



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

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 May 3rd 10:30am
Shotsuki Service

Tuesday May 5th 7:00pm
Board Meeting

Saturday May 9th 11am to 6:30pm
NIPPON FAIR

Sunday May 10th 10:30am
Regular Sunday Service

Sunday May 17th 10:30am
Gotanye Service

Thursday May 21st 10:00am
Moe no Kai

Sunday May 24th 10:00 am
Dharma School

Sunday May 24th 10:30am
Regular Service

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!
Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple. Although there are no scheduled events, expenses do not stop. We want to be able to restart programs as soon as possible, so we thank you in advance for your contribution.

Cherry Blossoms and Shinran Shonin

*Thinking there is a tomorrow,
The Evening Cherry Blossom,
Is blown away by the evening winds.
(Poem attributed to Shinran Shonin at age 9)*



As the familiar phrase states, "Spring has Sprung" as all around beautiful flowers are in full bloom. The Akebono cherry blossoms (small white and light pink blossoms) in front of our temple have ended, but the Kanzan cherry blossoms (darker pink blossoms) in our backyard are in full bloom. It is one of the best times to be here in Steveston. The cherry blossoms are particularly loved by the Japanese as it symbolizes great beauty, yet at the same time reminds us of the fleeting nature of that beauty as the blossoms fall gently to the ground.

Recently, on the Nokotsudo (columbarium) plaque just off to the east side of our main entrance, the above poem was added to the side of the list of Nokotsudo individuals. The poem is attributed to Shinran Shonin, who is said to have written it when he was 9 years old. When Shinran was 9 years old, he was taken by his uncle to the Shoren'in Temple in the eastern part of Kyoto to receive his tonsure (head shaving ceremony) to enter the monastery and begin his life as a Buddhist monk. According to the story, when Shinran and his uncle arrived at the temple, it was already quite late in the day. The head priest, renowned Tendai monk, Jien, suggested that since it was getting on in the day the tonsure ceremony should be done on the following morning. It is then that a very young Shinran Shonin was said to have quickly written the introductory poem emphasizing the fleeting nature of life. Jien was so impressed by the deep insight which Shinran Shonin had, so he immediately proceeded to hold the tonsure ceremony that evening. Thus began Shinran Shonin's 20-year career as a Tendai Monk on Mt. Hiei. Despite his effort, the harder he practiced, the more Shinran saw his own frailty and limitations causing him to ultimately leave the mountain and seek out Honen Shonin and the Nembutsu teaching that Honen was teaching to people from all walks of life. In the Nembutsu teaching, Shinran Shonin was able to find true liberation and devoted the rest of his life to following the teachings of Amida Buddha.

On Sunday, May 17th, we will be celebrating the Gotanye service in which we honor the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Making the most of each moment, please come join us for this precious opportunity to encounter the Buddha Dharma.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta, minister

Sarana Affirmation Ceremony



On Sunday, April 26th, following the morning service, a special Sarana Affirmation ceremony was held for 13 individuals who received their Dharma Names from Socho Aoki. Congratulations to all those who received their names and a special thank you to Aoki Socho for joining us to conduct the ceremony despite his very busy schedule. It was a moving ceremony which was appreciated by all who participated.



Introducing Fuji no Kai

In 2028 the Steveston Buddhist Temple will be celebrating our Centennial Celebrations. As a lead up to the celebrations, we are planning on many programs and activities. We have selected a centennial slogan which is “全員聞法全員伝道” (zen in mon po, zen in den do) “Together we receive the Dharma, together which the Hongwanji used a number of years ago and is meant to encourage engagement in temple activities. To help facilitate this, we are introducing the new “Fuji no Kai”, a gathering for all temple members. “Fuji no Kai” is translated as “Wisteria Gathering” and will include all the members of the temple. Through the temple office, we will create a number of toban groups. The Toban Groups would be asked to come and help the temple on various occasions. Our women’s auxiliary, the Fujinkai, are aging and reducing in numbers. They are no longer able to serve in the same capacity as they have in the past. They need help, and the creation of the Fuji no Kai is a way that we can all pitch in to keep the temple going. It will take a little time for the office to coordinate creating a Toban List and we will keep you updated on the progress in coming issues of the Newsletter.

