



HANA MATSURI SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA AND AMIDA BUDDHA

This year, our *Hanamatsuri* (Flower Festival) Service will take place on Sunday, April 2. On the following Sunday, April 9, we will join the Butsuren (Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Federation) *Hanamatsuri* service at Nishi Betsuin in person or online.

Hanamatsuri is the celebration of the birth of the founder of Buddhism, Shakyamuni Buddha or Gautama Buddha. Shakyamuni Buddha lived about 2,500 years ago in India. In the Mahayana Buddhism (Northern Buddhism) tradition, Shakyamuni Buddha's birth date is thought to be the eighth day of the fourth month of the Lunar Calendar.

In Japan, Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday is celebrated on April 8th of the Western calendar.

Shakyamuni means the sage of Shakya and *Buddha* means the one who awakened to the truth of the universe. He was born as a prince of the “Shakya” clan in India and named Gautama

Siddhartha. Gautama is the family name which means “*excellent cow*” and Siddhartha means “*He who achieves his aim.*” His father's name was King Suddhodana and his mother's name was Queen Maya. The name of their kingdom was called Kapilavastu which was located near the border of the north part of India and Nepal. When Queen Maya got pregnant, according to the tradition of that time, she was returning to her home country to give birth. On the way to her home, she gave birth to her baby. The place where the baby Shakyamuni Buddha was born was Lumbini in present time Nepal.

It is said that Lumbini's garden was full of blooming flowers; therefore, we call Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday celebration Flower Festival (*Hana Matsuri*) and we decorate the baby Buddha's statue with flowers. Also, according to the legend, when Shakyamuni Buddha was born, he took seven steps and pointed to the sky and the ground, saying “above the earth and below the heaven, I am the most honored one.” The seven steps symbolize his emancipation from the six delusional states of the world and the heart and mind (Heaven, Human, Fighting Spirit, Animal, Hungry Ghost, Hell) and attained enlightenment. The deities and gods celebrated his birth and they let sweet rain fall as a blessing. This is the reason we pour sweet tea on the statue of the baby Buddha pointing upward and downward with his fingers.

In Asia, the white elephant is a symbol of auspiciousness, sacred and precious. According to Shakyamuni Buddha's birth story, when his mother,

Queen Maya, got pregnant, she dreamt of a white elephant entering her body. This is the reason we place a statue of a white elephant in front of the *Onaijin* at *Hanamatsuri*.

The ornaments of “*Hana Matsuri*” are devices to reproduce Shakyamuni Buddha's birth 2,500 years ago and to honor and respect his great achievements. Thanks to Shakyamuni Buddha, we are able to listen to the sacred story of Amida Buddha and the *nembutsu* teaching which enable us to attain the same enlightenment as Shakyamuni Buddha.

Shinran Shonin thought Shakymuni Buddha appeared in this world to tell about Amida Buddha's salvation. In *Shoshinge*, he wrote,

Shakyamuni Tathagata appeared in this world Solely to teach the oceanlike Primal Vow of Amida: (CWS, P.70)

Shinran Shonin thought that “*The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life (The Larger Sutra)*” is the most important sutra among several thousands of sutras. In the Larger Sutra, Shakyamuni Buddha told the people about Amida Buddha and Amida Buddha's Primal Vow (*Hongwan*). In the Primal Vow, Amida Buddha promises that those who entrust themselves to the Vow and recite *Namoamidabutsu* will be born in the Pure Land. This

is the easiest method to attain *Nirvana*, and anyone, regardless their age, gender, race, social status, etc, can do entrusting and reciting the *nembutsu*.



Therefore, Shinran Shonin, who was seeking the way to attain *Nirvana* for everyone, thought this entrusting/*nembutsu* way must be the true teaching that Shakyamuni Buddha did want to tell to all beings.

Let us celebrate *Hanamatsuri* with gratitude to Amida Buddha and Shakyamuni Buddha.

