



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

Fridays Jun 5th to Jul10th 7:00pm
Bon Odori Practice

Sunday June 7th 10:30am
Shotsuki Service

Monday June 8th 7:00pm
Board Meeting

Sunday June 14th 9:00am
Temple Semi Annual Cleaning

Thursday June 18th 10:00am
Moe no Kai

Sunday June 21st 10:30am
Regular Service

Sunday June 28th 10:00 am
Dharma School Outing

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.

Connections

One of my favorite Japanese Buddhist terms is the word “Go En” (御縁), which I have explained on numerous occasions. The first character “Go” (御) is an honorific prefix making the word more polite. The main character “En” (縁) is generally translated as “fate” or “bond”, but I like to translate it from a Buddhist usage as, “Encounter”. Putting the 2 characters together, I like to translate it as “Serendipitous Encounter”. Another way of saying this might be the “Wonderful Encounters” we have in life. Throughout my career as a minister, I am repeatedly reminded of the many “Serendipitous Encounters” that I have occurred in my life. Why, you might ask, am I writing about this? Well, it might be because I am currently writing my article at the central public library in Nanaimo. And what has brought me to the library in Nanaimo? I am here because I was invited to participate this weekend in the opening ceremony for the “Omoide” (思い出 - Memories) and “Gaman” (我慢 - Endurance) art exhibits at the Gabriola Island Museum.



I believe that my being asked to participate in the opening ceremony has some very direct connections with the Vancouver Island Obon Tour that I have been a part of since 2010. The Obon Tour was something that was started in the 1950's by my grandfather Rev. Shinjo Ikuta. Initially, the visitation was carried out without much fanfare. My grandfather and one or two helpers would visit Vancouver Island to hold Obon services at the residence of some individuals and hold services at a number of cemeteries. The majority of the cemeteries of the Japanese Canadians were in very poor shape as they had been desecrated during and following WWII.

It wasn't until 1967 when my father, Rev. Kyojo Ikuta along with the local Kiwanis club organized the cleanup and creation of a central monument at the Cumberland Japanese Cemetery. Still, other cemeteries on the Island remained in a poor condition.

The next major improvement came about following the Redress in 1988. With funding from the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation, Roy Inouye, along with others from the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation and members from the NAJC organized the placement of memorial monuments in the cemeteries in Chemainus and Port Alberni listing the Nikkei individuals who were buried in those cemeteries.

In the 1990's and early 2000's, the ministers from the BC Jodo Shinshu Federation took turns in leading the Vancouver Island Obon Tour. Since 2010, I have been the primary organizer of the trip. Over the course of time that I have been involved with the Obon Tour, I have seen it develop into a community building event with people from both the mainland and Vancouver Island getting together to honor our pioneers who helped establish our collective roots on the west coast.

As I think about the events commencing this weekend on Gabriola Island, I can't help but wonder if my participation can't be connected to the first time my grandfather visited Vancouver Island for the first Obon services back in the 1950's. It really is a “Serendipitous Encounter” for me to be writing my article at the Central Library in Nanaimo.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Grant Ikuta

Moe No-Kai Keiko Go

The Tango Festival (Children's Day) decorations that had been displayed in the temple hall were put away, making the temple feel a little lonely again. However, on May 21, the atmosphere quickly became lively thanks to the 21 senior participants who attended the Moe no Kai gathering. Everyone seemed very happy as they played a memory card game using paper cups and enjoyed teatime with nostalgic-tasting sakura mochi sweets. This time, we also introduced emergency preparedness supplies. Sudden earthquakes, power outages, and floods can happen at any time, and it is important to prepare now so we do not regret it later. This may also be a good opportunity to review your household emergency stockpile. In addition to preparing emergency supplies, it is important to discuss emergency plans with your family. We also encourage everyone not to forget communication with neighbours, hoping that as many people as possible will find this information helpful. The next Moe no Kai gathering will be on June 18 at 10:00 a.m., and we will enjoy making summer floral crafts together. We look forward to seeing everyone again. Thank you and see you soon.



SemiAnnual Temple Cleaning

Join us in preparing the Temple for Obon, on Sunday June 14th at 9am for our semi-annual temple cleaning.