Moe No-Kai Nobuko Matsushita

The Moe No-Kai on April 16th began with everyone singing a birthday song and two spring songs accompanied by ukulele. Next, we made paper lotus flower petals called “keha”. Since we gather at the temple once a month for our activities, we decided to make petals as a craft activity directly related to the temple. On that day, the seniors glued pictures, labels, and messages on petals, all of which had been printed and cut out in advance by volunteers, and each person completed five different petals. Three of them depicted the temple (the sanmon gate, the main hall, the principal image of Amida Buddha, and Sambujo), and two depicted the Flower Festival (Baby Buddha, Sakyamuni Buddha under the Bodhi tree, the First Turning of the Wheel of Dharma, and the Four Noble Truths). The



completed petals became a reminder of our joyous connection (“goen”) with the temple and the community. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed playing games such as beanbag passing and card games. In the afternoon, volunteers made another 150 petals. They were distributed to everyone who participated in the Hanamatsuri lecture on Saturday the 18th and the Dharma School and Hanamatsuri service on Sunday the 19th. During the service, as the participants chanted Sambujo, Grant Sensei, Patricia Sensei, and Roy Sensei scattered the petals as a ritual of “Sange”. Participants were also allowed to scatter petals while remaining seated, making it a truly memorable service. Thank you all so much.



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to the Steveston Buddhist Temple

Yasuko Motohashi

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.

Upcoming Event Gotanye Service

The Gotanye is a service in which we celebrate the birth of the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Shinran Shonin. It is recorded that Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1172, in Hino, a village in the southern district of Kyoto. Please join us on Sunday, May 17th at 10:30 am as we commemorate this year's Gotanye service.

OBITUARY

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

Akira Tamaki March 29, 2026 77 Years Old
Koji Domai April 16, 2026 81 Years Old

Tax Advantages of Donating Stocks and other Equities to the Temple

Are you considering making a donation to the Temple and do you have stocks, mutual funds, or other forms of equities that have appreciated in value? Did you know that these can be directly transferred to the temple without redemption. Normally, any capital gains realized at the time of conversion back to cash would be **taxable to the holder/donor. A direct transfer of stocks avoids this.** Subsequently, as a registered charity, all such donations to the temple are non-taxable.

The generous donor will receive a **tax receipt for the full value of the stocks** at the time of donation. How much larger the charitable tax credit realized by you is dependent upon the facts in your particular case. The temple will receive the stocks and, upon eventual conversion to cash, will not pay any taxes.

If you are interested please contact Renako Miura at the office by phone 604-277-2323, email office@steveston-temple.ca or in person to request a **Stock Donation Form.**

Disclaimer: This information is not a substitute for professional advice and we highly recommend consultation with your financial and tax advisors.

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-	Sakamoto, Noboru	Takeuchi, Fujitaka
Arima, Daniel Hideki	Ishida, Takezo	Maekawa, Sandra	suke	Sakata, Chiyoko	Taniwa, Tei
Bauer, Josef Georg	Ishida, Tracy Toru	Takeno	Nomura, Yukie	Sakata, Masakazu	Toyoda, Fusako
Doi, Leona	Kanno, Kikumi	Matsuba, Nobuo	Ogawa, 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	

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

Akizuki, Lindsay	Hikita, Emiko	Kokubo, Mike	Murakami, Tsuneko	Sakata, Kazue	Toyoda, Shigeru, Jerry
Asano, Teisuke	Ikeda, Torakichi	Kurahashi, Setsuyo	Muramatsu, Joe	Sakata, Shozo	Ueyeyama, Matakichi
Domai, Toyokichi	Inouye, Shirley	Kuramoto, Haruo Harry	Nakagawa, Shuichiro	Sakiyama, Noboru 'Nobby'	Wada, Kazuko
Hamade, Itsuji	Ito, Misao	Kuramoto, Kayo	Nakane, Kazuo	Sameshima, Merry Minori	Yamamoto, Kazu
Hamanishi, Kiyoko	Ito, Toramatsu	Maeda, Tsunekichi	Nakano, Chikae	Shimizu, Mitsuye	Yamamoto, Yoshio
Hamanishi, Yoshio	Kamide, Patsy Shizuko	Matsunaga, Masami	Nagata, Sayoko	Shinde, Yoshiharu	Yamanaka, Tomizo
Hamaura, Sadame	Kariya, Tsuneko	Matsuyama, Yaeko	Nishi, Kazumi	Shiyoji, Masako	Yoshida, Troy
Harada, Tamae	Kawamoto, Itoe	Morimoto, Bobby	Nishi, Toshiharu	St. Hilaire, Linda	Yoshida, Yoshiji
Harada, Teiko	Kawasaki, Koichi	Morishita, Eikichi	Nishii, Torakichi	Mayumi	
Hashimoto, Kimie	Kikuchi, Kei	Morishita, Elmer	Okano, Mine	Tabata, Miyeko	
Hashimoto, Masuo	Kojima, Kenosuke	Morishita, Sentaro	Onouye, Shigenari	Tani, Shinzo	
Hibi, Tadasu	Koyama, Fukujiro	Murakami, Collin	Sakai, Matsu	Tanigami, Tomie	

The Gift from my Mother



Difficult, it is to be born into human life; now, I am living it. Difficult, it is to hear the Voice of the Buddha; now I am hearing it. If I do not cross-over to the Truth in this present life when will I realise it? With sincerity and reverence, I take refuge in the Three Treasures: the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha.