Namoamidabutsu,
REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

花まつり、お釈迦さまが伝えたかったこと

古本竜太

今年の花まつりは4月2日（日）です。そして翌週の4月9日（日）は、西別院で仏連（口サンゼルス仏教連盟）の花まつりが営まれます。

「花まつり」とは、仏教の開祖である釈迦牟尼仏（お釈迦さま）の誕生をお祝いする法要です。お釈迦さまは約2,500年前、現在のインドにお

生まれになりました。大乘仏教では、お釈迦さまの誕生日は旧暦の4月8日だとされていて、日本では西暦の4月8日に祝われます。

「釈迦牟尼（しゃかむに）」とは釈迦族の聖者という意味で、「仏」は宇宙の真理に目覚めた者という意味です。お釈迦さまは、釈迦族の王子としてお生まれになり、ゴータマ・シッダータと名付けられました。ゴータマとは「優れた牛」を意味する姓で、シッダータは「目的を達成する者」を意味します。父はシュッドーダナ王、母はマヤ夫人です。釈迦族の国はカピラヴァストゥといい、現在のインド北部とネパールの国境付近に位置していました。マヤ夫人が出産のために故郷に帰ろうとしていたところ、その帰路の途中でお釈迦さまを出産されたと言われています。その場所が現在のネパールにあるルンビニです。

お釈迦さまが生まれた時に、ルンビニには花がたくさん咲いていたので、お釈迦さまの誕生日を「花まつり」と呼び、お釈迦さまの誕生仏を花で飾るようになったとされています。その誕生仏の像は、お釈迦さまが生まれたとき、七歩歩いて空と地を指し、「天上天下唯我独尊」と言われたという伝説に由来しています。この七歩は、六つの迷いの世界や心の状態（天、人、阿修羅、畜生、餓鬼、地獄）から解脱し、悟りを開いたことを象徴しています。そして神々はお釈迦さまの誕生を祝い、甘い雨を降らせたということから、お釈迦さまの誕生仏の像に甘茶をかけるようになりました。

白い象の像を置くのは、マヤ夫人が妊娠されたとき、白い象が体内に入ってくる夢を見たと言われていることからです。アジアでは、白象は吉祥の象徴とされ、お釈迦さまの誕生

が特別で素晴らしいことを表しています。

このように、花まつりでは2500年前にお釈迦さまが誕生された時のことをいろいろなお飾りを使って再現し、その偉大な功績を称えます。浄土真宗の念仏者は、お釈迦さまがこの世に現れ出てくださいのおかげで、私たちが阿弥陀仏の救いを知ることができ、お釈迦さまと同じように悟りを得ることができるということに感謝し、お釈迦さまの誕生をお祝いするのです。

親鸞聖人は、お釈迦さまがこの世に現れた理由は、阿弥陀仏の救いを伝えるためだと言われています。「正信偈」に

「如来所以興出世、唯説弥陀本願海（如来が世に出られるのは、ただ阿弥陀仏の本願一乗海の教を説くためである）」と書かれています。ここの「如来」とはお釈迦さまのことです。

親鸞聖人は何千とある經典の中で「大無量寿經（大經）」が最も重要な經典であるといっていておられました。「大經」では、お釈迦さまが阿弥陀仏や阿弥陀仏の本願を説かれています。阿弥陀仏の本願には、阿弥陀仏におまかせして（信心）、念仏をとる者は、浄土に生まれると誓われています。この方法は、涅槃に至る最も簡単な方法であり、年齢、性別、人種、社会的地位、などの違いに関係なく、誰でもできるのです。すべての人が平等に涅槃に至る道を探し求めておられた親鸞聖人は、信心のお念仏の道こそ、お釈迦さまが人々に伝えたかった真実の教えに違いないと考えられたのです。お釈迦さまが伝えてくだ

