Tezuka, Michihiko	

May 2026 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Sukenobu	Ikeda, Hisano	Kurahashi, Tazuko	Nishi, Teruo	Sakamoto, Claudette	Takasaki, Kazuo
Akizuki, Takeyo	Inouye, Tomojiro	Kuramoto, Tomiyuki	Nishikihama, Kono-suke	Sakamoto, Noboru	Takeuchi, Fujitaka
Arima, Daniel Hideki	Ishida, Takezo	Maekawa, Sandra	Nomura, Yukie	Sakata, Chiyoko	Taniwa, Tei
Bauer, Josef Georg	Ishida, Tracy Toru	Takeno	Ogawa, Masatsugu	Sakata, Masakazu	Toyoda, Fusako
Doi, Leona	Kanno, Kikumi	Matsuba, Nobuo	Okano, Masatsugu	Sakiyama, Fukumatsu	Upadhyaya, Hisaka
Hamade, Hatsuyo	Kawabata, Victor	Matsumura, Yasue	Okano, Fumio	Sakiyama, Joy	Yamamoto, Kazuhiko
Hamaura, Kiichiro	Kishi, Setsuko	Miyazaki, Takemi Tak	Okano, Hideo	Sameshima, Hisako	Yamamoto, Nancy
Haya, Haruko	Kishiuchi, Tane	Mori, Michiharu	Okano, Masaji	Sato, Fumie	Sumiko
Hayashi, Yasu	Kitade, Yasuo	Murao, Michitaka	Osaka, George	Shirakawa, Kiichiro	Yamamoto, Terumi
Hirose, Ted, Tadahiko	Kudo, Mary Yoshiko	Murao, Nagako	Oshiro, Art Yeichi	Suzuki, Evelyn	
Ikari, Toshiko	Kuriyama, Kikuyo	Nagata, Shokichi	Ryan, Lee Takashi	Tabata, Yoshiaki	

Daffodils and Hanamatsuri

水仙と花まつり



It has been a tradition at the Steveston temple to offer daffodils to the baby Buddha on his birthday, April 8, approximately 2,600 years ago. He was born in Lumbini Garden (in present day country of Nepal) surrounded by flowers on a rainy warm morning. It is for this reason that we offer daffodils and feature a ritual in which we pour sweet tea, emblematic of the rain, over the statue of Siddhartha Gautama, the

historical Buddha.

Daffodils are the flower for the month of March. And, they are appropriate for Hanamatsuri as they are symbolic of the image of birth and new beginnings, marking the arrival of spring, a fresh start from the cold of winter. It is also the flower of happiness and resilience. It is, for this reason, that it is very fitting to have chosen the daffodils as our offering to the baby Buddha.

Daffodils are plentiful and can be seen gracing the flower beds of many of the homes along many streets and avenues in Richmond and in the neighbourhood of the temple. As well, their splendour can be seen growing with resilience in the wild, unattended, along the Railway Avenue Greenway.

Their simplicity and gracefulness reminds me of the poem written in old English by the well known English poet, William Wordsworth. This poem is very famous and has been read by many. In fact, it has been taught in our schools for decades.

It begins with:
I wandered lonely
as a cloud that floats
on high o'er vales and
hills,

When all at
once I saw a crowd,
a host of golden
daffodils;

Beside the
lake, beneath the
trees, fluttering and
dancing in the breeze.

And ends with:
For often, when on
my watch, I lie vacant
or in a pensive mood.

They flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude;

And then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the daffodils.

Let us all on Hanamatsuri, this very auspicious Day, join hands together and celebrate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama. Let us all offer the radiant yellow daffodils.