Cleaning is a very important Buddhist Practice.

As we clean the temple together, we cleanse our inner selves as well.



We welcome new faces!

Gardening Club

Dear Members

The Gardening Club would like to invite you to our Garden Cleaning Day.

Date: Saturday, June 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Next to the Sanmon

Please bring:

- Gardening gloves
- A dandelion picker (if you have one)

Let's work together

We look forward to seeing you there.

Michiko & Tomoko

会員の皆様へ

ガーデニングクラブより、お庭お掃除日のお知らせ

日時：6月20日（土）
午前10時～11時30分
集合場所：山門横
持参していただく物：
・ガーデニング用手袋
・タンポポを抜く道具（お持ちの方）

皆様のご参加をお待ちしております。

径子・朋子



Takarajima Play Group May Craft

Japanese Canadian Monument Unveiling Ceremony

The Japanese Canadian Legacy Foundation Program is happy to announce the planned completion of the Japanese Canadian Monument Park in Victoria during this summer. On October 3rd (Sat), 2026, there will be an official unveiling ceremony at the Park. The Steveston Buddhist Temple, in conjunction with the Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, and the JC Legacy Foundation is organizing 2 charter buses for survivors to attend the unveiling ceremony in Victoria. One bus will be reserved for surviving members from the Steveston, Vancouver, and Fraser Valley Buddhist Temples, and the second bus will be for Nikkei survivors from the community at large.

If you were born before May 1949 you are eligible to reserve a seat on the bus. All expenses for the trip to be funded by the JC Legacy Foundation. The trip will be a day trip leaving in the morning and returning in the evening. For further information on reserving your seat, please contact Rev. Ikuta at the temple.

There will be some restricted seating for care aids (at a fee of \$50 per person) who need to accompany survivors who cannot make it on their own.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to the Steveston Buddhist Temple

Makiyo Hosomi

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.

Obon volunteers needed!!

Obon Festival will be held on Saturday, July 18th from 5pm to 9pm this year. I need volunteers to prepare in advance for the festival and on the actual festival day. If you are available, please contact Keiko at

(604)277-2323 or info@steveston-temple.ca

Without volunteers, there will be no Obon Festival. Thank you for your wonderful support and let's have a great time!



OBITUARY

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

Katsumi Joe Yukawa	April 29, 2026	93 Years Old
Yoshio Hosomi	April 30, 2026	74 Years Old
Seiko Tanami	May 6, 2026	96 Years Old

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	Uyeyama, 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, Matsuo	Tanigami, Tomie	

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

Akune, Yuichi	Hashimoto, Toyozo	Kishi, Kazuko	Mori, Chiyo	Sakai, Yasuichi	Toyoda, Kiyoko
Amadatsu, Johnny	Hashimoto, Tsuta	Kitagawa, Kikuye	Morimoto, Chiyo	Sakamoto, Yasue	Uchida, Fumiko
Arima, Kenichi	Hayashida, Jun	Kitagawa, Masa	Morimoto, Toshinosuke	Sakiyama, Toshiye	Uyeyama, Fukujiro
Atagi, Kaoru	Hibi, Aika	Kondo, Hiroshi	Murao, Toshio	Stewart, Dan	Yamamoto, (Tom) Yutaka
Beaton, Yoshimi	Higo, Saichiro	Kondo, Yoneko	Nagata, Kory	Takane, Katsu	Yamanaka, Keiko
Clarke, Sandra May	Hikida, Tazu	Koyama, Chieko	Nishi, Tsuta	Tanaka, Koharu	Yoshida, Ben
Domae, Isa	Hirose, Tahei	Kung, Laurence	Nishi, Hiroshi	Tani, Mikie	Yoshida, Yoshie
Eskandari, Kazuko	Hirose, Toki	Matsumura, Eikichi	Okano, Koito	Taniwa, Fusae	Yoshida, Takahiko
Hamade, Taki	Hirota, Mitsuyuki	Maeda, Kikuye	Osaka, Kikue	Taniwa, Kazuo	
Hamade, Tsuyoshi	Ishida, Yokichi	Maeda, Tomino	Oura, Toshiharu	Teramura, Kinue	
Hamaura, Takashi	Kariya, Kimiko	Mitsui, Ken	Pineda, Sena	Teranishi, Hatsu	

Sarana Affirmation



The Sarana Affirmation Ceremony is a formal Buddhist ritual, particularly in Jodo Shinshu tradition, in which followers publicly affirm their commitment to Buddhism. Sarana is derived from the Sanskrit language; it signifies taking refuge in the Three Treasures and making entry into the Buddhist community by receiving a Buddhist name.