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial APRIL 2023

Shotsuki Service April 2 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Gleeson, David & Lynn <i>Daughter</i> Gleeson, Paige Kiyoko Kathleen	Miyamoto, Dennis <i>Grandfather</i> Kawai, Sosuke	Sakakura, Michiko <i>Mother</i> Sakakura, Chizu
Hashimoto, Miwako <i>Mother-in-law</i> Hashimoto, Tatsuyo	Motokane, Eddie <i>Father</i> Motokane, Keiso	Saneto Family <i>Father</i> Saneto, Tsukasa
Imamura Family <i>Father</i> Imamura, Dick	Munekata, Yooko <i>Mother</i> Matsubayashi, Ayako	Shimabukuro, Marilyn <i>Grandfather</i> Shimabukuro, Shikko
Inatomi Family <i>Sister</i> Inatomi-Howard, Linda	Nagano, Lance <i>Mother</i> Nagano, Mary	Shimohara, Ellen <i>Mother</i> Shinoda, Kimi
Kammerer, Michelle <i>Mother</i> Kammerer, Julia Lundquist	Nakashima, Jean <i>Father</i> Shigeyasu, George	Takahashi Family (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Josyel Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog) <i>Grandmother/Great-Grandmother, Great-great-grandmother</i> Nakamura, Komatsu
Kojima, Chikako <i>Brother-in-law</i> Kojima, Mike	Nakashita, Arthur <i>Mother</i> Nakashita, Yoshiko	
Komai, JoAnn <i>Father</i> Yamada, Yoshito	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Uncle</i> Nakawatase, Hideo	
Kuwata, Tom <i>Grandfather</i> Yamada, Takeo	Nishida Family <i>Grandfather</i> Nishida, Joe	Takahashi Family (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Josyel Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog) <i>Father/Grandfather/Great-grandfather</i> Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Masada, Michiko <i>Mother</i> Takahashi, Toshi	Nishida Family, Yamaguchi Toshiko <i>Grandmother/Mother-in-law</i> Yamaguchi, Misa	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Mother</i> Takashima, Yoshiko
Masada, Michiko <i>Father-in-law</i> Masada, Kentaro	Nishida, Lori <i>Father</i> Nishisaka, Harry	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Uncle</i> Taniguchi, Setsugo
Masada, Michiko <i>Husband</i> Masada, Yamato	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Father</i> Nishikawa, George	Unno Family Unno, Hanako
Matsumura, Henry <i>Uncle</i> Tsubaki, Hideo	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Grandfather</i> Nishikawa, Wasaku	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Sister</i> Matsushita, Fumie
Minami, Jean <i>Father-in-law</i> Minami, Kichitaro	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandfather</i> Ogawa, Konai	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Son</i> Wakinaka, David
	Okazaki, James <i>Mother</i> Okazaki, Akiko	Yoshimura, Evelyn & Brett <i>Mother/Grandmother</i> Yoshimura, Shizuko
	Onishi, Randy & Susan <i>Mother</i> Onishi, Mitsume	
	Rogers, Beverly <i>Grandfather</i> Aramaki, Chido	

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter. To have a name entered into the Monthly Memorial List, please call the office as names may not automatically be entered after a funeral.

Senshinji Hanamatsuri Service (combined with April Shotsuki Service) Sunday, April 2, 10a

On Sunday, April 2, Senshin Temple will observe the birthday of Siddhartha Gautama, an Indian prince who became the Buddha, the Awakened One, Shakyamuni (the Sage of the Shakyas).

This auspicious and special Buddhist holiday is observed in the Japanese Buddhist tradition on the 8th day of April. The birthday of Prince Siddhartha is called *Hanamatsuri*, or the "Festival of Flowers," recalling the flowers that bloomed everywhere and were said to have fallen from the sky when Siddhartha was born.

The speaker for the *Hanamatsuri* Service will be Rev. Mas Kodani. This year, we will combine it with the April Shotsuki service.

花祭りのお知らせ

4月2日（日）午前10時より、お釈迦様の誕生をお祝いする花祭りの法要をおつとめします。ご講師は小谷先生です。

Butsuren Hanamatsuri Service Sunday, April 9, 2023, 10a, Nishi Betsuin No Services at Senshin

Butsuren (Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Federation) will hold its annual Hanamatsuri service on Sunday, April 9th at 10:00am. The speaker will be Rev. Kodo Tanaka, Jodo Shu North America Buddhist Mission.

This year, all Butsuren temple members are encouraged to join the Butsuren Hanamatsuri in person at Nishi Betsuin, however, those who want to join the service via online can do so.