In Gassho,
Roy Akune



スティーブストン仏教会には、約2600年前の4月8日にお生まれになったお釈迦さまのお誕生日を祝って、ベイビー仏陀に水仙の花をお供えする伝統があります。お釈迦さまは、雨の降る温かい朝、ルンビニ・ガーデン（現在のネパール）で花に囲まれてお生まれになりました。それで私達は水仙の花をお供えして、かつてこの世にお生まれになった（歴史上の）仏陀のゴータマ・シッタールダの像に、雨を象徴する甘茶をかけてお誕生をお祝いする儀式をするのです。

水仙は3月の花です。水仙は誕生と新しい始まりを象徴し、寒い冬が終わり新しいスタートを切る春が来たことを告げる花なので、花まつりにふさわしい花です。また水仙は、幸福と困難から立ち直る力強さを象徴する花なので、水仙の花を選んでベイビー仏陀にお供えすることは、とても適切だと言えます。

水仙はあちらこちらにたくさん生えており、リッチモンドの多くの道路沿いやお寺のご近所の家々の花壇で優美に咲いているのを目にすることができます。また、レイルウェイ・アヴェニュー沿いのグリーンウェイの、人が手をかけず放置している野生の中でも、困難をもともせず力強く咲いている水仙の花の輝きを見ることができます。

水仙の花のシンプルさと優雅さは、イギリスの有名なロマン派詩人のウィリアム・ワーズワースの詩を私に思い出させます。この詩は大変有名で、多くの人に愛読されています。実際、私達の学校で何十年の間教えられてきました。

詩はこのように始まります：
谷を越え山を越えて空高く流れてゆく白い一片の雲のように、私は独り悄然としてさまよっていた。すると全く突如として眼の前に花の群れが、黄金色に輝く夥しい水仙の花の群れが、現れた。湖の岸辺に沿い、木々の緑に映え、そよ風に吹かれながら、ゆらゆらと揺れ動き、躍っていたのだ。

そして詩はこのように終わります：
というのはその後、空しい思い寂しい思いに襲われて、私が長椅子に愁然として身を横たえている時、孤独の祝福であるわが内なる眼にしばしば突然この時の情景が、鮮やかに蘇るからだ。そして、私の心はただひたすら歓喜にうちふるえ、水仙の花の群れと一緒に躍り出すからだ。
(岩波文庫「イギリス名詩選」平井正穂編より引用)

「花まつり」というとても幸先の良い日に、ゴータマ・シッタールダのお誕生を、皆で手を取り合ってお祝いしましょう。光り輝く黄色い水仙の花を、皆でお供えしましょう。

合掌 阿久根ロイ




BOARD NOTES

The past month has been a very busy for the board – our ‘modus operandi’ these days, and a good sign! On that note, here are recent Board highlights:

- At the SBT AGM on February 22nd in addition to looking back and acknowledging the fine work of the sangha on the standard lineup of the temple’s numerous annual events, and other significant accomplishments that took place the past year (eg. inaugural Nippon Fair, Sanmon Gate & Pet Cemetery, Wisteria Place gatherings, etc), a number of additional items were addressed:
 - Thanks to the wisdom of past board members and congregation (the generosity of late members, the creation of Wisteria Place) and years of dedication and hard work, controlling costs and continuous fundraising, the temple is in a balanced financial position. – Annette S, Treasurer
 - There is a constant list of To Do tasks from electrical, plumbing, frigs-stoves & construction to landscaping, lighting-ladders & even rabbits-rodents. And of course regular temple cleaning days. To offer to help or even chat about these things, pls. contact Kuni I, Buildings & Grounds, or leave your name at the office.
 - Reverend Grant is a gracious, giving sensei who the board & sangha are extremely fortunate to have fundamentally guiding the SBT community. In addition to 18 funerals, 15 memorials, Bon Odori, Obon events, the Board acknowledges his leadership in implementing special collaborative guest ministers/speakers & workshops like Rites of Passage (end of life). Grant sensei optimizes the thematic slogan: “Together we receive the Dharma. Together we spread the Dharma”
- We are delighted to have new directors join the SBT board: Patti Ayukawa, Susan Tasaka, Suzie Virtue & Bud Sakamoto. With plenty of exciting SBT events & projects and in an ever changing environment, the temple is fortunate to have such added support, input & knowledge. Thank you!
- Chowmein Drive-Thru committee was organized. The ordering deadline is/was April 2nd...AND volunteers are always needed & welcome! Please contact Renako (office@steveston-temple.ca) for details and to help (April 10 & 11) with this popular, and fun, fundraiser. This year’s Chowmein Drive-Thru proceeds will be provided to the community of Tumbler Ridge.
- For the Sarana Affirmation ceremony on Sun. April 26th we are organizing a Sat. 25th dinner. For any who wish to attend pls let Reverend Grant know. It is particularly impressive and honouring that there are members travelling from afar to partake in the event, notably Yvonne Perkins, planning to attend in-person from Austin Texas!
- The board approved purchasing short-term GIC’s with daily cash holdings, in order to earn interest before being allocated to upcoming temple expenses.