This ceremony was held on April 26 at the Steveston temple. It marked a special occasion for my daughter-in-law, Vicky, and grandsons, Nicolas and Marcus, who committed themselves to the path of the Nembutsu. It has been a tradition of our family to undertake this exercise as the opportunity arises. My son, Aaron, and wife, Itoko, received their affirmation in 1982 and I received mine in 1952.

Traditionally, the Sarana Affirmation was called the Okamisori-shiki, the honorific shaving of the head ceremony. The origin of this act goes back to the day of Siddhartha when he shaved his head as a form of commitment to the spiritual path of life. Today, it is called the Kikyoshiki or Sarana Affirmation and is performed only by the Gomonsu or in special instances by his representative who in this case is the Bishop - Rev. Tatsuya Aoki of the Jodo Shinshi Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC).

The Sarana Affirmation began with a special gathering with the thirteen recipients for whom he explained the effect the Sarana Affirmation had on the lives of people. This was followed by a regular Dharma service and the most important event - the special honorific head shaving ceremony witnessed by family members and guests. The experience had a profound impact upon them all, as their connection with Jodo Shinshu Buddhism was deepened.

The ceremony is now a symbolic act of tapping the head three times while the recipients are seated. The recipients then, on standing, are asked to confirm their commitment by receiving the Bishop's message from the Larger Sutra of Infinite Life (the Larger Sukhavativyuha-sutra) along with the solemn declaration of the Three Treasures - I put my faith in the Buddha, I put my faith in the Dharma, I put my faith in the Sangha.

The Buddhist name or Homyo is then given to each recipient. The names, which are unique to each individual, all have the same prefix, Shaku. The prefix comes from the Buddha's name Shaku-muni. For example, my name is Shaku-shokan. Previous to the 1990s, the name was gender specific with the prefix, Shaku, given to the male follower and Shakuni to the female follower.

The Sarana Affirmation was truly eventful for Vicky, Nicolas and Marcus as they received their Homyo. They were truly elated with their names as they felt that the names selected for them were a true reflection of their feelings about Buddhism. To quote them, "How is it that both Bishop Aoki and Rev. Ikuta were so understanding of how we felt about Buddhism?" They felt very special to be given a Homyo while one is living.

On behalf of the Akune family, I wish to extend our appreciation to Bishop Tatsuya Aoki and Rev. Grant Ikuta for organizing the Sarana Affirmation and for inspiring the family to participate in this truly auspicious occasion.

帰依式

帰依式は、特に浄土真宗で行われる正式な仏教儀式で、信者が仏教への信仰を公に誓うものです。サラナはサンスクリット語に由来し、三宝に帰依し、仏名を授かることで仏教コミュニティの一員となることを意味します。

この儀式は4月26日にスティーブストン仏教会で行われました。これは、私の義理の娘のヴィッキーと孫のニコラスとマーカスにとって特別な機会であり、彼らは念仏の道を歩むことを誓いました。我が家では、機会があれば帰依式を受けることが伝統となっています。私の息子のアロンと妻の糸子は1982年に、私は1952年に帰依式を受けました。

伝統的に、帰依式は「おかみそり」と呼ばれ、髻れ高い剃髪の前髪を剃る儀式でした。この儀式の起源は、シスターが精神的な道歩み人生を決意した証として頭髪を剃った時代に遡ります。今日では「帰敬式」または「帰依式」と呼ばれ、ご門主、または特別な場合には、その代理人によってのみ執り行われます。今回の代理人は、浄土真宗カナダ教団 (JSBTC) の総長の青木龍也先生です。

帰依式は、まず13名の受式者との特別な集まりから始まり、帰依式が人々の人生にどのような影響を与えるかについて説明がありました。続いて通常の日曜礼拝が行われた後、家族や招待客が見守る中で、最も大切に特別な行事である剃髪式（「おかみそり」）が執り行われました。この経験は、浄土真宗とのお縁を深め、受式者全員に深い感銘を与えました。