Butsuren is comprised of eight temples with the common goal of sharing the timeless teachings of the Buddha. **The eight temples are Jodo Shu, Higashi Honganji, Nishi Honganji, Senshin Buddhist Temple, Zenshuji, Long Beach Buddhist Church (Soto Zen), Koyasan (Shin-gon), and Nichiren Shu (Nichiren).**

The Zoom link will be sent by email at the end of March. If you have any questions, please contact the temple at senshintemple@gmail.com

4月9日は洗心寺での日曜日のお参りはありません。その日はロサンゼルス仏教連合の花まつりにお参りします。時間は10時からです。法要に参加するためのズームのリンクを皆さんのEメールに送ります。ご質問がある方はお寺に連絡してください。

(323) 731-4617 senshintemple@gmail.com

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class Introduction and reflection on Rennyō Shōnin's *Gobunshō*

April 5 & 12, Wednesday 6:30-7:15p Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

The classes are on-line and those who have not attended previous sessions are welcomed to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who took previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes.

Class for Japan Trip April 19, 26 & May 3, Wednesday 6:30-7:15p Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

This class is for people who will go to Japan in May to attend the **Joint celebration service for Shinran Shōnin 850th birthday and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jōdo Shinshū tradition in Hongwanji, in Kyoto**. Before we go to Kyoto, we will learn about Shinran Shōnin's life and how our Jōdo Shinshū started. Also, we will learn about good restaurants in Kyoto, and simple/easy Japanese language lessons that will be helpful when you go to a restaurant. Those who will not go to Japan in May but are interested in learning about Shinran Shōnin's life and good restaurants can join this class. The class is hybrid, in-person and online.

Southern District BEC Seminar
Saturday, April 22, 1-3p at Senshin
**Bon Odori: A uniquely
Japanese-American tradition**
Speakers: Rev. Mas Kodani,
Ms. Bessie Tanaka, and more.

- The history and origins of Bon Odori in America.
 - The religious significance of Bon Odori.
 - The misnomer “*Ondo*” as meaning a dance.
 - Bon Odori taiko as opposed to group taiko.
 - Bon Odori songs in English.
 - Why Kimono/Yukata/Happi?
 - Avoidance of the celebration of death.
 - *Kangiyé* – The dance transcending lifedeath in *Joyu*. The strange marriage of Carnival and Bon Odori. Etc, etc.
- To register, Email or Call temple. No fee.

Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi
(Infant Presentation Ceremony)
Sunday, May 21

We will observe Gotan-ye on Sunday, May 21, 10 am. Gotan-ye is the celebration of Shinran Shonin’s birth. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173. *Gotan* means birth and *Ye* means gathering.

We are planning to hold *Hatsumairi*, (infant presentation ceremony) in conjunction with *Gotan-ye*. We welcome children and babies who were unable to participate in *Hatsumairi* the previous two or three years. In order to plan and prepare for the ceremony, including ordering Senshin *Hatsumairi* Teddy Bears for each participant, we would appreciate registration as early as possible. If you wish to have your children or the grandchildren participate in the ceremony, please contact the temple at (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com

降誕会および初参りのおしらせ
2021年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月21日（日）10時から行います。降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする法要です。
降誕会に併せて初参りも開催する予定です。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんが初参りに参加されるようでしたら、お寺に電話してください。2021年、2022年に初参りに来ることができなかったお子さんも参加できます。

Listed are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer:
Special: donation received with no specific reason given
Orei: donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.
Nokotsudo: donation by families who have family cremains in the *Nokotsudo* (columbarium)
The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.



FEBRUARY DONATIONS

James and Karen Harada
In memory of
Isamu Matsumura
Madalyne Adams *Osaisen*
Dennis and Celia Huey
Donation
Bradley and Sigrid Shimada
1st year memorial for
Gary Shirasago *Donation*
Anonymous *Donation*
Kelvin Nishikawa
Use of copier
Ted and Julie Akahori
Nokotsudo
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Robert Nakamura
In memory of Sharon Koga
Kinnara *In memory of*
Sharon Koga
Mark and Megumi Unno
Dana
Kenneth Hatai *Dana*
Douglas Kato and Family
Nokotsudo
Connie Matayoshi Nakayama
& Gene Matayoshi
Nokotsudo, In memory of
Kama & Yoshiko
Matayoshi
Doug Matsuda *Nokotsudo*
Maya Sugano *Nokotsudo*
Keith Sawada
Nokotsudo and In memory of
Nell Sawada
Derek Lam and Family *Dana*
Erica Calzadial
In memory of Annie Yee
Debbie and John Hiramoto
In memory of Annie Yee
Anonymous *Donation*
TisBest Philanthropy
Donation
Marilyn Shimabukuro &
Gilbert Leong
7th cycle memorial service for
Shigeichi Shimabukuro