- Make sure to mark your calendars with: the April 17 Hanamatsuri Japanese taiko & music concert and April 18 lecture & potluck the dynamic reverend Patricia Kanaya. Both events promise to be most enjoyable to be apart of.
 - Nippon Fair (Sat.May 9): Volunteers are needed to move wooden tables from the Wisteria garage the day before, Fri. May 8. Contact Keiko (info@steveston-temple.ca).
 - The temple has a number of Obutsudan home altars for purchase by donation. Notice will be forthcoming to the membership and in the newsletter.
 - In addressing this year’s temple staffing, the board agreed to assemble an HR committee to establish due diligence.
 - The board is following up on a specific donation for a picnic table on the temple grounds.
 - We are happy to announce that a member of our congregation has expressed interest in pursuing studies to become a Kaikyoshi minister here in Steveston. At the AGM it was passed that the Steveston Buddhist Temple would like to support this individual. A letter of support and request that he be recognized by the JSBTC as a ministerial aspirant will be sent to the Socho from both the temple and Rev. Ikuta. Updates will be included in future newsletters.
 - The board is proposing to add a formal Japanese name, “Seiganji” (West Coast Temple) to the name Steveston Buddhist Temple in order to clearly identify the temple geographically and spiritually, and additionally to avoid confusion with other Buddhist groups. A member survey will be conducted to clarify & propose the temple name.
 - We are having extensive discussions on re-structuring the Fujinkai “Women’s Association” to Fujinokai “Wisteria Gathering” in order to bolster numbers and member engagement to the women’s group (Fujinkai) with an inclusive, all-member participation support network (Fujinokai).
 - Spearheaded by Reverend Grant, plans for the 2026 Vancouver Island Obon tour Aug. 6-9 are underway.
 - The temple is considering chartering transportation for the JC Memorial Monument unveiling in Victoria (Sept 12 or 19). The trip would be advertised to other Lower Mainland temples to provide access to the event and foster community.
 - We are drafting a plan by this summer 2026 for proposed centennial projects and activities to be held fall 2027 thru fall ‘28. This would include inviting the Gomonshu (head minister) from Kyoto Japan, and a proposal to host the national AGM in April 2028
- ...and that concludes this month’s Board Notes, phew. :)

In gassho,  on behalf of the SBT board

If you have suggestions for the temple, please feel free to share them with Reverend Grant or any Board member.

We are very open and interested in any/all input!

DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after March 17th, 2026 will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating that they are in the memory of several individuals, these names will be acknowledged in the month that the cheque was deposited. If you wish to have the donations acknowledged in the newsletter corresponding with a particular Shotsuki month, we ask that you make donations during that actual Shotsuki memorial month. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

最近一年を通じた法要と祥月御懇志を小切手にて一括で送られてくるケースが多くなりました。その場合は入金されたその月のニュースレターにまとめてお報せ致しますのでご了承下さいませ。尚、祥月御懇志袋上に差出人のお名前、ご住所の他、どの月の祥月御懇志もお忘れなく記載して下さいませ。有難うございました。

