

Amida & Spring

This year, three of Senshin's Sakura trees in the courtyard bloomed very beautifully. The bees and the butterflies enjoy tasting the nectar from the blossoms, and even a hummingbird came and enjoyed the nectar so much that he did not notice that I was near him and taking photos.

When we see the sakura blooming
and we feel the warmth in the air,
we say spring has come;
but we have not seen spring itself.

Spring does not have color, spring does not have shape; so we are not able to see

or touch it. But we can sense spring, such as when we feel the warmth or when we see the brighter sunlight and the sakura flowers in bloom.

Spring is the name of the power or working that brings the warm weather after the cold winter. It also has the power to

sprout and bloom the flowers and wake up the bees and butterflies to work. It also encourages us to go to the beach, have a party and enjoy a BBQ outdoors. We cannot see Spring, but we receive the working of Spring.

We cannot see Amida Buddha either, but we can sense Amida Buddha as well. We can sense Amida Buddha

teaching, etc. Shinran Shonin stated, "Amida Buddha is light, and that light is the form taken by wisdom." (p.462)

In his life of *nembutsu*, he occasionally felt as if he was illuminated by the light or the teaching.

The light illuminates us and shows our ego that brings us troubles. The light also gives us warmth and com-

when we recite the *nembutsu*, listen to the teaching, and when we reflect on our ego. Some Jodo Shinshu teachers say Amida Buddha is wisdom and compassion itself.

"In Notes on 'Essentials of Faith Alone'" Shinran Shonin said that Amida Buddha has no color nor shape.

"Dharma-body as suchness has neither color nor form; thus, the mind cannot grasp it or words describe it." (p.461)

But if we cannot describe it, we cannot know Amida Buddha. So Amida Buddha took various forms such as light, wisdom, *Namoamidabutsu*, the

passion. By listening, hearing, and learning the teaching, we can sense Amida's light. It is also the power to guide us, cause us to have *shinjin* and to recite the *nembutsu*.

Like Spring, we cannot see Amida Buddha; but Amida Buddha is always working for us and we can sense Amida Buddha. *Namoamidabutsu*.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

阿弥陀仏と春

古本竜太

今年は洗心のコートヤードの桜が綺麗に咲きました。数年前は暖冬で2月の初旬に咲いたこともありましたが、今年は3月の初旬に花が咲き始め、お彼岸の少し前くらいに満開となりました。桜の花を見ると、春を感じ、思わず「春が来た 春が来た

どこに来た。山に来た。里に来た。野にも来た。」そして「お寺にも来た。」と歌ってしまいました。

この歌は、1910年の尋常小学校の音楽の教科書からずっと掲載されている歌だそうです。ですからこのメッセージを読んでいる方は一度はこの歌を歌ったことがあるでしょう。

けれども、「春が来た」と歌い、実際に春という季節はやってきますが、いったい春というのは何なのでしょう？春が来ると、暖かくなり、桜が咲き、蝶やハチが花から花へ飛ぶのを見るようになります。

けれども、春そのものを見たことのある人はいません。春というのはあるのだけれども、色や形がないのです。春とは桜を咲かせ、虫たちの活動を活発にさせるはたらきのことをいいます。春を見た人はいませんが、実際にそのはたらきを気候や桜や蝶にみて感じる事ができます。

阿弥陀仏も私を救い目覚めさせるはたらきで、春と同様、色もなく形もありません。「法身（ほっしん）は色もなく形もありません。ですから思いはかる事もできず、言葉で言い表す事もできません。（唯信鈔文意）」と親鸞聖人は言われます。

法身というのは、阿弥陀仏の姿の一つで、お仏壇の中に安置する阿弥陀さまの絵や木像の姿とは違う姿ではありますが、本質は同じです。水が氷やお湯になるようなものだと思います。

でも、色や形がなかったら目に見えないのにどうして親鸞聖人は阿弥陀仏がおられるとわかったのですか？と問いたくなります。

それは、春と同様、親鸞聖人も阿弥陀仏のはたらきを受け、お慈悲の暖かさを感じられたからです。そ

のはたらきは私たちの心の闇を照らして、私たちが愚かであつたことのない人物だと知らせてくださいます。そしてそのおかげでちょっとはましな人物にならせていただこうと思うようにもなってきます。

親鸞聖人は「一念多念文意（いちねんたねんもんい）」の中で「凡夫（ぼんぶ）というのは、無明煩惱が身に詰まっっていて、欲が多く、怒り、腹立ち、そねみ、ねたみなど悪い心がひまなくはたらいています。それが臨終の死ぬ瞬間までなくならないのです。」と、仏の光に照らされて見ることで自分の汚い心について書かれています。