現在、剃髪の前髪を剃る儀式は、ご門主、または代理の総長が、着席した状態の受式者の頭を3回軽く叩くという象徴的な行為で行われます。その後、受式者は立ち上がり、総長から大無量寿経（スカーヴェアティ スートラ）のメッセージを受け取るとともに、「私は仏に帰依します、私は法に帰依します、私は僧に帰依します」という三宝（三帰依文）の厳粛な宣言を行うことで、自らの誓いを改めて表明するよう求められます。

その後、仏弟子としての名前である法名が、それぞれの受式者に授けられます。法名は個人ごとに異なりますが、すべて「釈」（正式には釋）という字が冒頭につきまします。それは釈迦牟尼仏の名に由来します。例えば私の法名は「釋勝觀」です。1990年代以前は、法名は性別によって異なり、男性の信者には「釈」、女性の信者には「釈尼」という字が冒頭につけられました。

ヴィッキー、ニコラス、マーカスにとって、法名を授けられた帰依式は、まさに記念すべき出来事でした。彼らは、自分達に選ばれた名前が、仏教に対する彼らの気持ちを真に反映していると感じ、心から喜びました。彼らの言葉を借りれば、「青木総長先生と生田先生は、どうして私たちの仏教に対する気持ちをこんなにも理解してくださったのでしょうか？」とのことです。生きていくうちに法名を授かることができたのは、彼らにとって大変特別なことでした。阿久根家を代表して、帰依式を計画し実施してくださった青木龍也総長と生田グラント先生に、そしてこの大変光栄な機会に家族が参加するよう励ましてくださったことに、心より感謝申し上げます。



DHARMA LIGHT



**BOARD
NOTES**

Well, here we are quickly approaching the middle of 2026. Following are recent Board and temple highlights:



• Similar to Nippon Fair '25, mother nature applauded us on Sat. May 9th with fine weather for Nippon Fair '26. I thoroughly enjoyed the quaint, personable vibe throughout the festivities, from crafty artisans in Wisteria Place multi-purpose room and foodie goodies in the classroom, to food truck vendors and amazing performers in the parking lot and on the back lawn. The hondo was abuzz with workshops as well as Reverend Grant & Roy sensei immersed in information sessions all day. The foyer and hallway were lined with a variety of info booths and displays. Special mention of Reverend's family heirloom banner & koi windsocks that fluttered with vibrance & grace above the Wisteria Place entrance. A big domo arigato to all participants and volunteers contributing to another successful fair.

• Time to clean house! Our semi-annual temple cleaning will take place on Sunday June 14th, 9-noon. Light lunch will be available for all cleaner volunteers. On a related note: shelving for the hondo storage room needs assembly/ installation which can happen on the 14th if enough keen hands and bodies are available.

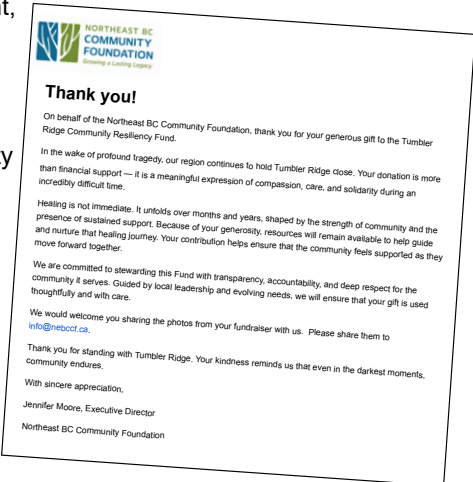
• Inspired by the admirable efforts of the Dharma School, and board member Suzie V, a Steveston beach clean-up event is taking place 10am on Sun. June 28th at Garry Point Park. The day will also include a visit to the re-purposing & recycling facility that Suzie works at, which is across the street from the park. Look for the announcement notice in this newsletter issue.