General Donation (\$1,860): Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Hilder Jamie, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Matsushita Nobuko, McAllister Kirsten, Miyagi Misako, Morizawa Sazare, Nakata Masahiko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Satsukikai, Seguev Michiko, Setterstrom Amy, Stevens Annette, Steveston Kendo Club, Watanabe Keiko, Whittier Maya, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Anonymous

Moe no Kai Donation: Tanaka Jim, Tanaka Henry, Wickham Sharon, Tanaka Darlene

Dharma School Donation: Araki Linda, Luo Xing

Shotsuki Donation (\$4,015):

February: Kamachi Sumiko, Nakano Alison

March: Akizuki Casey Ayako, Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Gloria, Akizuki Russ, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Atkinson Kim, Doi Louise, Domai Koji, Domai Kyosuke, Feng Alicia & Wei, Go Keiko, Hamade Emi, Hamade Hiromi, Hamade Naomi, Hamade Noboru, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirose Mary, Holmes Ruby & Tkachuk David, Ikeda Naoe, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kakehi Tomoko, Kariya Florence, Kariya Victor, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, King Hiroko, Kishiuchi Gordon, Komori Dick & Setsuko, Kurahashi Marie & Judy, Lovo Donna, Maede Judith, Matsumura Laverne, Matsumura Margaret, McDonnell Dawn, McDougall Kari, Monk Lorene, Morishita Dennis, Mukai Akiko, Mukai Keith, Murakami Lori, Murao Dick, Murao Ken, Murao Ray, Nagata Hart Lana, Nakata Brent & Jenn, Nakata Masahiko, Nakata Ward, Nakatsuru Sherry, Niguma Gordon, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Greg & Mary, Ogawa Joanne, Omae Darrel, Phillips Kim, Phillips Ben & Naomi, Quan Toshiko & Ernest, Rodrigues Leah, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakamoto-Singh Crystal, Sato Helen, Satosono Sam & Aya, Takasaki

Mayumi, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Teramura Pauline, Wright Grace, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Young Yvonne

April: Oikawa Toyoko

Major Services (\$935):

Spring Ohigan: Akune Roy & Itoko, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Go Keiko, Hashimoto Junichi, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Lytton Kaori, Matsushita Nobuko, Murakami Lori, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Oki Hiroshi, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Suyama Eiji & Caroline, Watanabe Keiko, Whittier Maya, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko
Funerals & Memorial Services (\$5,380):

In memory of the late:

Kiyoko Tanaka: Tanaka Jim, Tanaka Henry, Wickham Sharon, Tanaka Darlene, Fong Jim, Kuriyama Paul, Kuriyama Richard, Laidlaw Cathy, Lum Hitomi, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Sands Karen, SBT Fujinkai, Takeuchi Ken & Sachiko

Andy Nakata: Rodrigues Leah, Akizuki Gary, Fukushima Linda & Roland, Kawasaki Jeffrey, Matsuo Michelle, Monk Lorene, Nakamoto Edward, Nakatani Dave, Nakatani Sean, Orr Derek, Orr Karen, Tasaka Don

Stacy Maeda: The Maeda Family, Bidin Dennis & Ng Brenda, Ikuta Kuni & June, Macdonald Jennifer, Nakade Allan, Richmond Funeral Home, Tani Kiyoshi Mutsumi, Yokota Carl

Ken Teramura: Ikuta Kuni & June, Kawabata Jack, Tanaka Jim

7th year memorial of Bob Hamaura: Hamaura Misaye, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose

Hisae Domai: Quan Toshiko & Ernest

Dennis Shiyoji: Gilles Sharon

Sumi Tabata: Kawabata Mitsuyo

Arizo & Hatsue Tasaka: Tasaka Charles

Jennifer Tasaka: Tasaka Charles

26th year memorial of sister Toshiko Takasaki: Tomihiro

Fujinkai Donation:

General: Perkins Yvonne

Dana Day(\$925): Akune Roy & Itoko, Anzai June, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Hamaura Misaye, Hirose Mary, Ikuta June, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Hiroko, Miyagi Misako, Murakami Lori, Murao Tazuko, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Ryan Jeanne, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakata Hozumi, Takeda Emi & Hilder Jamie, Yoshihara Hiroko

In memory of Kiyoko Tanaka: Tanaka Jim, Tanaka Henry, Wickham Sharon, Tanaka Darlene

In memory of Stacy Maeda: The Maeda Family

Membership 2026/2027 paid: Ikuta Kuni & June, Mehl Rainer, Matsunaga Susan

Notice from the Office

Membership for 2026/2027 is \$150 per member.

Please Submit the membership form. The form is available on our website or at the temple office.

We have three office staff members. *Please see the working schedule for each staff member.*

Keiko – Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 9am to 5pm

Renako – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 8:30am to 4:30pm

Ikumi – Monday from 11:15am to 4:15pm, Wednesday from 10:15am to 3:15pm
Friday from 1:15pm to 3:15pm



HANAMATSURI WEEKEND

APRIL 18 ~ 19, 2026

Guest Sensei: Patricia Kanaya Sensei



“Peace of Heart, Settled Mind:
An exploration of our
teachings on living and dying.”

Please join us for an event filled weekend to celebrate the birth of the Buddha. On Saturday, April 18th at 3:00 pm, we will have a public lecture by retired Kaikyoshi minister Patricia Kanaya Sensei. Patricia Sensei is originally from Toronto but served for a number of years in the Buddhist Churches of America, where she served as the resident minister at the San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple. Upon her retirement, Patricia Sensei returned to Canada and is residing now in Ottawa where she volunteers and helps out the Buddhist fellowship in Ottawa.

On Sunday, April 19 from 10:30 am, we will be commemorating Hanamatsuri service with our guest Patricia Sensei giving the Dharma message. We hope you will join us to celebrate the occasion.

As we put our hands together in gassho and take a quiet moment to reflect, we are reminded of the signs of spring. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, and new life is all around us. Let's all open our eyes, hearts and minds to the meaning of Hanamatsuri.

Please contact Rev. Ikuta to receive a zoom invitation for both the lecture as well as the service.

花祭り

2026年4月18日～19日

御講師：引退開教使金谷パトリシア先生

4月18日～19日週末にお釈迦様の誕生を祝う花祭りが行われます。18日の土曜日は午後3時より金谷先生の英語の講演会があります。金谷先生は元々カナダご出身ですが、ご縁があって長年北米開教区のSan Fernando Valley仏教会の駐在開教使として勤めてこられました。3年ほど前に引退された後にカナダへ帰国なされ現在はオタワで暮らしていらっしゃいます。

金谷先生は19日（日曜日）午前10時半の花祭り法要のご講師として参加されます。お釈迦様のご誕生を祝う大切な法要ですので皆様も是非お参りなさるようお願いいたします。



Moe No-Kai

Keiko Go

At the Moe No-Kai on February 19, there was an Ikebana demonstration conducted by Michiko Seguev who is one of the temple members as well as an instructor of the Sogetsu Ryu Ikebana here in Steveston. Then just recently on March 19 at Moe No-Kai, the seniors had a chance to experience their own style of Ikebana and flower arrangement. To briefly explain the difference between Kado, Ikebana, and Flower Arrangement: Kado, like Tea Ceremony and Calligraphy, is an art of mastering the ‘Way’ where the purpose is to refine the heart and elevate the spirit through flowers. Ikebana is a flower culture that developed from Kado, characterized by enjoying flowers freely according to one’s own sensibilities without being bound by strict rules. It values the beauty of space with the plants and flowers used as the focal point. Contrarily, Flower Arrangement originated in the West as a decorative art and emphasizes individuality while combining a variety of flowers in a brilliant way. With Michiko san’s careful guidance, surrounded and healed by colourful flowers such as cherry blossoms, lilies, carnations, chrysanthemums, gardenias, and freesias, seniors enjoyed their self-styled Ikebana and Flower arrangements. I would like to thank Michiko san for giving us such a wonderful opportunity. The temple classrooms became a dazzling floral exhibition hall on March 19th. We hope to create many more opportunities like this through this go-en (connection).