The above words are not the direct quotation of the Three Treasures which we recite at our regular services. I have re-written the passage to express my personal feelings about my mother on this very special occasion - Mother's Day.

It is on this day, that as I get older, memories of my mother get deeper and have an impact on me that words cannot express. She was born in Mission, B.C. and passed away at the age of 98 on February 23, 2012. Although I had lived with her for 76 years, the memories of her have been with me my entire life. Her love, her care, her values and her sacrifices have affected me so greatly to the point wherein I am now able to appreciate her influence on my life. There were many events and encounters and words of advice which, at that time, seemed meaningless and were even cast aside. However, today, as I look back, they have had a profound effect on me.

Growing up in Steveston, prior to WW II, Mom strongly encouraged her children, of which there were four at that time, to retain the cultural values of Japan and to speak its language in the home. And, this was further reinforced, in Raymond, Alberta, where we were interned for ten years during the War. There, we were in a different social framework wherein it was difficult to retain the cultural values, spirituality and the spoken language. She said, "despite these conditions, it is important to look forward to a "new" future". Furthermore, she valued attendance at the temple Sunday school and encouraged participation in the various temple activities, including the attendance at the language classes. She was, without insistence, able to maintain Japanese as our first language. She would say, "Nihongo shikkari shaberi nasai." Even to the day that she passed away, she called me only by my Japanese name, Isao.

Growing up in this situation, I asked myself, "Now, I know why she was so determined that we maintain the cultural and spiritual values and the spoken language.

Looking back, how fortunate that I am able to experience and enjoy the spiritual life at the Steveston temple and to express myself in Japanese. I feel comfortable in conversing with my friends at the temple.

How grateful! I am able to cross-over into this life by listening to the silent but strong voice of my Mother. Hontoni Arigatai.

In Gassho,
Roy Akune

母からの贈り物

この世に人として生を受けることは難しいことです。しかし私は今、人として生きています。お釈迦さまの声を聞くことは難しいことです。しかし私は今、お釈迦さまの声を聞いています。もし私が今生において真理に至らなければ、いつ私は真理を悟るのでしょうか。まごころと深い敬意をもって、仏、法、僧の三宝に帰依いたします。

これは、私達がふだん日曜礼拝で唱和する三帰依文をそのまま引用したものではありません。母の日という特別な日にちなんで、母に対する私の個人的な気持ちを表現するために、私は三帰依文をこのように書き直しました。

母の日が来ると、母の思い出は年を重ねるにつれて深くなり、言葉では表せないほど私に影響を与えます。母はBC州のミッションで生まれ、2012年2月23日98歳で亡くなりました。私は76年間、母と一緒に過ごしましたが、母の思い出は私の生涯を通じて私と共にあります。彼女の愛、思いやり、価値観、そして犠牲は、私に大きな影響を与えました。今、私は、母が私の人生に与えた影響を深く理解し、感謝できるようになりました。多くの出来事や出会いや助言がありました。しかし、当時は無意味に思えて無視することもありましたが、今は振り返ってみると、それらは私に大きな影響を与えたことに気づきます。

第二次世界大戦前にステューブストンで育った母は、当時いた四人の子供達に、日本の文化的価値観を保持し、家庭で日本語を話すことを強く勧めました。そしてこのことは、戦時中に私達が10年間抑留されたアルバータ州のレイモンドで、さらに強化されました。そこでは、私達は異なる社会構造の中にいたため、文化的価値観と精神性、そして日本の話し言葉を維持することは困難でした。母は「このような状況の中でも、『新しい』未来に目を向けることが大切です。」と言いました。さらに母は、お寺の日曜学校への出席を大切に、語学クラスへの出席も含めて、お寺のいろいろな活動に参加することを勧めました。このようにして母は、子供達が日本語を第一言語として保ち続けることを、さりげなく可能にしました。彼女には「しっかり日本語、しゃべりなさい」といつも言っていました。そして亡くなる日まで、私のことをイサオという私の日本語の名前で呼んでいました。

このような環境で育った私は、「なぜ日本の文化的、精神的価値観、そして日本の話し言葉を、子供達が保ち続けるよう、母が固く決意していたのか、今わかる」と自問しました。

