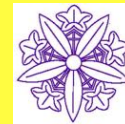


# Daifukuji Soto Mission

Rising Like a Lotus



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October, 2021

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See “archives” on our website for previous newsletters.



Dear Members and Friends of Daifukuji,

As the Covid-19 pandemic drags on, there are times when I feel sad and weary — sad, because I miss seeing and spending time with all of you, and weary because it’s been a tough year. All that once brought our community together, all that I took for granted — Buddhist services and various kinds of gatherings, blessings and funerals, Obon festivals and New Year’s parties — everything vanished in the blink of an eye in March of last year. Along with their disappearance, handshakes and hugs and real, live person-to-person contact also disappeared. A year and a half has gone by during which time people have lost their income, suffered from illness and isolation, moved away, died. Families have struggled, trying their best to raise their children in a world gone awry. Over the past year and a half, the world has been drastically altered. Who does not grieve the loss of so many lives and livelihoods, not to mention the social and religious gatherings which give our lives joy and meaning? It is important that we acknowledge our sadness and hold our feelings tenderly, in the same way a mother holds her infant. Practicing self-care is truly important. If we don’t take care of ourselves, how can we continue to take care of others?

Here are a few suggestions which I’d like to share:

- \* Share your feelings of sadness and weariness with those close to you; listen without judgment to those who share their feelings with you.
- \* Carve out time in your life for rest, exercise, and hobbies which bring you joy. Getting a good night’s sleep and eating nutritious whole foods can make all the difference.
- \* Create a sacred space in your home for meditation. Sit quietly in zazen for 15 minutes or more each day. Join our Zoom Dharma Hui and other Zoom programs, where you’ll meet the nicest folks.
- \* Be generous in expressing your gratitude and sharing kind words with everyone you meet. They will feel uplifted and you will, too. Please take care.

Love and aloha, in gassho,

*Rev. Jiko*



## ONLINE AUCTION

Benefits Daifukuji Soto Mission  
October 27 - November 2

[32auctions.com/templealoha](https://32auctions.com/templealoha)

Drop off auction items	Oct. 14 - Oct. 25	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Social Hall
Live Auction	Oct. 27 (9 a.m. HST) - Nov. 2 (5 p.m. HST)	Link above	
Pick up winnings	Nov. 5, 6, & 7	10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Social Hall

Unbreakable items can be shipped in flat rate boxes with prepayment for postage.

We have exciting news! We are preparing for our second online auction.

We are asking for donations of new and “like new” items. We want to offer the best we have to boost Daifukuji Soto Mission’s General Fund.

Suggested items are coffee, mac nuts, gift certificates/cards for services, restaurants & stores. Plants & orchids, Japanese & Buddhist items are popular. Other examples are handmade items, jewelry, art, nonperishables, gift baskets, tools, sporting goods, etc. Please, nothing bulky or too heavy for us to manage.

We plan to combine items to have a minimum starting bid of \$20.00. So even if you have something under that price, we’ll happily accept it. Donations with a higher value will start at a higher price.

**Please arrange with Rev. Jiko for dropping items off items by calling Daifukuji at (808) 322-3524 or emailing her at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) . We will be accepting items October 14 through October 25, 2021.** Please leave your name, number, address & estimated value with your donation, in case I have any questions. A thank you & letter for tax purposes will be available when you donate.

**The auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 27 and end for online bidding at 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Time on November 2, 2021. (The link is above.)**

It will go live on October 27. You can view items before it goes live.

**If you have any questions or would like to volunteer (vaccinated persons only, please), please don’t hesitate to contact me at [barbarainkona@gmail.com](mailto:barbarainkona@gmail.com), 808-987-2673, text & phone.**

Thank you in advance for your help making this online auction a success!

