

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
rev.aoki@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link
or check the temple website

(Service takes approximately 30 minutes
- Meditation, Sutra Chanting, and
Dharma Talk)



Saturday, May 20th at 10AM

Saturday, May 27th at 10AM

Saturday, June 3rd at 10 AM

Sunday, May 7th
@ 10:00 a.m.

**Gotan-e (Shinran's birthday)
& Shotsuki/Memorial Service**

Masks are now optional

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986

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Sakura – Chery Blossoms



Although they have arrived later than usual this spring, the cherry blossoms are now in full bloom across the temple at Oppenheimer Park. My seasonal allergy is also in full bloom. I sneeze and suffer with itchy eyes. I hope everyone is able to enjoy the beauty of the seasonal changes.

We will be observing May Shotsuki Memorial and Gotan-e services at the temple on Sunday, May 7th at 11 am. Our founder, Shinran Shonin, was born in Hino near Kyoto on May 21, 1173. He lost both his parents at an early age and so Shinran decided to become a Buddhist monk at the young age of 9 years old. When he arrived at a temple in Kyoto for his ordination into monk-hood, it was close to mid-night. The resident priest told him to postpone the ordination to the next morning to which Shinran replied with a poem;

*"The heart set upon tomorrow,
how like cherry blossoms
blown away at night
in a sudden storm."*



His poem tells us that we need to cherish the present moment, and not to take things for granted. When the resident priest heard this poem, he decided to ordain young Shinran immediately that night and thus assumed the name Hannen.

There is another favorite poem of mine called Sakura by the Zen poet Ryokan (1758-1831).

"Falling cherry blossoms; those remaining also will fall."

At this time of seasonal change, let us try to open our Dharma eyes and appreciate every day and every moment we are able to live truly.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

The new board was installed recently at our Hanamatsuri service. All temple members and supporting friends express a sincere and heart-felt thank you (domo arigato) for their dedication and hard work to keep the temple clean, warm and welcoming. To put it bluntly, they have worked their 'tails off'. The two year term has concluded and the new board (many remaining the same) have stepped forward to the new challenges facing our temple.

The new directors are (alphabetical order); Robert Akune, Lorna Bishop, Greg Chor, Mayumi (Yokogawa) Dar, Frank Hamanishi, Tim Hirata, Derek Iwanaka, Patricia (Trish) Keizer, Megumi (Yokogawa) McGrath, Yvonne Nakano, Dave Ohori, Joanne Yuasa, and Rev. Tatsuya Aoki (ex-officio advisor). The executive (by acclamation) are:

President - Dave Ohori
 Vice-president - Trish Keizer
 Treasurer - Yvonne Nakano
 Secretary - Derek Iwanaka

The new building construction (Lookout project) taking place next door is creating new challenges for the board. We are trying to work with the owners of the project in an amicable manner. Their project has a long way to go to completion. If anyone with construction and/or engineering knowledge and expertise wishes to contribute their time to seeing that all goes well, please call our temple.

The annual Hanamatsuri held on April 9th, had a very successful outcome. The Keirokai, to show our thanks to our seniors, followed with the delicious lunch which everyone enjoyed. Immediately following lunch, several games of Bingo were played with many happy winners. Approximately eighty people attended the happy occasion, as finally all COVID protocols have been lifted. Facemasks are optional, but if facemasks are desired by some of the attendees, we have them available. Facemasks are still required when working in the kitchen for the purposes of Food Safe, though.

In gassho,

The Board

Nikkei Center Golf Tournament for Seniors

Date: May 26th, 2023

Location: Riverway Golf in Burnaby, 9001 Bill Fox Way, Burnaby, BC V5J 5J3

Time: Registration & BBQ Lunch - 10:30 am | Shotgun Start - 1:00 pm

The Nikkei Seniors Health Care & Housing Society is excited to bring back the 16th Annual Nikkei Place Charity Classic on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Riverway Golf Course in Burnaby! We return to a full tournament this year.