振り返ってみると、ステューブストンのお寺で、仏教徒としての人生を、楽しみながら経験し、また日本語で自己表現する機会にも恵まれて、私は本当に幸せなことだと思えます。お寺で友人達と会話するのも、とても心地よく感じます。

なんとありがたいことでしょうか。静かですが力強い母の声を聞くことによって、私はこの人生（このいのち）を生きることができているのです。本当に有り難いことです。

合掌 阿久根ロイ

DHARMA LIGHT



**BOARD
NOTES**

We hope you're able to appreciate this season's sakura. Here are recent Board and temple highlights:

- On behalf of the JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada), Dr. Lester Ikuta presented details of the use of national dues which are a major share of our SBT member fees. Recruiting and covering unfilled ministerial positions is an ongoing demand of both time & money, particularly for Bishop Tatsuya Aoki. Additionally the JSBTC is needing to deal with shortages of a few kinds including membership revenues and people to fill positions including its board & for projects. I am happy to report, SBT doesn't seem to be suffering quite the same. We appreciate the JSBTC reaching out with this presentation and look forward to further updates from the JSBTC in the near future.

- Following another quintessential Chowmein DriveThru & Pickup fundraiser the board extends a big Thank You to the Fujinkai stalwarts, Renako & the office staff, and definitely



the spirited group of invaluable prep & cook volunteers. On behalf of SBT, the board is donating proceeds to the community of Tumbler Ridge and the tragedy aftermath it is enduring.

- The SBT Nippon

Fair (May 9): Volunteers are needed to move tables from the Wisteria garage on Sun. May 3 after Shotsuki service. Contact Keiko (info@steveston-temple.ca) if you are able to volunteer to help .

- Formalities are underway for scheduling qualifying exams and then ordination of SBT board member, Sam Martens to become resident minister. Reverend Grant will mentor Sam over the next 2-3 years. Once the Bishop and Hongwan-ji Kyoto head temple have validated Sam's application, we look forward to an official announcement soon after.

- Kuni and Bud have accepted appointment of being lead contacts for installing picnic tables under overhangs between the temple & Wisteria Place. They will also be looking at a solution to the patchy front & back lawns of the temple. Thank you gentlemen!

- On Sun. May 24th after service we are planning a workparty to spread a load of approximately 3 cubic yards of soil on garden beds around the temple & Wisteria Place grounds. Please look for details in the newsletter, on the website, or contact the office for details.

- Our utsukushii Sanmon gate is having a repair done in the coming days to the eastside post. Pls don't be alarmed, it hasn't broken or been vandalized if you notice something amiss for a short period of time.

- On March 20th, board member Amy S conducted a thorough, informative AED machine orientation session and a few related CPR tips. We got to work on a simulation dummy (no, not me). The Bee Gees 'Stayin' Alive' will always be on my mind when thinking of the CPR tempo!



- Hanamatsuri weekend was April 17-19. SBT hosted the return of the wagakki traditional musical performance featuring The Tsumugu Project, a taiko, shakuhachi & guitar trio from Japan. It was a high calibre, energetic concert that really engaged the audience. Hanamatsuri guest minister, the personable Rev. Patricia Kanaya lectured on Saturday followed by potluck supper, and the Sunday service dharma talk.

In gassho, *Doug* on behalf of the SBT board



Your 2026 SBT board (l to r):

Keiko Go (staff), Durgesh Kasbekar, Rev. Grant Ikuta, Amy Setterstrom, June Ikuta, Jeanne Ryan, Brent Nakata, Susan Tasaka, Kuni Ikuta, Doug Anzai, Suzie Vertue, Bud Sakamoto, Patti Ayukawa, Renako Muira (staff)
 Insets: Casey Akizuki, Sam Martens, Rainer Mehl, Annette Stevens

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 April 21st, 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 (\$3,620): Akune Roy & Itoko, Anzai June, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Jonson Yumi, Kurita Yoshie, Lee Cindy, Martin Michael, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Matsuno Tom, Matsushita Nobuko, Morizawa Sazare, Nakanishi Gen, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Seguev Michiko, Setterstrom Amy, Stevens Annette, Tsukijima Judy, Toyoda Miyuki, Whittier Maya, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, SBT Columbarium, Anonymous

Kazy Tomihiro 90th Birthday: Tomihiro Miyoshi

Japanese Canadian Survivors' Health & Wellness: Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund Society

Tumbler Ridge Donation: Akune Roy & Itoko, Seguev Michiko

Dharma School Donation: Araki Linda

Shotsuki Donation (\$3,800):