Aloha,

Barbara Shoshin Bosz  
Auction Co-Chair



## Live-stream Bodhidharma Service, October 3 at 10:00 a.m.

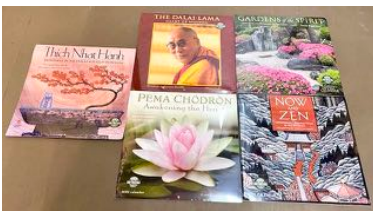
<https://www.facebook.com/konadaifukujitemple/>

Each year in October two services are normally held on the same Sunday: (1) Daruma-ki, a memorial service held in honor of the great Zen teacher Bodhidharma, also known as Daruma-sama, and (2) an Eitaikyo service, an annual service held in memory of those whose names have been recorded in Daifukuji's Eitaikyo record book. The word eitaikyo means "chanting the sutras in perpetuity." This annual service ensures that prayers are offered for the departed, even when family members of the deceased cannot be present for the service.

All are invited to view the Daruma-ki service, which will begin at 10 a.m. HST and will be live-streamed via Daifukuji's Facebook channel: <https://www.facebook.com/konadaifukujitemple/>. Rev. Jikō's Dharma message will be later uploaded to the temple's YouTube channel for viewing at your convenience.

For privacy purposes, the Eitakyo service will be conducted by Rev. Jiko and Deacon Jikai, but not shown on the internet. If you are interested in having an individual or family's name entered into Daifukuji's Eitaikyo record book and having annual prayers perpetually offered for your departed loved ones, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 to submit the name(s). A one-time donation of \$250 per name is requested.

## 2022 Calendars



When the gift shop placed orders for 2022 calendars, it was at a time when it looked like the shop would be able to reopen with regular hours this fall. That optimism has faded considerably with the current surge of COVID cases. So now the shop has a large selection of beautiful calendars but very few customers. As a result we are marking down all the wall calendars to \$10 each. They usually sell for \$15 and our hopes are that they'll all be sold by

January 1. They make great gifts and you can shop safely by making an appointment. Please call Clear Englebert at (808) 328-0329 if you would like to visit the Daifukuji Gift Shop.



## Mahalo Nui Loa

Our sangha extends a big mahalo to Tai Lake, who crafted and donated a beautiful ornamental piece called a *giboshi*, which will be placed on the top of what will be our temple's new Peace Pole. Tai is a fine woodworker whose studio is in Holualoa.

We thank Tai for his gift to our temple.

## Welcome, New Members



We wish to thank the following persons for joining our Daifukuji sangha 'ohana:

**Jonika and Oliver Grossi**

**Wende Kumara**

**Susan Bonney and Teri Hawkins**

New members are always welcome. Information on temple membership can be found on our website: [http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf). For further information, please contact Rev. Jiko at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org), (808) 322-3524.

## Fujinkai News



The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association invites Fujinkai members to participate in their twice-a-month weeding of the temple's gardens on Friday mornings.

Out of concern for the safety of temple members, only vaccinated individuals are being asked to participate in such activities at this time.

Ladies, please call Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault at (808) 329-3833 if you are interested in helping with this Fujinkai service project.



## News from the Board

by Steve Hoshin Mann, Corresponding Secretary

The Daifukuji Board met September 2 via Zoom.

All temple groups have suspended in-person activities due to the COVID surge. Work continues on the grounds. A few private services are being held inside the temple. Since the Bishop is not traveling during the surge, Rev. Jiko is performing private precepts ceremonies. Other private ceremonies may still be conducted, with masks, distancing with assigned seating, health screening, sanitization and vaccination protocols all in place, along with a Zoom option for those who do not want to attend in person. The two Zoom Dharma classes have enrolled a total of 60 people. Painting inside the social hall is underway.

Stephen Tanaka and Barb Shoshin Bosz will be delegates to the October 17 Hawaii Soto Mission Association (HSMA) meeting; observers are also welcome. Please contact Rev. Jiko if you would like to be an observer. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Wayne Fukunaga and Stephen Tanaka will coordinate pruning of the Bodhi tree, Bottlebrush tree, and Tecoma tree at the north end of the temple, with about eight volunteers and three pickups needed. (Please let Rev. Jiko know if you would like to volunteer.) Kai Ioh is working closely with Roof-Brite in planning for the cleaning of the temple roof. He will also consult painting contractors on painting the roof and the temple exterior.