Visit nikkeiplace.cbo.io for event details and updates.

All proceeds of our Charity Classic support our dementia-friendly programs, which provide social connections, education, and exercise for 60 seniors per week at Nikkei Place and through outreach within Burnaby and Vancouver.

For more information, please visit: <https://seniors.nikkeiplace.org/2023/03/06/save-the-date/>



Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple!



Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Bradner Hall
(5305 Bradner Rd, Abbotsford, BC)

Doors Open at 5:00 pm - Dinner at 6:00 pm

Ticket prices:	Entertainment:
Adults - \$40	Games
Youth 5-10 yrs - \$15	\$0/50 Draw
Children under 5yrs - free	Silent Auction

Contact Info:
Lucy: 604-856-6492
Naomi: fvbtemple@gmail.com

We are looking forward to the warmer weather that comes with May. The daffodils were out just in time to adorn our hanamido at our Hanamatsuri service in April, and now the plants around us are showing a vibrant green.

Our May Shotsuki and Gotan-e service will be on Saturday, May 6th starting at 3 pm. Please note the change in start time. The time was changed to work with the Spring Fundraising Dinner that follows the service with the doors opening at 5 pm.

Please join us at our Spring Fundraising Dinner at the Bradner Hall on Saturday, May 6th. This will be an evening of fine food, games, auctions, entertainment and friends. Doors open at 5 pm and the dinner starts at 6. A few tickets still remain so call Lucy to book your seat.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

December Shotsuki Memorial Service

Ben Shikaze - In memory of Emiko Shikaze

January Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mrs. May Mukaida

Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming - In memory of dad & sister

February Shotsuki Memorial Service

Amy Nagamatsu - Shotsuki for Roy Nagamatsu

Ron & Marilyn Fujita

Vivien Nishi

March Shotsuki Memorial Service

Ron & Marilyn Fujita

Vivien Nishi

Irene Ryoko Tateyama

Lori North

Reiko Cheryl Honkawa - In memory of Fumi & Ken Honkawa

Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming

Ronald Nishimura

Stan & Lucy Yoshioka

John Shoichiro Kamimura - In memory of Akio Kamimura & Masuko Kamimura

Eileen Kariatsumari - In memory of Mr. Shinden

Mrs. May Mukaida - In memory of Mr. S. Shinden

Jim Shinden - In memory of Mr. S. Shinden

Denise Cork

April Shotsuki Memorial Service

Stan & Lucy Yoshioka - In memory of Jack Yoshioka & Kenny Yoshioka

Ron & Marilyn Fujita

Jeanne & Larry Ryan - In memory of Sam Yoshika

Carole Hamanishi

Naomi Shikaze - In memory of father Gilbert & grandfather Kayemon

Irene Rohrer - In memory of Sam Yoshika

Mrs. Masami Miyagi

Chieko Takasaki

Vivien Nishi

Byron Kiyokazu Kagawa

Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming

Lori North

Ronald Nishimura

Denise Cork - In memory of Sam Yoshika

Pat Yoshioka - In memory of Sam Yoshika

Irene Ryoko Tateyama

Tony Tateyama

Jean Nakatsui - In memory of Sam Yoshika

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Yoshioka - In memory of Sam Yoshika

K. Hamaura - In memory of Sam Yoshika



Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 6th -
Fraser Valley Service @
3:00 pm

Sunday, May 7th -
Gotan-e & Shotsuki/
Memorial service @
10:00 am

Saturday, May 20th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, May 20th -
Seniors' Luncheon @
11:30 am

Saturday, May 27th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, June 3rd -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, June 4th -
Seniors' Luncheon @
11:30 am

***All services, except
where indicated, will be
via Zoom.

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Toban 3 Will Be Responsible For the Month of May



The temple would not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it were not for the dedicated hard work of our members. When people come to the temple—whether it is for the first time or the 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.