March: Nishi Robert & Royce & Skyler, Whittier Maya, Yamaoka Vicky, Yukawa Joe

April: Akizuki Casey & Ayako, Akizuki Gary & Gloria, Akizuki Russ, Akune Roy & Itoko, Chan Rob & Elsie, Doi Peter & Louise, Esson Karen, Gallop Fred & Haruko, Hama Helen, Hamada Satoshi, Hamade Noboru, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Hiromi, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirano Chiyoko, Horii Caryn, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, John Annie, Kakehi Tomoko, Kamimura Roger, Kariya Florence, Kariya Yoriko, Kishiuchi Darlene, Kojima Michiko, Kondo Kaoru, Lum Hitomi, Maeda Cheryl & Kiana, Marchrones Barbara, Matsumura Dan, Matsuo David, Matsuo Ken, Matsuo Mike, McAllister Kirsten, McLean Jenny & Duncan, Morishita Herb & Joy, Morizawa Paul, Morizawa Sazare, Mukai Akiko, Mukai Don & Shioko, Murao Dick, Murao Ken, Murao Ray, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakano Alison, Nakashima Frank, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Patricia, Niwatsukino Pearl & Kiss Graeme, Oikawa Brian, Oikawa Toyoko, Oye Hanako, Oye Larry, Oye Challoner Bernice, Pomeroy Rieko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Marge, Sakamoto Chikako, Satosono Sam & Aya, Takahashi Kei, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Joyce, Teraguchi Jean, Tomihiro Kazy, Tsukijima Judy, Tsumura Takumi & Elaine, Yesaki Arthur, Yesaki Mitsuo, Yokota Amy, Yokota Carl, Yoneda Kazuyo, Yoshihara Ken &

Hiroko, Anonymous

Major Services (\$170):

Spring Ohigan: Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kondo Kaoru, Oye Hanako, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Tomihiro Kazy

Funerals & Memorial Services (\$7,070):

In memory of the late:

Jean Koyanagi: Koyanagi Jean, Hamada Satoshi, Holmes Ruby & Tkachuk David, Nishi Kayoko, Tomihiro Kazy

Tom Yesaki: Yesaki Sean, Araki Maya, Atkinson Kim, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kakehi Tomoko, Katai Ed & Teruko, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Lowden Gina, Nishi Kayoko, Niwatsukino Pearl & Kiss Graeme, Okabe Mary, Oshiro Pat & May, Richards Amy, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakamoto Bud, Soma Ikumi, Suzuki Kent, Teraguchi Jean, Tomihiro Kazy, Ward Ryoko, Watanabe Sachiko, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Lorri & Jack & families

Kiyoko Tanaka: Araki Linda, Babiuk Kerry & Orrie, Doi Peter & Louise, Fong Jim, Hamada Satoshi, Hanson Jim & Ruth, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirata H & D, Hirano Chiyoko, Holmes Ruby & Tkachuk David, Ikuta Kuni & June, Izumi Basil & Etsuko, John Fred, Kanno Yoko, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kumagai Mary, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Lum Hitomi, Maede Judith & Sangelo Diane, Mizuta Harry, Morizawa Sazare, Mukai Akiko, Mukuda Judy, Mura M., Murakami Lori, Murao Lila, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nishi Kayoko, Oye Hanako, Oye Challoner Bernice, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sands Karen, Takahashi Kei, Takasaki Dale, Tamaki Toyoko, Tanaka Ron & Anne, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Teramura Pauline, Tubajon Julie & Nitta Jeff, Yamamoto Cathy, Yoshida Dave & Arlene,

Andy Nakata: Adams Wendy, Akizuki Gary, Atkinson Kim, Coles Ruth & Edward, Homma Kathryn, Ichiwa Bea & Ken, Ikeda Family, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kawasaki Jeffrey, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Matsuo Michelle, McDougall Kari, Nakatani Sean, Nishi Kayoko, Niwatsukino Pearl & Kiss Graeme, Orr Derek, Orr Karen, Tanaka Martin, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tomihiro Kazy, Yamamoto Sheila

49th day memorial of Stacy Maeda: The Maeda Family

7th year memorial of Terry Sakai: Sakai Marge, Amano Graham, McDonald Diana & Grant, Sakai David & Denise, Sakai Richard & Yoshie & Madison, Sakai Rod

Hajime Kawamoto: Kawamoto Tobo & Hirko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Pat & Denis, Nishi Greg & Mary, Nishi Ruby, Oye Hanako, Oye Larry, Oye Challoner Bernice, Teramura Marilyn

Fujinkai Donation:

General: Perkins Yvonne

Dana Day: Oye Hanako, Stevens Annette, Whittier Maya

In memory of Jean Koyanagi: Koyanagi Jean

In memory of Tom Yesaki: Yesaki Sean

Membership 2026/2027 paid: Ikuta Kevin, Matsunaga Osamu, Perkins Yvonne, Sano Masayoshi

Notice from the Office

Items for the garage sale that you bring from home may only be brought on the dates designated by the office. We kindly ask for your cooperation in bringing only the items that we specifically request from the temple. We are unable to accept any other items due to storage space.