The Board will move its usual first-Thursday date for December to the second Thursday, since the first Thursday falls during Rohatsu.





## Caring for Our Ancestors

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

When the Covid-19 pandemic struck in March of 2020, Daifukuji Soto Mission quickly shut down. In an effort to protect members of our community, all group activities were suspended. Temple maintenance and cleaning were simplified. Volunteers were encouraged to stay at home. Yet, while much of the temple was closed, our cemetery and columbarium remained open to visitors. Those of you who have visited the columbarium probably have noticed how clean and tidy it is.

Since March of last year (and even before the pandemic started), sangha members Elaine and Julio Fernandez have taken care of our columbarium with great devotion.

They have been volunteering their time every Tuesday morning. They discard old floral offerings, change the water in vases, wash the vases, and sweep the floor of the entire structure which consists of two large rooms. Julio wipes the glass on the niche doors. He and Elaine even clean niches in preparation for inurnment ceremonies. If you've visited the columbarium on a Tuesday morning, you've probably been greeted by the two of them or received their help finding the niche you were looking for.

Elaine and Julio can always be seen happily working side by side. When asked what they get out of maintaining the columbarium each week, they say, "We like visiting our friends who are here. We enjoy talking to the ancestors."

Elaine says that she rings the bell on both altars before leaving. She says that cleaning the columbarium is her way of showing her love and appreciation for all of the prayers from sangha members which sustained her during her cancer treatments in the past. She adds, "Taking care of the *nokotsudo* brings me much inner peace and happiness."

85-year-old Julio, whose agility belies his years, nods with a smile, saying, "We just hope that someone will do this for us after we are gone."

Elaine and Julio, we thank you for serving our community with love, aloha, and dedication. Thank you for taking care of the resting place of our ancestors.

## **October Programs Being Offered Online Via ZOOM**

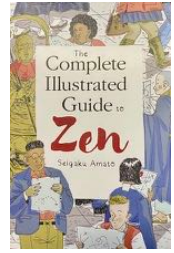
### **An Introduction to Soto Zen Buddhism (August - November)**

Here's a chance to learn the basics of Soto Zen Buddhism by joining the Zoom Dharma Hui which is open to all. Please select group 1 or group 2.

Group 1: Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Started August 17)

Group 2: Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. (Started August 21)

We are using the newly published book *The Complete Illustrated Guide to Zen* by Seigaku Amato, a writer, illustrator, and Soto Zen Buddhist priest who is the assistant minister at the Long Beach Buddhist Church. The illustrations are delightful and the text is easy to understand. This book is available through the Daifukuji Gift Shop. Dharma class members may purchase a copy at the special price of \$10. (The gift shop price is \$15.) We are unable to handle mail orders. The book may be ordered online.



This series of classes is being taught by Reverend Jiko and is offered free of charge. If you would like to offer a donation, you may do so through the temple website: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>. Checks may be mailed to: Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.

A Zoom link will be sent to you each week. Learning together via Zoom is a fun way to meet new people and make new Dharma friends. To join, please contact Rev. Jiko at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org), (808) 322-3524.

**Zoom Zazen** - Join us for Zoom zazen and chanting every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m. and two Thursday evenings a month (**October 14 & 28**) from 6:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) to receive the Zoom link.

**Sangha Sister's Women's Spirituality Circle** - Via Zoom, meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

**Bare Bones Writers Group** - Via Zoom, meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 for information.

### **Zoom Yoga (October 14 - November 18)**

Six Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST

Welcome warmup from 7:45 - 8 a.m. HST. Zoom yoga from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Optional chat from 9:00- 9:20 a.m. Drop in or whole series.

What's needed: Yoga mat, loose clothing, water, towel, empty stomach "Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>.

Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

**For inquiry about this series and future yoga classes:** (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: [ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net).

## Library News

by Clear Houn Englebert



We have plenty of new arrivals:

*Buddhist Heritage of Odisha* by Himanshu Ray is from India and concerns an area rich in Buddhist history and monuments.