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CHOWMEIN DRIVE-THRU

FUNDRAISING FOR
TUMBLER RIDGE
SURVIVORS

Two options
#1 Chowmein \$14.00
#2 SBT Original Teriyaki Chicken & Chowmein Combo \$20.00

Pickup
Date Apr 11
1-4 pm

PREORDER DEADLINE APR 2ND
(604)277-2323

Order Link



Chowmein Drive Thru is Back!!!

Back by popular demand, the temple will be holding its drive-thru Chow Mein Dinner pick up on Saturday, April 11th, 2026.

Proceeds from the sales will go towards relief effort for the people of Tumbler Ridge

2 options to choose from

- 1) Chowmein \$14.00
 - 2) SBT's Original Teriyaki Chicken & Chowmein Combo \$20.00
- Scan QR code and place your order through online form.

If you do not have internet access, please call the temple office at (604)277-2323

HELP is needed for this fundraiser to chop vegetables & meat on Friday April 10th and on Saturday April 11th to cook & package the orders from 9:00am

If you are available, please send a message to office@steveston-temple.ca



Hanamatsuri 'Flower Festival' Traditional Japanese Concert

Tsumugu Project 2026
[息吹-IBUKI-]

2026
4/17 (Fri)



Taiko
Keita
Kanazashi

IBUKI

Shakuhachi
Yoshimi
Tsujiimoto



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Showtime 7:00pm

Doors 6:30pm

Minimum of \$10
donation per person



This will be our first traditional Japanese instrument concert inviting performers from Japan in three years.

We sincerely hope that many of you will be able to enjoy this opportunity.

3年振りの日本からお呼びする和楽器のコンサートとなります。
沢山の皆様にお越しいただけることを念じております。

花祭り

雨の降るのも、風の吹くのも、花の咲くのも、葉の散るのも、すべて縁によって生じ、縁によって滅びるものである。
この身は父母を縁として生まれ、食物によって維持され、また、この心も経験と知識とによって育ったものである。
だから、この身も、この心も、縁によって成り立ち、縁によって変わるといわなければならない。
(和英聖典の八十一ページより)



法のともしび

今日は、約1週間ぶりに青空が広がり、お寺の前の桜の花が満開になり、大勢の人が写真を撮りに来ています。やっと春が来たかなと思わせる日和です。

さて、四月は私たちに「悟り」という真実のみ教えを説かれたお釈迦様の誕生を祝う「花祭り法要」が勤修されます。約二千五百年前4月8日に現在のネパールの南部にあるルンビニ荘園で、後にお釈迦様となるシッダルタ王子が誕生されたと伝えられています。伝説によれば、生まれたばかりの赤ん坊が七歩歩き、右手を空にさし、左手を地面にさして次の言葉を唱えたとされています。

「天の上にも、天の下にも、
私だけが、世界の尊い者である。」

生まれたばかりのシッダルタが七歩を歩んだ姿は、仏陀が迷いの六道の境界を超えた存在であることを示されていると言われています。また、語ったと言われている言葉は、仏陀の偉大性を表徴されていますが、それだけではありません。人生は一度きりであるから、すべての者にとって自分の命こそ一番尊いものであるということも伝えていきます。したがって、私たち一人ひとりにとって、花祭りは単なる仏陀の誕生を祝うだけではなく、命の尊さを考えさせる貴重な御縁でもあります。