• We are coordinating with Wisteria Place and the contracted irrigation company to abide by progressing watering restrictions in an effort to keep trees, shrubs & flower beds from excessive stress & damage. If you have a 100' length of decent quality hose you're not using, pls consider donating it to the temple to use for hand watering. Moving forward we are investigating the problems and solutions for the shoddy lawn areas and also looking at painting the front temple sign board with a new fresh look.

• The board approved an order of obon odori ceremonial hats which will add attractive authenticity to the dances. In past organizers have had to scramble to have any such accoutrements for the odori performances.

• Thank You! ...the Chow Mein Drive-Thru & Pickup raised \$5300 which has been forwarded along with photos of our Chow Mein event,

to the Northeast BC Community Foundation for the Tumbler Ridge Community Resiliency Fund. The Fund is stewarded with transparency, accountability, and is Tumbler Ridge community-led for its long journey ahead.



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



The 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 Ayakawa, 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 all SBT!

DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after May 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, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, Hamano Heidi, Hashimoto Junichi, Ikuta Kuni & June, Lynn Judy, MacDonald David & Jenny, Martin Michael & Cavanaugh Genevra, Matsushita Nobuko, Morizawa Sazare, Perkins Yvonne, Satsukikai, Seguev Michiko, Shikaze Naomi, Shimokura Joyce & Ray, Stevens Annette, Vertue Susie, Watanabe Keiko, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Nippon Fair: Japan Consulting Corporation, Taco Nori, Tatchan Noodle, Teriyaki Boys, Vankoji Foods Ltd., Horikawa Shiho, Inoue Margaret, Ito Sachiko, Kamikura Joyce, Kurose Junko, Kinjo Chie, Lai Sachiyu, Matsushita Junko, McNeill Atsuko, Miura Reana, Mizutani Mami, Nakasone Isao, Namekawa Miyako, Negishi Hiroko, Saeki Erika, Sakamoto Chisa, Sakuta Midori, Sasaki Mike, Seo Yukiya, Shimmoto Hitoshi, Sumiya Mayu, Teraoka Naomi, Terencio Shinko, Ueno Midori, Yamasaki Michi, Yokota Kiyoko, Yoshioka Lucy

Sarana Affirmation: Akune Aaron & Vicky, Akune Roy & Itoko, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Nishi Kayoko, Perkins Yvonne, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Dharma School Donation: Luo Xing, Miura Renako

Shotsuki Donation (\$):

April: Morimoto Cathy, Sakai Sharon, Sakai-Boden Lynn, Yokota Carl

May: Akizuki Casey & Ayako, Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Gloria, Akizuki Russ, Akune Roy & Itoko, Anzai June, Armstrong Amy, Domai Kyosuke, Fee Peter & Emi, Grant Peter & Wendy, Hirose Brian, Hirose Eddy, Hirose Mary, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, King Hiroko, Kishi Leane, Kuriyama Paul, Kuriyama Richard, Leary Wayne & Corinne, Matsumura Dan, McCaffery Lillian, Murao Heidy, Murao Keith, Nakano Alison, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Greg & Mary, Nishikihama Calvin, Quan Toshiko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto Bud, Sakamoto Umeno, Sakamoto-Singh Crystal, Sakata Hozumi, Sakiyama Butch & Marilyn, Sakiyama Liz, Setterstrom Amy, Tabata Setsuko, Takasaki Mayumi, O-Sullivan Linda, Yamamoto Fay, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Major Services (\$):

Hanamatsuri: Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Anzai June, Araki Linda, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Esson Karen, Hama Helen, Hamada Satoshi, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi, Hirose Mary, Hokazono Kenji & Gloria, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Matsumura Laverne, Matsushita Nobuko, Mukai Akiko, Murakami Lori, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Eiko, Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto Bud, Stevens Annette, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Takeuchi Ken & Sachiko, Tamaki Toyoko, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tomihiro Kazy, Vertue Susie, Watanabe Naoko, Whittier Maya, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Yoshioka Stan & Lucy

Funerals & Memorial Services (\$):

In memory of the late:

Akira Tamaki: Lum Hitomi

Yoshio Hosomi: Hosomi Makiyo

Tom Yesaki: Miyazaki Sussie

Kiyoko Tanaka: Kondo Kaoru, Hirose Tim & Susanne, Wong Sheila

Susie Koyanagi: Murao Mary

49th day memorial of Andy Nakata: Rodrigues Leah

49th day memorial of Kiyoko Tanaka: Tanaka Jim, Tanaka Henry, Wickham Sharon, Tanaka Darlene