*Long Strange Journey: On Modern Zen, Zen Art, and Other Predicaments* by Gregory Levine is a long strange book from the University of Hawaii Press. The book is part history and part sociology, and even though academic language is not my favorite, I managed to read the whole book and it was worth it—especially for the last chapter about a famous Buddhist gift shop, The Monastery Store.

*My Beloved's Greatest Love of All* by Aki Imai is his fourth book. He chronicles his involvement and devotion to the Truth of Life Movement (Seicho-No-Ie) here on this island.

*The Zen Master's Dance* by Jundo Cohen is subtitled *A Guide to Understanding Dogen and Who You Are in the Universe*.

*The Buddhist Swastika and Hitler's Cross* by T.K. Nakagaki discusses the uses of this ancient and revered symbol which Hitler appropriated and perverted. Modern Western racist organizations would like to continue the perversion—let's not let them. Know your history!

*The Soto Approach to Zen* by Reiho Masunaga is from from 1958 Japan. It's one of the most good-vibe books I've ever picked up.

*Beginning Anew* by Chan Khong is subtitled *Four Steps to Restoring Communication*.

*Three Philosophies and One Reality* by Gudo Nishijima is a collection of his talks and writings, much of it concerning Dogen and zazen which is appropriate for the translator of the four-volume set of the *Shobogenzo*—the one which is now the standard edition in English. If you're interested in Dogen's writings, I highly recommend this very readable book.

*Zen Merging of East and West* by Philip Kapleau is a reissue of his classic book of dialogues and lectures, *Zen Dawn in the West*.

*Reconciliation* by Thich Nhat Hanh is subtitled *Healing the Inner Child*.

*Open Heart, Clear Mind* by Thubten Chodron demonstrates her great ability to explain Buddhist teachings in everyday language.

*The Eightfold Path* by Jikyo Cheryl Wolfer is a very nice compilation of writings by eight Western women Zen teachers, each writing about one of the aspects of the Path.

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There are six new DVDs:

*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights* by Eric Fournier is the story of Fred Korematsu who refused to obey Executive Order 9006.

*Xuan Zang* is a Chinese film about the great pilgrim monk and translator. There are English subtitles.

*Voices in Exile* by Tenzin Andrugtsang is about the Tibetan exile community from the Tibetan point of view.

*10 Questions for the Dalai Lama* by Rick and Sharon Ray is an award-winning film.

*Sacred Mountain* directed by Thomas Vendetti is about Mount Kailash.

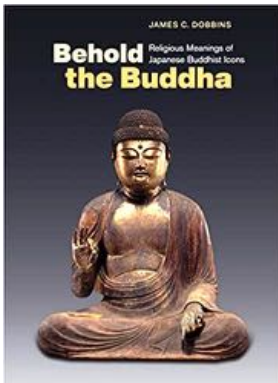
*Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion* by Maria Florio and Victoria Mudd has rarely seen footage of Tibet.

And there are three new children's books:

*My Friend is Buddhist* by Tamra Orr is a colorful and concise introduction to our religion.

*Buddhist Studies for Primary Students* by Danuse Murty is from Australia.

*The Seed of Compassion* by the Dalai Lama is a wonderful book of lessons and teachings based on his own life and beautifully illustrated by Bao Luu.



## Gift Shop News

by *Clear Houn Englebert*

The last gift shop news reported that the shop offers some important Buddhist books at 25% off the retail price because the publishers are giving us an unexpectedly good discount and we're passing it along. A new publisher has joined that list, the prestigious University of Hawaii Press. The larger-than-normal discount that they are offering us is temporary however. They're only offering it during COVID to help retail stores. They don't know how much longer they will continue this policy, so we're not letting the opportunity slip by. We're stocking up on some of their marvelous books including some excellent newly published books. The most amazing of the new books is *Behold the Buddha* by James Dobbins. It's the book I've been waiting my whole life for. It's subtitled *Religious Meaning of Japanese Buddhist Icons*, and it's a "visually rich" book. About half the pages have glorious color photographs. The book just screams "Quality." The text is readable and authoritative—it's a perfect book!