世の中は不安の多い時代となっています。今でこそお釈迦様のみ教えは必要ではないかと思えます。4月19日の花祭り法要に皆様のお参りをお待ちしております。

合掌、
生田グラント

役員会からお知らせ

-先月は役員会にとって大変忙しい月でした。多忙は最近の私達のいつものパターンで、幸先良いです。最新の役員会のハイライトは以下の通りです。

- 2月22日に開催されたスティーブストン仏教会の年次総会では、昨年行われたお寺の数々の通常の年間行事に加えて、大きな成果があった特別なイベント（ニッポンフェアの初開催、山門とベットの墓、ウィステリアプレイスの集まり等々）を振り返って、サンガの素晴らしい仕事ぶりに感謝するとともに、たくさんの事案が議論されました。

- 前役員とお寺の会員の方々（亡くなられた会員の方々の寛大なご寄付、ウィステリアプレイスの創設）の知恵、何年にもわたる献身と多くの努力を要する仕事の遂行、そして経費を節約し、ずっと続けている資金調達の活動のおかげで、お寺はバランスの取れた財政状態を保っています。—スティーブンス・アネット（会計）より

- 電気関連、配管工事、冷蔵庫とレンジ、建設関係から、造園、照明はしご、さらにはウサギやネズミの駆除に至るまで、そしてもちろんお寺の大掃除の日にもやるべきことも含めて、やるべき仕事のリストが絶え間なくあります。もしお手伝いを申し出てください、あるいはこれらの案件について一緒に話し合ってください方は、建物と敷地を担当している生田クニさんにご連絡するか、お名前を事務所に残してください。

- 親切で惜しみなく与える心をお持ちの生田グラント先生が、スティーブストン仏教会の集まりをご指導くださることは、私達役員にとっても、またサンガにとっても大変恵まれたことです。お葬式18回、追悼法要15回、盆踊り、お盆のイベントに加えて、特別ゲストをお迎えして講演会や終活ワークショップなどのコラボを実現される先生のリーダーシップに役員会は感謝しています。グラント先生は、「全員聞法 全員伝道」というテーマスローガンのメッセージや効果を最大限に高めていらっしゃいます。

- スティーブストン仏教会の役員会は、新たに4人の理事をお迎えしました。アユカワ・パティ、タサカ・スーザン、バーチャー・スージー、そしてサカモト・バッドです。変化し続ける環境のなか、たくさんのわくわくするようなイベントとプロジェクトがあるスティーブストン仏教会にとって、ご支援、ご提案、専門知識などをいただけることにとても感謝しています。ありがとうございます！

- チャオメン・ドライブスルーの委員会が作られました。注文期日は4月2日（木）です。ボランティアはいつでも必要で大歓迎です。この、人気があって楽しい資金調達活動の詳細と、4月10日（金）11日（土）のお手伝いについては、玲奈子さん（office@steveston-temple.ca）にお問い合わせください。チャオメン・ドライブスルーの今年の収益は、タンブラー・リッジのコミュニティに寄付されます。

- 4月26日（日）に開催予定の帰依式のために、25日（土）に夕食会を催します。ご出席を希望する方は、生田グラント先生にお知らせください。特に印象深く名誉あることは、このセレモニーに参加するために、会員達が遠くからはるばる来られるということです。とりわけパーキンス・イボンヌは、この式に参加するためテキサス州のオースティンから来られます！