Interment Service of Sonoko Takasaki: Erickson Leanne

Kuni & Umeko Kozai: Percivan June, Matsuyama Roy & Julie, Morimoto Anthony, Morimoto C., Morimoto J., Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

Yoshiko & Michio Kishiuchi: Guthrie Virginia

Barbara Odamura: Ikuta Kuni & June

Kiyoko Niwatsukino: Murao Lila

Hajime Kawamoto: Bando George

13th year memorial of Rev. Kyojo Ikuta: Ikuta Kuni & June

27th year memorial of Mother Mikiye Tani: Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi

40th year memorial of Brother-in-law Kazuo Takasaki: Tomihiro Kazy

70th year memorial of Shige Yokota: Yokota Carl

Membership 2026/2027 paid: Akune Itoko, Akune Jun, Akune Ted & Rose, Araki Linda, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Domai Kyosuke, Eskandari Mehrdad, Esson Karen, Flynn Sharon, Hama Helen, Hayashi Setsuo, Hirano Chiyoko, Holmes Ruby, Inouye Sumi, Kariya Mayumi, Nagai Douglas, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, King Hiroko, Maede Judith, Martin Michael & Cavanaugh Genevra, Matsumura Laverne, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Matsushita Nobuko, Matsushita-Bomba Takako, Miyagi Misako, Morita Charlotte, Motohashi Yasuko, Murao Heidy, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Eiko, Ohkohchi Naoko, Rennie John, Rodrigues Leah, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Sharon, Sakai-Boden Lynn, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Seguev Michiko, Stevens Annette, Suyama Eiji & Caroline, Takemoto Yutaka, Takeuchi Ken & Sachiko, Siu Akemi, Tani Mutsumi, Toyoda Miyuki, Ward Ryoko, Wenzel Brad, Yazawa Chiharu, Yesaki Arthur, Yoneda Kazuyo, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

Notice from Office

Steveston Buddhist Temple will be participating again in the Salmon Festival parade.

If you are interested, please let the office know. We will be parading in yukatas and jinbeis.

This participation is meant to commemorate and pay respect to the pioneers and ancestors who laid the foundations of our culture in the past. We hope to carry on that spirit to the next generation and convey the thoughts of our Japanese Canadian community. Let's bring back that spirit to Steveston.

Thank you.

サーモンフェスティバルパレードに参加してみませんか？

ご興味ある方は是非お寺のオフィスまで

お問い合わせ下さいませ。浴衣や甚平を着て皆さんで出場しましょう。

その昔、私たちの文化の基盤を築いた先人や祖先を記念し敬意を示すための参加となります。

そしてその心を次の世代に引き継ぎ、日系人の思いを伝えたいと願っています。

私たちのコミュニティーを私たちが是非元気づけましょう。





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 we spread the Dharma.” This slogan is borrowed from one 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 been 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.

SBT DHARMA SCHOOL BEACH CLEAN-UP DAY

Everyone Invited!



SUNDAY JUNE 28TH, 10AM START
GARRY POINT PARK

Including a visit to the Ocean Legacy Fdn. plastic pollution recycling & re-purposing facility on Chatham St. across the street from the park.

Any & all temple members are invited to come & help out. Bring a snack & drink for break time.

2026 SBT GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 26, 2026

COUNTRY MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

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

Register Now



PRIZES

Closest to the pin
most accurate drive
Putting contest
Lost ball contest
50/50 raffle
Silent auction

FORMAT

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.

PROCEDURE

Tee Time 1PM for everyone. You will be advised of your starting hole a week advance.

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(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



浄土真宗本願寺派

2026

OBON お盆



Our Obon weekend is just around the corner.
We will be holding all of our Obon events in **person**.
We hope you will be able to join us for the weekend.

The following is the schedule for our
Obon practice and Obon Weekend.



BON ODORI PRACTICE 盆踊りの練習

Starting on June 5th

Every Friday evening at 7:00 pm | last practice date is July 10th.