## **Stating the Obvious: Some Thoughts on the Feng Shui of Daifukuji**

by Clear Houn Englebert

Feng shui is not Buddhist, it's Taoist. It was however extensively used in the layout of Buddhist temples in China, and likely in old Japan as well. My work as a feng shui practitioner often involves simply stating the obvious, which serves a very useful purpose because we often get used to what is obvious and take it for granted.

Daifukuji is situated in ways that makes it strong and welcoming. Strong because the mountain is behind it, symbolically backing it up. Welcoming because it stands at the end of the Kuakini Highway, the first building on the Mamalahoa that a person sees when they are driving mauka from Kailua-Kona. The Keahole Airport is the "mouth" of the Kona side because it's how most people get here. Then, as you drive to the biggest attraction on the island, the volcano, you come up the Kuakini Highway and as it levels out where it meets the Mamalahoa, you feel like you've arrived somewhere---and you have---you've arrived in Mauka Kona, and it's lush and lovely. And the first building that welcomes you is not just any old building---it's stunning. The front of the temple is quite balanced and has an unpretentious grandeur.

The social hall and the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall add to the welcoming effect in ways that are both practical and symbolic. The practical way is that we can use them; they are available for us. The symbolic way is that when those buildings are combined with the temple they gather energy, like two arms held out welcoming you. Two outstretched arms are an unmistakable sign of welcome---in fact that's the warmest welcome a person can ever expect. The openhearted history of Daifukuji bears out this observation.

The green lawn in front of the temple is a further blessing. The energy of many temples is lessened by having nothing but asphalt in front. Asphalt welcomes cars---a lawn welcomes people. Cars can use it too, but that's not its primary purpose. Primarily the lawn adds natural life and an aspect of gentleness, things that are much needed by this dear planet.

# October 2021



- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Home
- Work
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events
- Offsite Backup

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## KONA DAIFUKUJI "ZOOM" YOGA<sup>9.11.21</sup>

**6 Thurs. 8-9 am HST Oct.14, 21, 28 Nov. 4, 11, 18**

- 7:45 – 8 am HST Welcome Warmup
- 8:00 – 9 am "ZOOM" YOGA!
- 9:00 – 9:20am Chat (optional)
- 1:45 – 2 pm EST
- 2:00 – 3 pm
- 3:00 – 3:20 pm

**Open to: Members, Kona Community and ALL  
Beginners & Experienced WELCOME!**

@Drop in or Whole Series@

**ENERGY is our focus,** so move to your body!

*Consciously Crossing over to the Inner Source of Self!*

**Bring:** Yoga mat, loose clothing, H2O, & towel, empty stomach

"Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>

**Email for REGISTRATION & Link:** [ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net)



**Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose**

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### GUEST SPEAKER

## PROFESSOR THOMAS CHUNG

American visual artist and  
Associate professor of art at  
University of Alaska in Anchorage

### SCHEDULE

## OCTOBER 2, 2021

- 1:00 pm Welcome Address  
Introduction of speaker
- 1:05 pm Lecture and introduction to the hand on activities
- 1:40 pm Guided drawing activities with Professor Chung
- 2:15 pm Sharing your experiences and reflections
- 2:30 pm Closing



### BIOGRAPHY

## PROFESSOR THOMAS CHUNG

Tom Chung was born in New Jersey and grew up in Hong Kong and New York City. He is an associate professor of art at the University of Alaska Anchorage where he has been teaching drawing and painting courses since 2015. He received his Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree from the San Francisco Art Institute in 2010 and his Masters of Fine

Arts Degree from Yale University in 2013. He has participated in numerous group and solo shows throughout the United States. His multidisciplinary work has been written about in *Art in America*, *The New Yorker*, and *Modern Painters Magazine*. His artwork has been featured on Fox News and PBS. Chung is a member of the Katog Mati Ling Sangha of Oahu and is a student of Tibetan buddhism under KhentruL Lodro Thaye Rinpoche. His recent artwork explores concepts in Buddhism and how they intersect with traditional culture and everyday life.



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