Keith Shimabukuro *7th cycle memorial service for*
Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Edmond and Susan Young
7th cycle memorial service for
Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Janice Shigaki *7th cycle memorial service for*
Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Shimabukuro and Leong Families
7th cycle memorial service for
Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Shimabukuro and Leong Families
Use of study classroom
Warren Furutani
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Allan & Nancy Hikoyeda
Donation
John and Wendy Mori
Birth of grandson Carter
James Pollard &
Janis Hirohama
Donation
Yonsei Basketball Association
Orei
Hongwanji Place *Orei*
Dale Shirasago *Donation*
Diane Trihey *In memory of*
Kiyohiko and Lily Inatomi
Diane Trihey *Nokotsudo*
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*
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Bukkyo Gakuin
Satoshi Miyata *Ho-onko*
Johnny & Wendy Mori
Ho-onko
Hideko Nakamura Noriyuki
70th Anniversary/Keiro Kai
Michael & Lilly Yanagita
70th Anniversary/Capital Campaign
Jeanie Shimozone
Building Fund

FEBRUARY FLOWER DONATION

Scott Nishisaka
Glen and Joyce Isomoto
Merrie Nishisaka
Chikako Kojima
Doug Matsuda
Mutsuo Ushirogata
Ted and Julie Akahori
Connie Matayoshi
Marilyn Shimabukuro
Carol Yokota

FEBRUARY 2023 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant
In Memory Of
Ted & Julie Akahori
Jean Akahori
Julie Akahori *Grandmother*
Kazuko Uyetake
Robert Hori
Mother Lily Hori
Douglas Kato
Kay Sadao Kato
Chikako Kojima
Miyo Takaki
Connie & Gene Matayoshi
Father Takeo Matayoshi
Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Ray Matsubara
Doug Matsuda
Mother Misao Matsuda
Wendy Mori
Brother Fred Sahara
Julia & Lena Murakami
Arthur Ichiro Murakami
Lance Nagano
George Nagano
Arthur Nakashita
Ben Nakashita
Wendy & Nick Nagatani
Roy Rentaro Yoshitomi
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Edith Nishikawa
Merrie Nishisaka
Yuri Nishisaka
Scott Nishisaka
Yuri Nishisaka

Marilyn Shimabukuro &
Gilbert Leong
Father Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Great Grandfathers:
Bunshiro Takashima &
Kaisouyenmon Sato
Mutsuo Ushirogata
Mitsu Ushirogata
Bernice Wakinaka
Chiyono Nagaoka, Dick
Nagaoka, Asa & Fred
Wakinaka
Qris Yamashita &
Chris Komai
Edith Nishikawa
Carole Yokota
Sanaye Yokota

HOONKO 2023

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Aihara, Chris
Akahori, Julie
Akahori, Ted
Akamine, Don
Asahi, Roy
Ebata, Donna
Harada, James & Karen
Hatai, Kenneth
Hayamizu, Sumiko
Higa, Bert & Dorothy
Hiramoto, Deb & John
Hiramoto, Paul
Hisamune, Catherine
Honkawa, Patti
Hori, Robert & Richard Kok
Iriye, Kenneth & Joji
Ishitani, Denise
Ishitani, Janis
Iyemura, Cathy
Kamikawa, Emi
Kojima, Chikako
Komai, Neil & JoAnn
Kondo, June
Matsubara, Tammy & Dale
Matsubayashi,
Ikuko & Kazuo

Matsuda, Douglas
Matsushige, Natsuko
Minami, Jean
Miyagishima, Lillie
Miyamoto, Marilyn &
Dennis
Miyata, Satoshi
Mizutani, Stephanie
Murakami, Eugene & Elaine
Mori, Johnny & Wendy
Nakawatase, Richard &
Helen
Nishida, Russell & Lori
Nishikawa, Kelvin & Yoko
Nishisaka, Merrie
Ogawa, Craig & Cindy
Ogawa, Jerry &
Roy Natividad
Ohata, Ron & Fujie
Okuda, Michael & Carol
Rogers, Beverly & Jennifer
Sakakura, Michiko
Shimabukuro, Marilyn &
Gilbert Leong
Sonday, Mark & Reiko
Takashima, Wilbur & Iris
Tanezaki, Barbara
Toji, Suzanne
Umemoto, Marty/Kathie
Uyeno, Matsuko
Wakinaka, Bernice
Wakinaka, Vickie
Yamaguchi, Toshiko
Yamashita, Betty
Yamashita, Qris &
Chris Komai
Yanagita, Lilly & Michael
Yokoyama, Arlene
Yoneda, Kiyo
Yukawa, Amy

Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Message from the Board

The LA County Board ended the county's local COVID Emergency at the end of March and the Biden Administration will end the National Emergency Declaration to the pandemic later in May – while also warning that this does not mean that the virus no longer poses a threat. The pandemic is not over and people will continue to feel the hardships of COVID every day. Daily case numbers undercount the true virus activity due to the non-reporting of at-home test results and others who don't test at all. In addition, there are other contagious viruses around us such as flu, RSV, norovirus and measles. Our Safety Committee still recommends that we continue to wear masks while indoors at Senshin.

Slowly but surely many of our temple members are returning and participating in activities at Senshin. Congratulations to our Jr. YBA members and parents for hosting Southern District Council's Seminar 2 here at Senshin. They did a wonderful job and demonstrated the conscientious energy of our future leaders. The following day, many of our members shared their *Hinamatsuri* dolls and displays. There were traditional snacks and drinks made by temple members and enjoyed by all.

Finally, come join us for our Famous Chicken Teriyaki on April 30. Turn in your order form and sign up to help with the BBQ. We need as many volunteers as possible. Please help with the marinating, the cooking, packing

or come just to yell encouragements. Be a part of the Senshin family.

In Gassho,
KOICHI UYEMURA
Board President

BWA

March was filled with BWA activities that brought together our special community of women. The BWA had a wonderful farewell outing with Aki Sensei that consisted of an Italian al



fresco luncheon and a field trip to the Peace Awareness Labyrinth & Gardens, a walking and meditation garden in the historic West Adams area. It was an enjoyable way to spend time with Aki Sensei before she leaves us to further her studies.

Hinamatsuri was perfect with beautiful spring-like weather, after so much rain, and the pink cherry blossoms in full bloom. Many BWA members led the activities for the

celebration. Thank you to Suzanne Toji and Jean Minami for coordinating the doll display, and to Jana Yokoyama and Chris Aihara for coordinating and conducting the kids' crafts. A special sweet treat for *Hinamatsuri* was the *Dorayaki* made by Yoriyo Furumoto and Qris Yamashita with the assistance of BWA volunteers.

Ohigan is celebrated twice a year on the "vernal equinox day" and the "autumnal equinox day." This changing of the season becomes a time for personal reflection and for remembering and honoring the dead. It is customary to offer *botamochi* in spring and *ohagi* in autumn. Thank you to Yoriyo Furumoto and Qris Yamashita and BWA volunteers for making the *botamochi* for the Spring Ohigan.

And lastly, BWA members helped with the temple-wide cleanup day at the end of the month.

Thank you to the following for their generous dana:

- Keith Sawada *In memory of Nell Sawada*
- Johnny and Wendy Mori *Birth of grandson Carter*
- Misao Tomita *Special*
- Sumiko Hayamizu *Special*
- Yo Takeyama *Special*
- Satoshi Miyata *Special*
- Ann Saneto *Special*
- Ted Akahori *Special*
- Kelvin Nishikawa *Special*

ABA

Welcome Spring! At the time of this writing we were a week or so from our Spring Higan service on March 19 and soon after we observed *Hinamatsuri* on April 2 - two very meaningful observances when we are fortunate to be offered so many Dharma study opportunities followed by the joyousness of *Hinamatsuri*.

ABA would like to thank everyone who joined us for Higan otoki and participated in our first ever bingo. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We also want to thank those who submitted pre-orders for our April 2 Cha Shu Bao fundraiser.

Our gratitude to the following friends for their generosity:

- Sumiko Hayamizu *Special*
- Deb and John Hiramoto *In memory of Annie Yee*
- Ron and Fujie Ohata *Yearend*
- Suzanne Toji *Yearend*

And a bit of fun news, the Senshin Yardsale (formerly known as "Senshin Rummage Sale") will be held on Saturday, August 12!!! Please watch for details coming in the July Prajna and Senshin website.