盆踊りの練習は6月5日午後7時より毎週金曜日に行われます。
最後の練習は7月10日です。



OBON NOKOTSUDO SERVICE 納骨堂お参り

Saturday, July 18th, 10:30 am

7月18日(土曜日)午前10時半



BON ODORI 盆踊り

Saturday, July 18th, gates open at 5:00 pm

Bon Odori Dancing begins at 6:30 pm

7月18日(土曜日)午後5時開門
盆踊りは午後6時半より始まります。



OBON SERVICE お盆法要

Sunday July 19th at 10:30 am

7月19日(日曜日)午前10時半



Our guest for Obon this year will be

Rev. Yuika Hasebe
from 浄土真宗本願寺派
ハワイ別院 (Honpa Hongwanji
Hawaii Betsuin).

今年のお盆法要のご講師は
浄土真宗本願寺派ハワイ別院の
開教使 初瀬部唯可先生です。



御縁

皆さんこんにちは。大変不思議な御縁により、私は現在バンクーバーアイランドのガブリエラ島にいます。なぜこんなところにいるかと申しますと、明日（5月23日）、ガブリエラ島博物館で開催される「思い出」と「我慢」の展示会の開会式に参加して欲しいと依頼が来てきました。話は去年の夏のバンクーバーアイランドお盆ツアーに遡りますが、その時ナイモで現地の方々と交流会がありました。そこで出会った日系四世のアーティストの方に今回のガブリエラ島でのイベントのことを教えてもらい、そしてその時彼女に開会式にぜひ出席して下さいと頼まれたのです。まさか彼女が本気で招待しているとは思わず軽く、参加してもいいですよと返事をしてしまいました。そのおかげで今はガブリエラアイランドからこの記事を書いています。開会式への参加を依頼されたことは、きっと私が2010年から毎年バンクーバーアイランドお盆ツアーを担当しているからだと思います。お盆ツアーは多くのバンクーバーアイランドの日系人団体とご縁を作り、非常な親しみを感じています。

お盆ツアーは1950年代に私の祖父・生田真成開教使が始めたそうです。当初、訪問は簡単なものであり、祖父と数人のボランティアの方がバンクーバー島を訪れ、何軒かの個人の自宅でお盆のお参りをして、いくつかの墓地でお参りを行ったりしていました。日系カナダ人の墓地の大半は、第二次世界大戦中および戦後に冒されたためひどい状態でした。その後、1967年に父の生田享成開教使と地元のキワニスクラブがカンバーランド日本人墓地の清掃をし始め、また中央記念碑も立てられました。

そして、次の大きな改善は1988年に起こりました。日系カナダ救済財団の資金援助を受け、ロイ・井上とBC浄土真宗仏教連盟のメンバー達やNAJICのメンバーと一緒に、チェマイナスとポートアルバーニの墓地に埋葬された日系人の名前を記載した記念碑が設置されたのです。

私は2010年あたりからバンクーバーアイランドお盆ツアーを担当するようになり、今では多くの参加者の心を動かす大切な旅になっています。

今週末のガブリエラ島でのイベントを思い返すと、1950年代に祖父がバンクーバー島で初めてお盆のお墓参りをした事とつながっているのではないかと考えずにはいられません。本当に不思議な御縁としか言えません。