Thank you for your understanding.

Japanese Grocery Sale

Japanese food is sold at the temple only after the Shotsuki memorial service on the first Sunday of the month. Please refrain from purchasing on other days. Thank you for your understanding.



2026 SBT GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 26, 2026

COUNTRY MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

- Golf & Dinner \$ 110
- Dinner Only \$ 50

Register Now

website and in the office. Please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta if you should have any questions.

So mark down July 26, 2026 Sunday afternoon and join us for a great day of FUN. All entry forms are on the website and available at the office.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Tournament.

Steveston Buddhist Temple Golf Committee
 Rev. Grant Ikuta, Kuni Ikuta, Arlene Yoshida, Dave Yoshida, Mike Nakanishi, Frances Nakanishi
 Tomoko Kakehi, Norine Kemp, Glenn Kishi, Roy Matsuyama

Tsumugu Project 2026 Ibuki Hanamatsuri Concert

Keiko Go

On April 17th at 7pm, Tsumugu Project 2026 Ibuki Hanamatsuri concert was held in Hondo. We would like to thank all the people who came to watch this lovely concert. Thanks to Keita san, Yoshimi san, Yujiro san and Yasunori san for coming all the way from Japan to perform at the temple.



Tsumugu Project 2026

息吹 花まつりコンサート
郷 恵子

和楽器のTsumugu Project 2026 息吹 花まつりコンサートが去る4月17日午後7時からご本堂にて開催されました。沢山のご来場の皆様をお迎えして素晴らしいコンサートになりました。日本からお越し下さいましたパフォーマー、そして関係者の皆様には心から感謝致します。

ありがとうございました。

PRIZES	FORMAT	PROCEDURE
Closest to the pin most accurate drive Putting contest Lost ball contest 50/50 raffle Silent auction	Teams will play the best ball of the four shots (Texas Scramble - Rule Sheet Available). If you do not enter a team, we will place you on a team.	Tee Time 1PM for everyone. You will be advised of your starting hole a week advance.

604-277-2323
office@steveston-temple.ca

STEVESTON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
2026 GOLF TOURNAMENT
JULY 26, 2026 SUNDAY
COUNTRY MEADOWS GOLF COURSE
 8400 No. 6 Road Richmond B.C.

Shotgun Start at 1 P.M. (we all start at the same time).

Join us for a fun day on the golf links and a full buffet dinner afterwards on Sunday July 26, 2026 at Country Meadows Golf Course in Richmond.

This year note it is on a SUNDAY and that we are having a shotgun start at 1 PM (we all start at the same time but on different holes). This format allows us all to start our dinner shortly after everyone finishes golfing.

Whether you are new to the game or a seasoned pro, please join us as the focus is on FUN.

The format is a team event (Texas Scramble) where you use the best shot of your foursome which makes it fun for all players regardless of skill level.

There will be fun games and prizes for guessing the total number of lost balls for all players in the tournament, most accurate drives, closest to the pin and other games.

Following golf there will be a full steak and chicken buffet dinner.

The Steveston Buddhist Temple wishes to encourage participation by setting the entry fee at \$110 per player which is the cost the Temple pays to Country Meadows for the golf and dinner.

One half of the funds raised will be used to support Temple programs and the other half will be donated to the Richmond Food Bank.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of cash or prizes for the tournament. The donor forms will be on the



STEVESTON
Buddhist
Temple

4360 Garry Street
Richmond BC. V7E 2V2
Tel: (604) 277-2323
Fax: (604) 277-0313
info@steveston-temple.ca
www.steveston-temple.ca

Would you like to receive your own copy of Dharma Light?

Send an e-mail to: events@steveston-temple.ca and ask to be added to our mailing list.
(All members automatically receive a copy via e-mail, hand delivery or Canada Post.)

MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to become a member, please come to the office and complete the membership form.

Join the Sangha and spread the Dharma

Hanamatsuri Weekend

On a beautiful weekend in April (17 – 19), the Hanamatsuri weekend was observed to celebrate the birth of the baby Buddha. The weekend included a fabulous Japanese Wagaki Musical concert on Friday night, a special Hanamatsuri lecture by our guest minister, Rev. Patricia Kanaya from Ottawa, and the Hanamatsuri service on Sunday.