けれども、ただ心が汚いのをみて終わるのでなく、「阿弥陀さまがそういう愚かな者をあわれに思われて必ずお浄土に生れさせてくださるとの願いがありがたい、申し訳ない」と感謝や反省がうながされ、「じゃあ、ちょっとはましな人間になるようにしてみよう」と、できるだけ欲張らないように、怒らないように気をつけようとなってきます。

そういう気づきや感謝や反省がでるところに阿弥陀仏のはたらきを感じ取ることができます。

南無阿弥陀仏

Like Spring,
we cannot see
Amida Buddha;
but Amida Buddha
is always working for
us and we can sense
Amida Buddha.

Monthly Memorial April 2024

Shotsuki Service April 7 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Gleeson, David & Lynn <i>Daughter</i> Gleeson, Paige Kiyoko Kathleen	Munekata, Yooko <i>Mother</i> Matsubayashi, Ayako
Hashimoto Family <i>Grandmother</i> Hashimoto, Tatsuyo	Nagano, Lance <i>Mother</i> Nagano, Mary
Imamura Family <i>Father</i> Imamura, Dick	Nishida Family <i>Grandfather</i> Nishida, Joe
Inatomi Family <i>Sister</i> Inatomi-Howard, Linda	Nishida Family, Yamaguchi Toshiko <i>Grandmother/Mother-in-law</i> Yamaguchi, Misa
Kammerer, Michelle <i>Mother</i> Kammerer, Julia Lundquist	Nishida, Lori <i>Father</i> Nishisaka, Harry
Kojima, Chikako <i>Brother-in-law</i> Kojima, Mike	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Father</i> Nishikawa, George
Komai, JoAnn <i>Father</i> Yamada, Yoshito	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Grandfather</i> Nishikawa, Wasaku
Kuwata, Tom <i>Grandfather</i> Yamada, Takeo	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandfather</i> Ogawa, Konai
Matsumura, Henry <i>Uncle</i> Tsubaki, Hideo	Okazaki, James <i>Mother</i> Okazaki, Akiko
Minami, Jean <i>Father-in-law</i> Minami, Kichitaro	Onishi, Randy & Susan <i>Mother</i> Onishi, Mitsume
Miyamoto, Dennis <i>Grandfather</i> Kawai, Sosuke	Rogers, Beverly <i>Grandfather</i> Aramaki, Chido
Motokane, Eddie <i>Father</i> Motokane, Keiso	Sakakura, Michiko <i>Mother</i> Sakakura, Chizu
	Saneto Family <i>Father</i> Saneto, Tsukasa
	Shimabukuro, Marilyn <i>Grandfather</i> Shimabukuro, Shikko

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.

Senshin 2024

Senshinji Hanamatsuri Service

Combined with April Shotsuki Service
Sunday, April 7, 10am

On Sunday, April 7, 2024, from 10am, Senshin Temple will be observing 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.

Speaker for the *Hanamatsuri* Service will be Rev. Mas Kodani (?). This year, we will combine it with the **April Shotsuki service**.

花祭りのおしらせ

4月7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。みなさまお誘い合わせの上、どうぞお参りください。

Butsuren Hanamatsuri Service

Sunday, April 7, 1:30pm • Koyasan Buddhist Temple

Butsuren (Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Federation) will hold its annual Hanamatsuri service on Sunday, April 7th at 1:30pm. The speaker will be Dr. Eric Swanson (Loyola Marymount University). The topic is Reflection on "Peace of Mind" (*anshin*) and the Future of Japanese Buddhism in the United States. To join the service online: www.facebook.com/losangelesbuddhisttemple-federation/

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 (*Shingon*), and Nichiren Shu (*Nichiren*).

4月7日の洗心寺での花まつりののち、ロサンゼルス仏教連合の花まつりが高野山別院で営まれます。時間は1時30分からです。お参りされたい方でご質問がある方はお寺に @gmail.com

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class
(Online)
Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu Class
Rev. Ryuta Furumoto
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:15pm
April 3, 10 and 17

This will be the Basic Jodo Shinshu Class 2. The classes are online 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.

Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi

(Infant Presentation Ceremony)

Sunday, May 19, 10am

We will observe Gotan-ye, Shinran Shonin's birth celebration service on Sunday, May 19, 10 am.