合掌
生田真見



法のともしび

役員会からお知らせ

- さて、2026年もういよいよ半ばにさしかかりました。以下は、役員会とお寺のハイライトです。
- 2025年のニッポンフェアと同様、2026年5月9日（土）は天候にも恵まれ、素晴らしいニッポンフェアとなりました。ウィステリアプレイスの多目的ルームで腕を振るう職人たちの作品や、クラスルームで提供される美味しい料理から、フードトラックの出店、駐車場や裏庭で繰り広げられる素晴らしいパフォーマンスに至るまで、私は会場全体に漂う温かく親しみやすい雰囲気を楽しみました。本堂ではワークショップが盛況で、開教使グラント先生とロイ先生も終日情報セッションで大忙しでした。ロビーと廊下にはさまざまな情報ブースや展示物が並びました。ウィステリアプレイスの入り口の上空で元気よく、そして優雅に風に揺れていた、生田グラント先生の家宝の幟（のぼり）と鯉のぼりは特に印象的でした。今年もニッポンフェアを成功に導いてくださった参加者とボランティアの皆様にご心より感謝申し上げます。
 - そろそろお掃除の時間です！半年に一度のお寺の大掃除は、6月14日（日）午前9時から正午まで行います。清掃ボランティア全員に、軽いランチをご用意いたします。また、関連情報として、本堂の保管室の棚の組み立て・設置作業が必要となります。十分な人数が集まれば、14日に実施可能です。
 - グルマスクールと役員のスージー・ヴァーチャーの素晴らしい活動に触発され、スティーブストン海岸の清掃イベントが6月28日（日）午前10時からギャリー・ポイント・パークで開催されます。当日は、公園の向かい側にあるスージーの勤務先のリサイクル施設への訪問も予定されています。詳細はこのニュースレターに掲載される記事をご覧ください。
 - ウィステリアプレイスおよび契約している散水施設の会社と連携し、段階的に強化される散水制限を遵守することで、樹木、低木、花壇への過度のストレスや損傷を防ぐよう努めております。もし、ご不要になった良質なホース（長さ100フィート）がございましたら、手作業による散水に使うため、お寺へのご寄付をご検討ください。今後は、荒れた芝生の箇所の問題点と解決策を検討するとともに、お寺の正面の掲示板を、新しく新鮮なデザインに塗り替えることも検討しております。
 - 役員会は、踊りにユニークなアクセントを添える、盆踊り用の帽子の発注を承認しました。これまで主催者は、踊りに必要なこうした小道具を調達するのに奔走しなければなりませんでした。
 - 皆さんありがとうございました！チャオメン・ドライブスルー&ピックアップイベントで5300ドルが集まり、イベントの写真とともに、タンブラーリッジ地域復興基金のためにノースイーストBCコミュニティ財団に送りました。この基金は透明性と説明責任を重視して運営され、今後のタンブラーリッジの地域主導の活動を支えていくことでしょう。

合掌 アンサイ・ダグ スティ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。私達は皆スティーブストン仏教会の仲間です！

日本語:1

萌の会
郷恵子

お寺のホールに飾られていた丹後の節句のお飾りも片
付けられ少々寂しくなっていたお寺でした。5月2
1日に行われた萌の会21名のシニアの方で一気に
賑やかになりました。紙コップで神経衰弱ながらのゲームを
したり、懐かしくも幸せそうでした。今回は、防災グ
ッズのご紹介もしました。突然の地震、停電、洪水、
いざというとき後悔しないために、今から準備してい
おく心掛けが大切です。更に家庭の備蓄を見直す良い機
会かもしれません。防災グッズだけでなく、ご家族
と話し合っことも大切です。更にご近所さんとのコミ
ュニケーションも忘れず、一人でも多くの萌の会は6
月18日の午前10時からです。夏の花の作品を皆さ
んで作りましょう。6月にお逢いできるのを楽しみにし
ております。ありがとうございました。

日系カナダ人記念碑除幕式

Japanese Canadian Legacy Foundationは第二次世界大
戦の強制移動を受けた多くの日系人のためにビクトリ
アでモニュメントパークを設立し、完成は今年の夏の
予定。そして、2026年10月3日(土)にパークで公式の
除幕式が行われます。スティーブストン仏教会は、ス
ティーブストン日加文化会館、JCレガシー財団と協力
し、ビクトリアでの除幕式に出席する生存者のために2
台のチャーターバスを手配しています。1台はスティー
ブストン、バンクーバー、フレーザーバレーの仏教会
の生存者用に予約され、もう1台は地域社会の日系生存
者向けとなります。
1949年5月以前に生まれた方は、バスの座席予約が可
能です。旅のすべての費用はJCレガシー財団が負担し
ます。この旅行は日帰り、朝に出発して夕方に戻る
予定です。席の予約に関する詳細は、生田先生までお
問い合わせください。
自力で行けない生存者に付き添う介護助手には、1人
あたり50ドルの料金がかかる制限付きの座席がありま
す。



5月の宝島工作 《いちご》



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。

湯川	カツミ・ジョー	2026年4月29日寂	93歳
細見	吉雄	2026年4月30日寂	74歳
田並	誠子	2026年5月6日寂	96歳