Special thank you to the Ibuki musicians for your wonderful concert, thank you to Rev. Patricia Kanaya for taking time out to help share the Buddha Dharma with us over the weekend, and thank you to the Fujinkai ladies for helping prep and serve the meals over the weekend. A memorable time was had by all who participated in the weekend.

花祭り週末

4月の17日-19日の週末にお釈迦様の誕生を祝う花祭り週末が祝われました。和楽器コンサートや、花祭りの招待したご講師のパトリシア・金谷先生による特別講義や日曜日の花祭り法要など、イベントの多い週末でした。素晴らしいコンサートをご提供してくださったイブキのミュージシャンの皆様、パトリシア・カナヤ先生、そして週末に食事の準備と提供を手伝ってくださった婦人会の皆様にお礼を申し上げます。



Outdoor Entertainment & Workshops

- *BC Ninja Union 11:00am to 11:30am
- *Sho Matsumoto 11:00am to 12:00pm
- *Vancouver Eishin Ryu Iaido 12:00pm to 12:30pm

Workshops in the Hondo

- *Learn about Buddhism 11:30am to 1:00pm
- *Boxing - Hall of Famer Eiji 2:00pm to 2:30pm
- *Live Laughing Yoga 2:45pm to 3:15pm
- *Learn about Buddhism 3:30pm to 4:30pm

PERFORMANCES

The 1st Performance: 1:00pm to 2:00pm
The 2nd Performance: 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Nori Akagi(Wadaiko), BC Ninja Union, Hanamizuki(Choir), Appare Yosakoi Vancouver, Vancouver Eishin Ryu Iaido(Katana Martial Art), Sho Matsumoto and Vancouver Mikoshi Sakurakai

親鸞聖人と桜

明日ありと思う心の仇桜
 夜半に嵐の吹かぬものかは
 (9歳の親鸞聖人が書かれた詩)



法のともしび

周囲に花々が満開になりステーブストンで一番美しい季節がまいりました。お寺の前の曙桜は終わりましたが、開教使住宅にある関山桜(濃いピンクの花)は今満開です。時の流れの一瞬の美しさのため桜は多くの日本人に愛されています。

最近、お寺の正面玄関の横にある納骨堂の銘板に、上記の詩が納骨堂に収められている皆様の名前のリストの横に追加されました。この詩は親鸞聖人が9歳の時に書かれたと言われています。親鸞聖人は9歳の時、叔父の日野徳剛に連れられて京都東部の青蓮院に得度を受けに行かれたと言われています。お寺に着いた頃、すでに遅い時間だったので得度式を指導する天台宗の慈円和尚が翌朝まで待ちましようと言ったその時に親鸞聖人が、人生の儚さを強調する詩を書いたと言われています。慈円は親鸞聖人の深い洞察に感銘を受け、その晩すぐに得度式を行なわれたと伝えられています。こうして親鸞聖人は比叡山での20年間の天台僧としての修行を始めました。努力を重ねるほど、自分の弱さや限界を自覚し、最終的に山を離れて法然上人の弟子となりました。法然上人はあらゆる人々が救われるお念仏のみ教えを一般庶民に教えていたので、そこに親鸞聖人は真の解放を見出し、残りの人生を阿弥陀様のみ教えに従うことに捧げたのです。

5月17日(日)に浄土真宗の御開山親鸞聖人の誕生を祝う降誕会法要を開催します。ぜひこの貴重な仏法に出会う機会にご参加ください。お待ちしております。

合掌
 生田真見

役員会からお知らせ

皆さんが今シーズンの桜を楽しまれたなら幸いです。最新の役員会のハイライトは以下の通りです。

- ・ 浄土真宗カナダ教団を代表して、私達ステーブストン仏教会の年会費の大部分を占める全国組織に支払う会費の使途の詳細について、生田レスター博士より説明がありました。開教使の空席を埋めるための人材確保と補充のために、特に青木龍也総長は、時間と資金を継続的に必要としています。さらに浄土真宗カナダ教団は、メンバーシップの会費収入の不足や、役員会やプロジェクトの役職を埋める人材の不足など、いくつかの種類の不足に対処する必要があります。うれしいことにステーブストン仏教会には、同じような不足問題はないようです。浄土真宗カナダ教団が今回のプレゼンテーションの連絡をくださったことに感謝するとともに、近い将来、さらなる最新情報が提供されることを期待しています。

- ・ 恒例のチャオメン・ドライブスルー&ピックアップ募金イベントがまた成功し、役員会は、熱心で頼りになる婦人会の皆さん、玲奈子さんとオフィススタッフの皆さん、そして準備と調理をしてくださった、何よりも貴重なボランティアの皆さんに心より感謝申し上げます。収益金は、タンブラー・リッジのコミュニティと悲劇の余波が長く続いている地域に寄付いたします。ステーブストン仏教会の寄付の最新情報は、来月のニュースレターでお知らせします。