We are also planning to hold Hatsumairi, (infant presentation ceremony) in conjunction with Gotan-ye. If you wish your children or grandchildren to participate in the ceremony, please call or email the temple.

We need to know how many Senshin Hatsumairi Teddy Bears we should prepare for the participants, so please contact the temple if you plan to bring your children or grandchildren to Hatsumairi. (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com

降誕会および初参りのおしらせ

2024年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月19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。

MARCH DONATIONS

Yonsei Basketball Association
Use of Hall
Diane Kawaguchi
Nokotsudo
Dennis & Celia Huey
Donation
Ted & Julie Akahori
Nokotsudo
Michael & Carol Okuda
Special
Michael & Carol Okuda
Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin
Doug Matsuda *Nokotsudo*
Dexter Nishiyama
Nokotsudo
Dennis & Celia Huey,
Andrew & Amber Huey,
Donation
Jason & Jessica Phan
Donation
Daniel & Stephanie Gordon
Hoonko
John & Debbie Hiramoto
7th cycle memorial for
Elso Kanagawa
Paul Hiramoto
7th cycle memorial for
Elso Kanagawa
Pat Ishihara-Sato
7th cycle memorial for
Elso Kanagawa
David & Judy Kanegawa
7th cycle memorial for
Elso Kanagawa
Ellen Shimohara
New Year's Eve Service
Nick & Wendy Nagatani
In memory of
Rentaro Yoshitomi
Craig Wong
Funeral for Gail Wong
Kelvin Nishikawa
Use of Copy Machine
Cathy Iyemura
Donation Sangha Teens
Senshin BWA
Donation Sangha Teens
Paul & Arlene Murata
In memory of
Michiko Masada

Carol Masada Dinkin, Janis
Sandness & Cheryl Crippen
Funeral Service and
Nokotsudo for
Michiko Masada
Regina Sakurai
In memory of
Michiko Masada
Julie Akahori
Makurakyo & 7th Day
Service for Ted Akahori
Scott & Yasuko Kujiraoka
Roy & PJ Hirabayashi
Event
Douglas & Hiroko Kato
Nokotsudo
Anonymous
Use of Copier
Betty Yamashita *Donation*
Kenneth Hatai *Dana*
Ana-Maria Herrera-Murray
Memorial Service for Alan
Terakawa
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
25th cycle memorial ser-
vice for Father
Kinnara Inc.
Roy & PJ Hirabayashi
Event
Lance Nagano
In memory of
George Nagano
Janis Ishitani
In memory of Nell Sawada
Lynn Kanda & David Gleeson
In memory of
Mary Kathleen Gleeson
Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
Nokotsudo
Yonsei Basketball Association
Use of Hall
Kenneth Chan *Donation*
Diane Trihey
In memory of
Kiyohiko Inatomi
Diane Trihey
In memory of
Lily Inatomi
Diane Trihey *Nokotsudo*
Victoria Tran *Dana*
Namira Pelawi *Dana*
Keith Sawada *Nokotsudo*

Keith Sawada
In memory of Nell Sawada
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*
Karen Broberg
In memory of my father,
Frank M. Usui
In Memory of
Gayle Hane Wong
Gene Hane
Sabrina Chu
Jayne Tan
Diane Tan
In Memory of Gayle Wong
Craig Wong
Douglas & Sharon
Owyang
Craig Fukuyama
Karen Ishizuka &
Bob Nakamura
Edna Horiuchi
Janet Hasegawa-Chu
Charlotte Suzukamo
John & Wendy Mori
Chris Aihara
Brian & Laura Norimoto
Douglas Higashioka
Janice & Wade Oshiro
Susan Omori
Akiko & Gary Fujimoto
Rickey Ono
Dr. Shaw Yorizane
Larry and Patti Yamadag
James & Marilyn
Matsumoto
California Community
Foundation (Kenneth
Chan)
MARCH FLOWER DONATION
Dexter Nishiyama
Ruby Kiyohara
Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Chris Aihara
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Ted & Julie Akahori
Doug Matsuda
Merrie Nishisaka
Chikako Kojima
Marilyn Shimabukuro
Carole Yokota