Jr YBA

Coming off an active and busy February, the Jr. Y's hosted the Seminar 2 at Senshin in March. Together with Oxnard and Pasadena temples we enjoyed a turnout of over 80 Jr.'s. While Seminar 1 focused on "Buddhism by the Border," Seminar 2 focused on nature, impermanence, and interconnectivity. In addition to the success of Seminar 2, we continue to plan for our Summer 2023 Japan trip. We would like to thank the Sangha for supporting us and we look forward to traveling the country with Furumoto Sensei, and

learning more about Buddhism from his eyes! Along with plans for our own Japan trip, we gave Aki Sensei a warm sendoff to Japan, where she will continue her Buddhist studies, which was delayed by the covid pandemic. If you have questions or want to join the Jr YBA, please contact our parent advisor, Mrs. Juriko Yamada, at afstue@gmail.com

Children and Family Activities

We had a wonderful celebration for *Hinamatsuri*, or Girl's Day, on Sunday, March 5. Some of our members shared their traditional doll sets depicting the *Heian* court, as well as some non-traditional dolls, like the Pooh and Piglet couple. Jean Minami's dolls were given to her as a child and survived the relocation to Colorado



during World War II. Sumi Hayamizu shared a precious photo of herself as a small child in front of her doll display. Children brought their own favorite dolls. There was even a gorilla and a Yoda. Everyone enjoyed the home-made *dorayaki*. Thank you to all who made this event happen!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER FUN THINGS...

Hanamido Decorating
Saturday, April 1, 4pm.

Join us and bring the children for the decoration of our Senshin elephant in preparation for *Hinamatsuri*. We meet in the hondo and decorate the elephant

and make the presentation bouquets. Pizza and other refreshments are served when we finish.

Children's Day, Kodomo-no-hi
Sunday, May 7.

Activities begin after service. For Children's Day we will fly the traditional *koi nobori* (carp banners), have craft activities, games and yummy snacks.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:

Singing with Friends, 2nd Tuesday of the month, Social Hall. Pianist/keyboard player, Scott Nagatani can play just about everything! We meet each month and sing folk songs, Beatle songs, Motown, standards. Come anytime, you'll fit right in. Bring song suggestions and copies of lyrics (if you can).



The year is flying by. Winter storms with crazy rain and cold temps may soon be a thing of the past. The Sakura survived heavy rain and wind to come into full bloom by the end of the first week in March. We may have lost the variegated bamboo Rev. Mas planted a while back due to the extreme cold we had this winter. It would be nice if anyone would care to donate some potted plants to brighten up the west entrance to the temple.

Spring has also brought Mo and Emi Gleason to the open studio sessions while they are on spring break. They are excited to continue their journey exploring clay...I'm sure their exposure to pottery during Saishin Dojo was an influence. Wasabikai will assist and support the teachers when classes begin this summer.

We are currently working to develop a new class featuring a technique called *Kurinuki*. The class will be five sessions held on Saturdays and I will post dates and times as they become available. I hope you will join us.

We encourage anyone interested in

洗心仏教会

2 月感謝録:

寄付:Mayumi小谷,D白砂,D.&Cella Huey,M&M海野
K畑井,D.Lam一家,TisBest基金,A&N日小枝
J.Pollard&J広浜,匿名
寄付:Prajna-W古谷
お祝い:孫誕生-J&W森
お礼:4世バスケット,本願寺プレイス
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M島袋/G.Leong:教室使用
お賽銭:M.Adams

故松村勇追悼:J&K原田
故G白砂追悼:B&S島田
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故A.Yee追悼:E.Calzaddias,D&J平本
故K&L稲富追悼:D.Trihey
故S島袋 7 回忌:M島袋/G.Leong,K島袋,E&S.Young
J志垣,島袋/G.Leong一家
納骨堂:T&J赤堀,D加藤一家,D松田,K沢田,
D.Trihey,M菅野,C又吉,G又吉

4月法要スケジュール:

1日(土)		花御堂設置 (手伝い)
2日(日)	9:45am	日本語法要
	10am	花祭り (お釈迦様誕生), 祥月法要 小谷正雄名誉開教使
	12:00	おとし:婦人会 ABAチャシューバオセール,Jr.YBAベークセール
5日(水)	6:30p	仏教学院:蓮如上人 “御文章” 解説 古本先生
9日(日)	8:30am	婦人会例会
	9am	ABA会議
	10am	仏連花祭り法要:ズーム (洗心寺お休み)
	11am	Jr.YBA会議
	12:00	理事会
12日(水)	6:30p	仏教学院:蓮如上人 “御文章” 解説 古本先生
16日(日)	10am	家族礼拝
	11am	英語勉強会 キッズ太鼓
19日(水)	6:30p	日本旅行計画 古本先生
22日(土)	12:00	ポットラックランチ
	1-3pm	南部地区セミナー@洗心:” 盆踊り-日系特有の伝統” 小谷正雄名誉開教使 & Bessie Tanaka
23日(日)	10am	家族礼拝
	11am	英語勉強会 キッズ太鼓
	12:00	お盆ミーティング
26日(水)	6:30p	日本旅行計画 古本先生
30日(日)	7a	チキン照り焼き,BWAエレファント,クラフト,ベークセール,
	10a	お参り
5月3日(水)	6:30p	日本旅行計画 古本先生

4月法要当番: Jr.YBA

4月本堂当番: J森,D相原,D江畑,Q山下

4月お花当番: 1日J&W森,8日L&K植村,15日J&G 磯本,22日S東司,29日C家村,5/6日M宮本
もし予定日に当番ができない時には、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakashima@aol.comまでご連絡ください。

3月供花:T&J赤堀,M島袋,C小島,M後潟,C横田,D松田,G&J磯本,M西坂

5月の予定:21日降誕会/初参り

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providing a simple flower arrangement for the *Tokonoma* to feel free to use any vase along the exterior of the studio if you like. You may then keep the vase. (There are accessories, frogs, etc. in the



drawer below the *Tokonoma*.)

Thanks to those who have supported WasabiKai as we try to kick start our program. We look forward to upcoming Temple activities.

Social Media

Instagram: Users are now able to not only follow accounts, but hashtags. You can follow **#SenshinEverything** and also tag your posts of Senshin with the hashtag if you'd like others to see solely your Senshin pics. **That's #SENSHINEVERYTHING.**

You can now view the **Senshin Google Calendar here: <https://bit.ly/2Gbhct7>**

If you would like to add the Senshin Calendar to your iPhone or iPad:

1. Launch the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad.
2. Tap on Mail, Contacts, Calendars.
3. Tap on Add Account...under the Mail section.
4. Tap on Other.
5. Tap on Add Subscribed Calendar under the Other section
6. Enter or copy in the following link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/jr9b2e26vovo0a0rhht9kt6i0k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

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BWA & JrYBA DORAYAKI PREP



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
						4p Hanamido Setup
2 Hanamatsuri	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30a Japanese Howa 10a Hanamatsuri Service-Shakamuni Buddha's Birthday and Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> Rev. Mas Kodani 12noon <i>Otoki</i> served by BWA; ABA Chashu Bao Sale; Jr. YBA Bake Sale		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Introduction and Reflection on Rennyō Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto (Zoom)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30a BWA Reikai 9a ABA Meeting 10a Butsuren Hanamatsuri Service @ Jodo Shu & Zoom (No Service at Senshin) 11a Jr. YBA Meeting		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Introduction and Reflection on Rennyō Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto (Zoom)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10a Family Service 11a Study Class; Youth Kinnara Taiko 12noon Obon Meeting		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Japan Trip Class, Rev. Furumoto (Hybrid)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
30 Chicken Teriyaki Sale	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
7a Chicken Teriyaki Sale; BWA White Elephant, Craft and Dessert Sale 10a Service		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Japan Trip Class, Rev. Furumoto (Hybrid)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Kinnara Taiko		

APRIL TOBAN

Service Toban Jr Y B A

Hondo Toban Johnny Mori, Doug Aihara, Donna Ebata, Qris Yamashita

APRIL Onaijin Flower Toban

April 1 Wendy/Johnny Mori

April 8 Linda/Koichi Uyemura

April 15 Joyce/Glen Isomoto

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April 22 Suzanne Toji

April 29 Cathy Iyemura

May 5 Marilyn Miyamoto

Upcoming in MAY 2023

May 21 Gotanye and Hatsumairi Service