- ・ 5月9日(土)開催予定のニッポンフェアは、5月3日(日)の祥月法要後に、テーブルをウィステリア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。このちょっとした力仕事を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。

- ・ ステーブストン仏教会の駐在開教使候補者の資格試験とその後の得度式に向けた手続きが進んでいます。また今後2~3年間は、グラント先生によるご指導が予定されています。青木総長と京都の本願寺(ご本山)が申請を承認した後、すぐに正式な発表があることを期待しています。

- ・ クニとバッドは、お寺とウィステリアアプレイスの間にある軒下にピクニックテーブルを設置する件の主要連絡担当者として任命されました。また二人は、お寺の前庭と裏庭のところどころまだらになっている芝生の解決策を検討してくれる予定です。お二人に感謝します。ありがとうございます！

- ・ 5月24日、日曜礼拝の後、お寺とウィステリアアプレイス周辺の庭の植え込みに、約3立方ヤードの土を敷き詰める作業を、皆で一緒に行なうことを計画しています。詳細はニュースレターやウェブサイトをご覧ください。

- ・ 近日中に私達の美しい山門の、東側の支柱の修理を行う予定です。ご心配なさらなくてください。短い間、何か異常に気づいたとしても、それは破損や破壊行為によるものではありません。

- ・ 3月20日に、役員のエイミーはAED(自動体外式除細動器)の取り扱いについての徹底的かつ有益なオリエンテーションと、関連するCPR(心肺蘇生法)の二、三のちょっとしたコツを実施してくれました。私達は、シミュレーション用のダミー人形(私ではありません)を使って、実施しました。CPRのテンポを思い浮かべるとき、ビージーズの「ステイキング・アライヴ」の曲がいつも頭から離れないでしょう。

合掌 アンザイ・ダグ ステーブストン仏教会の役員会を代表して

お寺についてのご提案がありましたら、生田グラント先生か役員にいつでもご自由にお声をかけてお聞かせください。私たちはどんなご提案に対してもオープンで興味があります。



藤の会

2028年にスティブストン仏教会は百周年を迎えます。祝賀行事に先立ち、多くのプログラムや活動を計画しております。

「全員聞法全員伝道」というスローガンを設けました。「共に法を受け取り、共に法を広める」このスローガンは本願寺が数年前に用いたものから借用しており、寺内の活動への参加を促すことを目的としています。これらの活動を円滑に行うために、新しく「藤の会」を導入することを決定いたしました。お寺のすべてのメンバーが参加し、当番制度を設けます。各当番はお寺の様々な行事における手伝い、ゆくゆくは婦人会の代わりになります。今までお寺のために貢献してこられました婦人会の皆様にはたいへん感謝しております。しかし婦人会の皆様は高齢化し、今までのような役割で奉仕することが困難となつております。

婦人会を助けるためにも藤の会の創設は私たち全員が協力して寺を支え続ける方法になります。当番リストの作成のために少し時間がかかりますが、今後のニュースレターにて進捗状況を随時お知らせいたします。

萌の会 松下信子

4月16日の萌の会は、ウクレレ伴奏のバーステイングと春の歌を2曲みんなで歌って始まりました。続いて「けは」作りをしました。私達は毎月1回お寺に集まって活動しているので、今回はお寺に直接関係するクラフトとして「けは」（蓮の花びらを型どった紙）を作ることになりました。当日シニアの皆さんは、ボランティアが事前にプリントして切っておいたパーツを糊で貼る作業をして、各自5枚完成させました。



「けは」は、3枚がお寺（山門、本堂、ご本尊の阿弥陀さま、三奉請）、2枚が花まつり（ベイビー仏陀、菩提樹下のお釈迦さま、初転法輪、四諦）です。完成した「けは」は、私達のお寺とコミュニティとのご縁を喜ぶ記念（リマインダー）となりました。その後みんなでお手玉回しやランプのゲームをして楽しみました。午後にはボランティアがさらに「けは」を150枚作り、18日（土）の花まつり講演会と19日（日）のグルマスクールと花まつり法要に参加された皆さんにお配りしました。法要では、参加者が三奉請を唱和している中、グラント先生、パトリシア先生、ロイ先生が散華の儀式として「けは」をまき散らしてしてくださいました。また参加者も着席のまま散華することが許され、とても心に残る法要となりました。皆さん本当にありがとうございました。

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。

玉木アキラ	2026年3月29日寂	77歳
堂前コウジ	2026年4月16日寂	81歳