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 2024
SHOTSUKI HOYO**

Observant
In Memory Of

Doug Aihara
Yae Aihara
Ted & Julie Akahori
Jean Akahori,
Sachi Murata
Julie Akahori
Grandmother
Kazuko Uyetake
James & Karen Harada
Isamu Matsumura
Glen & Joyce Isomoto
Father Sam Isomoto
Douglas & Hiroko Kato
Kay Sadao Kato
Ruby Kiyohara
Shunichi Kiyohara
Connie & Gene Matayoshi
Father Takeo Matayoshi
Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Shunichi Kiyohara
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Edith Nishikawa
Merrie Nishisaka
Yuri Nishisaka
Dexter Nishiyama
Takeo Matayoshi
Cindy Oda
John Tomita
Keith Shimabukuro
Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Marilyn Shimabukuro &
Gilbert Leong
Father Shigeichi Shima-
bukuro
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Great Grandfathers
Bunshiro Takashima &
Kaisouyenmon Sato
Mutsuo Ushirogata
Mitsu Ushirogata
Carole Yokota
Sanaye Yokota

**FUNDRAISER
CHICKEN TERIYAKI
ORDER DEADLINE:
APRIL 16****Volunteers Needed for
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser
April 28th**

See sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

*For more information, questions or
suggestions, please contact*
Russell Nishida at nishida257@cox.net.

Vehicle Donation

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any
vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and
even boat) as a donation to the temple.
Donors can report the full amount
of funds received from the vehi-
cle donation as a deduction on
their tax returns.

We work with Harold's Car
Donation Service (HCDS) to have
vehicles picked up, processed and refur-
bished as necessary to bring in the highest
sale amount for the donated vehicle.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle
donation are received by Senshin, a letter is
sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle

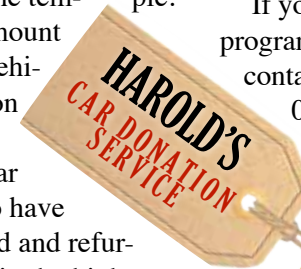
Anitya Committee

By the time we celebrate our 75th anniver-
sary in 2026 we hope to have completed a
thorough restoration of our buildings. The
Anitya (Sanskrit for impermanence) commit-
tee has been formed and we have identified
much work that needs to be done. The first
project, already completed in December,
was the restoration of the Mon (entry)
and surrounding courtyard. Guided by the
original plans drawn by Sam Mori in 1991,
we repaired and replaced a lot of wood and
everything was given a fresh coat of paint. It
looks as good as new again!

Future phases of the restoration will be
contracted as money becomes available.



donation. The letter includes details of the
donated vehicle and the amount for which
the vehicle was sold or salvaged. All donors
will be acknowledged in the *Prajna*.
If you have any questions about the
program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please
contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-
0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-
9558.



They include refinishing the Hondo exterior,
Social Hall exterior, breezeway canopy, and
the teriyaki chicken BBQ area behind the
rental house. Water-vulnerable woodwork on
the Hondo will receive copper flashing and
the surrounding garden beds will be regrad-
ed to keep water away. The windows on the
south side of the Hondo will be replaced
or re-finished so that they don't look foggy
anymore. The Social Hall parking lot will be
regraded to eliminate the deep rain puddles.

The estimated cost of the work the Anitya
committee has identified is approximately
\$300,000. Please consider donating to the
75th Anniversary Anitya Fund and help us
restore Senshin back to its original beauty.

洗心仏教会

2024年4月

3月感謝録:

寄付:K畑井,H杉田,J/W森,A.H.Murray,C/E.Whiting
D.&Cella Huey,B中富,R木下,A中島,D白砂,M小谷
修正会: R/J山下,C相原,S岡村,V.Nakawatase 島地,
W/I高島,T赤堀,J南,M古谷、K/L植村,J赤堀,D竹原
R中渡瀬,C.U.Johnson,C久宗,R中渡瀬,D/T松原
除夜会:W/I高島,S岡村,
納骨堂:N関沢,M松田,M渡辺
お礼:4世バスケット協会
仏教学院:M藤本,J南
枕教,葬儀、故W小山:おやま/Middo家族
車寄付:A横山,D金川 J/D平本,E.Calzadias
冬季西心道場: S.Camara 526プラン:D西山

故G.Hana追悼:A横山
故W小山追悼:P.Smith,M/K梅本
故J赤路追悼:D松田
故T&S西坂追悼:G/D平賀
故F白井追悼:R/D大江
故H吉富追悼:N/W永谷
故R坪井追悼:K猪狩
故A/D志垣:E/S.Young,J志垣
故W小山追悼: M/K梅本
故A.Lam一回忌:D.Lam,G.Yee

4月法要スケジュール:

3日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:	古本先生
7日(日)	9:40a	日本語話	
	10a	花祭り法要(お釈迦様誕生日)	小谷正雄名誉開教使?
		祥月法要	
	12n	おとき: 婦人会	
		ABA:チャシューバオセール、Jr.YBA:ベークセール	
	1:30p	仏連花祭り@高野山、ズーム	
10日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:	古本先生
14日(日)	8:30a	婦人会例会	
	9a	ABA会議	
	10a	家族礼拝	
	11a	理事,Jr.YBA会議、Sangha Teens会議	
17日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:	古本先生
21日(日)	10a	家族礼拝	
	11a	Youth 緊那羅太鼓	
28日(日)	7a	チキンテリヤキ,婦人会ホワイトエレファント,クラフト,デザートセール	
	10a	家族礼拝	
毎水曜日	10a-2:30p:	本願寺プレイス	

4月法要当番: ABA

当番主任は、4/7日祥月法要の後のドーナツと飲み物,4/14日理事会のスナックとお茶,
4/7 花祭り法要のお供えを用意してください。

4月本堂当番: J/D平本,K入江,P平本

4月お花当番: 6日J/D,13日I高島,20日D竹原,27日M宮本,5/4日Y/K西川

もし予定日に当番ができない時は、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakashima@aol.comまでご連絡ください。

5月の予定: 5日子供の日,19日降誕会/初参り

供花-3月: C小島,T/J赤堀,D松田,C横田,M島袋,D西山,R清原,T&D松原,C相原,K&Y西川,M西坂

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From the Board

Mental health experts are finding that grateful people are actually happier people. When we can be thankful for the food on the table, having a job, family and friends, we are happy and content for life itself.

But we fail to appreciate all that life provides for us due to our bonbu (“ordinary person”) nature. We are stupid and foolish in various bonbu ways but even the very effort to achieve perfection can lead to arrogance and overestimation of ourselves. We need to come to temple and listen to the Dharma teachings in our lives.

There is something truly fulfilling in working with others and your actions can make a difference for the better in the world. People who assist those in need and give back to others and their communities tend to be happier. So volunteer and join the Jr YBA, ABA and/or BWA. We will always need help during our Chicken Teriyaki Cookout and upcoming Obon. Look for ways to be more kind, compassionate, and giving in your daily life. This can be something as simple as brightening a stranger's day with a smile or going out of your way to do a favor for a friend.

In Gassho,
KOICHI UYEMURA

BWA

Spring brings a lot of joy with the sakura blooming and the temple buzzing with activities, keeping all of us at the temple busy as we collaborate

green beans, help with the bake sale, White Elephant sale, and the craft sale. A lot to look forward to!

Again, membership dues of \$20 can be sent to Arlene Yokohama or left in the BWA mailbox. Please make checks out to Senshin BWA. If you would like to join in on the BWA fun, membership dues for new members are waived for the first year.



with each other on events and projects. BWA participated in support of Dharma school to put on a wonderful *Hinamatsuri*, with a lot of children enjoying the crafts, doll displays, and decorating onigiri. Thank you to the BWA volunteers that helped in the kitchen preparing 150 *onigiri* and ingredients for the creative decorations. Thank you to Suzanne Toji and Jean Minami for setting up the doll displays. Many thanks go to Jana Yokoyama and Chris Aihara for the creative fun! Young and old enjoyed eating the onigiri and looking at the displays, and the kids loved the crafts!

For Spring *Ohigan*, we were treated to *Botamochi*. Thank you to Yoriyo Furumoto, the Jr's and the BWA ladies that came out to make the delicious variety of *Botamochi* offerings.

Coming up in April will be *Hanamatsuri* – flower festival – commemorating the birth of the Buddha. Please stay after service to enjoy BWA's *chirashi*. At the end of April, BWA will participate in the Chicken Teriyaki sale, where we will make the sesame

We thank the following for their generous donations:

- Betty Yamashita
Special - New Year's party
- Stan & Debbie Fukawa
Special
- Keith Sawada
In memory of Nell Sawada
- Linda Uyemura
Special
- Amy Yukawa
Special
- Qris Yamashita
Thank you for orchid plant

ABA

The March Kei Ai Bingo visit had a wonderful volunteer attendance thanks to our Jr. YBA and Sangha Teens families. Senshin ABA and BWA have been volunteering since 1977 and we are especially joyful and grateful that our youth are helping us continue the tradition of helping our elders. Our next visit will be May 26.