The Tobans will look after Memorial/Shotsuki services. Some of the duties include: cleaning the Hondo, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant will be needed; as well as a couple people to act as service receptionist and usher. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.



The following activities in May are the responsibility of: **Toban #3**

- ◆ Gotan-e and Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, May 7th
- ◆ Manju making (mushi & mikasa) - Saturday, May 13th @ 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Manju making (yaki) - Saturday, May 27th @ 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Bento making - Saturday, May 27th @ 9:00 a.m. & Sunday, May 28th @ 8:00 a.m.

Thank You to...

A lot of work is required to keep the temple in working order. From time to time things break-down or we need assistance in the kitchen. As well as the board of directors, we are very fortunate to have volunteers answer the call for help.

A huge shout-out and thanks to:

- ◆ March Bento: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Megumi & Ryden McGrath, Tatsu & Karen Misushima, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Sumie Takahashi, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ◆ Hanamatsuri and Keirokai: Molly Akune, Haruyo Chiba, Frank Hamanishi, Frances Minato, Karen and Tatsu Misushima, Kazumi Nakano, Robert Nomura, Monica Otori, Marie Oyama, Sandy Tanaka, and Roy Tatsumi

Be Aware of Counterfeit Bills!

Recently, the temple had found some counterfeit money in circulation. With that being said, we just wanted to notify and remind our members to be vigilant, aware and what to look out for. We understand that in our day and age now where money is rarely used, paying attention to what we receive is something that even the most vigilant can miss at times.

Anytime you receive change or money back, here is one tip to ensure received bills are authentic. In the image, the yellow circle is the area we recommend you inspect carefully. The plastic area on these counterfeit bills are see through with very little, to no hologram. Upon closer inspection, you can tell something is amiss.



2023 Keirokai - honouring those turning 77, 88, and 99

Memorial Years of 2023

1st Year - 2022	17th Year - 2007
3rd Year - 2021	25th Year - 1999
7 th Year - 2017	33 rd Year - 1991
13 th Year - 2011	50 th Year - 1974

May Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The May Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, May 7th at 10:00 am.

1957
*NAKAMURA, Miss
*SUGIHARA, Shichisaburo
1958
*NAKASHIMA, Eikichi
*OHASHI, Yuno
*OHTA, Masu
SAIMOTO, Kunitatsu
1960
*HAMADE, Yoshigoro
*NAKANISHI, Mitsugu
1961
*SHIRAKAWA, Hidehiko
1962
*NISHIKAWA, Usaburo
1964
*MARUMOTO, Kamen
*YABUNO, Sutekichi
*YURUGI, Choichiro
1965
*INOUE, Kanda
NAKATA, Norman
1966
*MATSUSHITA, Nagashige
1967
MADOKORO, Hiroe
*YOSHIDA, Isamu
1969
*OGINO, Chozo
*ONO, Matsu
1970
*SUZUKI, Isono
*TANAKA, Hisa
1972
*MISHIMA, Tsurukichi
YADA, Kiyoshi
1973
*TANAKA, Haru
1974—50th Year
HORII, Sumiye
*INAMASU, Suye
1975
*KITANO, Jyutaro
*KOYANAGI, Toyohisa
*MAYEDA, Kiyokazu
*UYENO, Ei
1976
HAMAGUCHI, Fumio
*TAKEDA, Iwao
1977
KONDO, Yoshio
1979
NAKAMURA, Genzaburo
*NISHIMURA, Aiko