法のともしび

- 役員会は、今後お寺の経費の支払いに充てる前に利息収入を得るために、手元に置いておく現金として短期のGICを購入することを承認しました。
- 5月9日(土)開催予定のニッポンフェアは、前日の5月8日(金)に木製テーブルをウィステリアプレイスのガレージから運んでくれるボランティアを探しています。お手伝いできる方は、恵子さん (info@steveston-temple.ca) にご連絡ください。
- お寺にはたくさんの家庭用お仏壇があり、ご寄付によって購入できます。会員の方々には追って今後のニューズレター等でお知らせします。
- 今年的人员配置に取り組むにあたって役員会は、デューデリジェンスを確立するために人事委員会を作ることに賛成しました。
- 役員会は、お寺の敷地のピクニックテーブルへの特定寄付について、フォローアップします。
- お寺のある会員が、ステープストン仏教会の開教使になることをめざして勉強することに興味をもっているということを発表できて、私達は嬉しいです。ステープストン仏教会がこの個人を支援しようという意見が、年次総会で通りました。開教使志願者としてJSBTCに認定されるよう求める支援と要望の手紙が、お寺と生田先生の両方から総長宛に送られます。今後のニューズレター最新情報をお知らせします。
- 役員会は、「西岸寺」という正式な日本語名称をステープストン仏教会の名称に加えることを提案しています。これは、地理的かつ宗教的にお寺が明確に特定されるとともに、他の仏教グループとの混乱を避けることを目的としています。この提案について、追って会員アンケートが実施されます。
- 私達は、「婦人会」を「藤の会」に再編成するという案について広範囲にわたって議論しています。これは、支援ネットワークの「藤の会」への全会員の積極的参加貢献を強化することを目的としています。
- グラント先生が指揮をとられる、8月6日~9日のバンクーバー島へのお盆ツアーの計画は進行中です。
- ビクトリアで9月12日か19日に開催されるJC記念碑の除幕式(初披露)参加にあたって、お寺は乗り物をチャーターすることを検討しています。この旅のイベントへのアクセスやコミュニティ育成のために、ロウアー・メインランドのお寺にも宣伝するでしょう。
- ステープストン仏教会の創立百周年記念のプロジェクトと2027年秋から2028年秋にかけての活動計画の草案を今年の夏までに作ります。これには、ご門主を京都からお招きすることと、そして2028年4月に開催される全国年次総会を主催する提案も含まれます。

合掌 アンザイ・ダグ ステープストン仏教会役員を代表して

敬弔

次の方がご逝去されましたので、生前のご苦勞を偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します。

中田 アンディー	2026年2月22日寂	92歳
田中貴代子	2026年3月2日寂	106歳
江崎タモツ 'トム	2026年3月7日寂	91歳
小柳ジーンセツ子	2026年3月13日寂	89歳

婦人会からのお知らせ

カワモト ヒロコ

毎月第一日曜日の祥月法要後に販売している日本の食品の一部をご紹介します。

玄米茶 ティーバッグ (小400gまたは大1kg)
 稲荷用味付きあげ
 たくあん (大・小)
 味噌
 さくらおかき
 黒豆煎餅
 インスタントみそ汁
 減塩醤油
 料理用酒
 みりん
 刺身用マグロ
 福神漬け
 米 (40lb)



萌の会

郷恵子

2月19日の萌の会では生け花のデモンストレーションがお寺のメンバー、そして草月流の師範でもあるセブ径子さんによって行われました。そして3月19日には萌の会のシンニアの皆さんが自己流の生け花、そしてフラワーアレンジメントを体験しました。ここでちょっと知識を得ましょう。華道、生け花とフラワーアレンジメントの違いについて、簡単に説明します。華道は茶道や書道と同じく、「道」を極める芸術で花を通して心から磨き精神を高めることが目的です。生け花は華道から発展した花文化で、厳格なルールに拘束されず自由に自分の感性で花を楽しむことが特徴です。そして素材として使う草花を主役として、空間の美を大切にします。フラワーアレンジメントは西洋発祥で装飾芸術でバラエティーに花を組み合わせ華やかに個性感を大切にします。径子さんの丁寧なご指導により色とりどりの桜、ユリ、カーネーション、菊、エニシグ、ガーデニア、フリージアのお花に囲まれ癒されながら、自己流の生け花、フラワーアレンジメントを心のおもむくまで楽しみました。径子さんとして素敵ない機会を下さりありがとうございました。一瞬でしたが、お寺のクラスルームが華やかなお花の展示場になりました。これをご縁にもっとたくさんの方に会いたいと思っています。