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In March, some of the Juniors attended Seminar 2 at OCBC. It was a very good experience, and it was very fun. Some Juniors also helped with cleaning Mas Sensei's backyard. We also participated in temple cleanup at the end of the month, cleaning the windows in the Hondo, as well as cleaning the rock garden and drawing the lines in the sand. In April, we will continue with our monthly meetings, as well as chairing service every Sunday. We are also planning to help out during chicken teriyaki at the end of the month.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please feel free to contact our parent advisor, Ms. Juriko Yamada at: afstue@gmail.com, (310) 569-9052. We'd love to have you!!

Sangha Teens

The Sangha Teens joined with other Senshin members to tidy up Reverend Mas's back yard after the heavy winter rains. It was a lot of fun! Thanks to everyone who came out to help. A second jaunt is expected in spring.

If there are other 6th, 7th, or 8th grade youths who would like to join us, please contact Deb Hiramoto 626.232.4736.



joined together, *Kurinuki* is about subtraction. This allows a beginner or an experienced potter a lot of freedom and spontaneity.

Kaz Ota, a longtime friend, supporter and contributor to WasabiKai, will guide you through this process. Kaz is a master potter who has explored many different approaches in creating pieces that reflect the Japanese aesthetics. The *Kurinuki* technique truly embraces the *wabi sabi*.

The classes will be held on five Saturdays: May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 @ 10:30-1pm. The class will be limited to six participants. All materials and tools will be provided. \$100 suggested donation. No previous experience or special creative talent needed. You must bring a curious and adventurous attitude and a willingness to explore. We had a great time last year. The final class will be a little longer as we will do a *Raku* firing as well as an electric kiln opening and potluck.

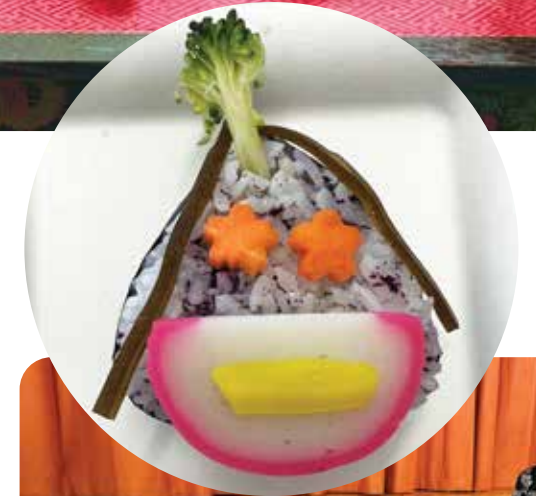
For further information and to sign up for the class, contact Bob Miyamoto 323. 791.2719 or 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com. We will follow all recommended Covid protocols in effect at the time.

Hope to see you in class!



Kurinuki Yaki class is coming...

WasabiKai would like to invite you to participate in a fun-filled exploration of a ceramic technique called *Kurinuki*, which starts out with a solid piece of clay which is then hollowed out to form an interior space which can be manipulated to shape an exterior form, and through a series of cuts, rips and sculpture techniques a unique shape takes form. Unlike wheel throwing where pieces are usually symmetrical and hand-building where pieces are



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		4p Hanamido Setup
7 Hanamatsuri	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:40a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a Hanamatsuri Service (Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday) and Monthly Memorial Service, <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> , Rev. Mas Kodani ? 12noon Otoki by BWA; ABA Chashu Bao Sale; Jr YBA Bake Sale 1:30p Butsuren Hanamatsuri @ Koyasan and by Zoom		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9a ABA meeting 10a Family Service 11a Organization Meetings: Jr YBA, Sangha Teens, Board Meeting		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
28 Chicken Teriyaki Sale	29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
7a Chicken Teriyaki Prep 10a Family Service 11a-2p Chicken Teriyaki Sale Pick-up, BWA White Elephant, Craft and Dessert Sale.		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		

APRIL TOBAN: Jr YBA

Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- Weekly Chair April Sunday Services
- 4/7 Provide donuts and beverages after monthly memorial service
- 4/14 Provide and serve snack and tea for monthly board meeting

Hondo Toban John Hiramoto, Deb Hiramoto, Kenny Iriye, Paul Hiramoto

APRIL ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement

- April 6 Deb/John Hiramoto
- April 13 Iris Takashima
- April 20 Denise Takehara
- April 27 Marilyn Miyamoto
- May 4 Yoko/Kelvin Nishikawa

(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160 or itakashima@aol.com)

MAY Up Coming Events

- May 5 Children's Day Event
- May 19 Gotanye and Hatsumairi Service