1980
*WAKITA, Hajime
*YOSHIDA, Yoshi
1981
*AYUKAWA, Kaoru
*TAKAHASHI, Kazuo
TANAKA, Miki
*YABE, (baby)
YAMAKAMI, Shotaro
1982
*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshio
*OHTA, Takezo
TANAKA, Ichijiro
1983
*KITADE, Yaeko
*NAGAMATSU, Denshin
1984
*HANADA, Yoshio
*OKEGAMI, Hidehiro
*SAKIYAMA, Hiroshi
*TAKEMOTO, Matsuy
*TERANISHI, Fuji
1985
*KAWAHIRA, Imiko
YAMADA, Yukio
1986
*EGAMI, Hikotaro
*HAMADE, Toyo
*MORI, Nobuo
*NISHIMURA, Hiroshi
*NOSE, Tazo
1987
*HORI, Mika
*KITAGAWA, Naka
*YURUGI, Moto
1988
*TSUJI, Gen
1989
*KUROMI, Suino
*MIURA, Kaoru
1990
*GREEN, Jordan
HIRAI, Ken
*NISHIKAWA, Mitsue
1991—33rd Year
HAYA, Haruko
*MIYAGAWA, Ito
OKADA, Kazuko
1992
*NODA, Misaho
*ONO, Yoichi
*SOGA, Zenya
UYESUGI, Fumio
1994
*MATSUBA, Shige

1995
SHIMABUKURO, Nabe
*UYENO, Shigeo
YAMADA, Takaichi
1996
*ITAYA, Masaye
1997
SHOJI, Tadashi
TAKEMORI, Akiko
TANAKA, Masao
1998
*MARUYAMA, Bill
YAMADA, Kazuye
1999—25th Year
HAMAGUCHI, Hiroshi
*KUNIMOTO, Akiko
YAMADA, Hiroshi
2000
IMAI, Eichi
KAKUTANI, Kiyoshi
NISHI, Yukio
YAMASHITA, Toshio
2001
WAKAHARA, Tomohiko
2002
FUKUI, Hisako
NAKAMURA, Miki
SAMESHIMA, Tadayuki
WATANABE, Hiromi
2003
*NAKATSUI, Toyoko
2004
KITAMURA, Shizuko
OMOTO, Noboru
OYA, Chie
2005
GRIMSHAW, Rebecca
2006
*SATO, Yoshiaki
2007—17th Year
HAMAGAMI, George
KITAGAWA, Kotoma
MORISHITA, Hatsumi
NAKAMURA, Amy
NAKATSU, Toshiye
WADA, Seiji
2008
KAWASAKI, Ryota
KOYANAGI, Hiroyuki
TANAKA, Keiichi
TANAHARA, Yoshihide
2011—13th Year
FUJIYAMA, Kie
YAMADA, Miyoko

2012
OKADA, Katsuko
TSUJI, Yoshiaki
WATANABE, Isao
2014
YAMASHITA, Tsunaye
2016
KAWAMOTO, Hisako
SUGA, Yuriko
2017—7th Year
NATSUHARA, Lucy
NISHI, Chiyeko
2018
MINATO, Kaoru
2019
OKANO, Edward Isao
2021—3rd Year
HONDA, Chieko

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mr. Sam Yoshioka
(80)
March 24th

Mrs. Yoshiko Tanaka
(96)
March 27th



**The Shotsuki Service will be
held on Sunday, May 7th at the
temple & via Zoom @ 10 am.

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran

Also, you can dial-in to the
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071
Press Meeting ID#:
692 059 0986 & #

Bento Box

On the last Sunday of each month, we will be selling bento. A delicious way to support the temple.



To order, please return the order form, with payment to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple via mail, email (temple.vbt@gmail.com) or call (604 253-7033).

For May 28th, the bento will include:

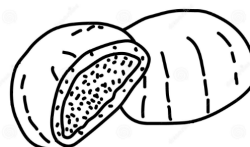
- Chicken katsu
- Shira-ae
- Green salad
- Rice
- Tsukemono



Cost: \$15.00

We will also be offering manju (2 kinds)

Cost: 6 for \$8.00



Combo (bento and 6 manju)

Cost: \$20.00

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). Last day to order is Tuesday, May 23rd.

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on May 28th at the Social Hall entrance.

May 28th Bento Order Form

Number of: Bento ____ x \$15.00

Manju ____ x \$8.00

Combo ____ x \$20.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____