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Schedule of March Events

March 1, 2025 - Udon Nite 4pm
March 9, 2025 - Shotsuki Hoyo 10am
March 15, 2025 - Tri-Temple Seminar 11am
March 16, 2025 - Spring Ohigan Service 10am
March 16, 2025 - Scout's Pancake Breakfast 8am - Noon
March 23 and 30, 2025— No Sunday Service

Tentative Schedule of April Events

April 5, 2025 - Hanamatsuri Festival 11am - 2pm
April 6, 2025 - Hanamatsuri Service and Shotsuki Hoyo 10am
April 13, 20, and 27, 2025 - No Sunday Service

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Spring Equinox “Ohigan”

Twice a year in the Spring and the Fall we observe the equinox with a special service. It is a tradition during the equinox to visit the family cemetery and pay respects to our ancestors. Over the centuries Ohigan has created many customs that make it a big social event for families. Once again, we gather to remember our deceased family members and to some it may seem that we are obsessed with death and the memorials. In truth our family provides for us another opportunity to embrace the Truth and as a result embrace life. The very first Ohigan rite was said to take place in 1043 B.C.E. and ever since it has been observed to worship the dead. Prince Shotoku (February 7, 574 – April 8, 622), who is credited as the founder of Japanese Buddhism, made it a special religious observance. The weeklong equinox observance was an opportunity for families to gather, visit the cemetery and honor ancestors. It served as a reminder of our past and our deep connection to our family and the past, as well as instilling an appreciation for the Truth of interdependency.

During the Meiji period (October 23, 1868, to July 30, 1912) the imperial government made Ohigan a national holiday, recognizing its deep significance for the Japanese people. Rather than a somber event, Ohigan is a celebration in gratitude for our life of what we have received. We are reminded that we have already received the benevolence of Amida Buddha, and our future life is assured.



This is why we celebrate with special services and special foods including *ohagi* or *botamochi*, a sweet rice covered with sweet beans, and sushi. Special foods at Ohigan are a reminder to us of what we have received in this life and sustains, and nurtures our lives.

Shinran Shonin, our founder observed Ohigan and reminded us that the other shore (Ohigan) of Enlightenment is within our reach.

“As I humbly contemplate matters, I see that the inconceivable Universal Vow is the great ship which conveys us across the sea which is difficult to cross, and that the unhindered Light is the sun of wisdom which dissipates the darkness of ignorance.”

We celebrate the compassionate vow of Amida that embraces us at Ohigan. Please join the special Ohigan seminar on March 15th in Salinas and our Watsonville Ohigan service on March 16th with special guest speaker Rev. Blake Honda.

Gassho,
Reverend Hosei Shinseki
Minister Emeritus

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Special Points of Interest

Saturday, March 1, 2025
4:00pm - 7:00pm - Udon Nite

Sunday, March 2, 2025
10:00am - National Eitaiko Service

Saturday, March 15, 2025
11:00am - Ohigan Tri-Temple Seminar in Salinas
Guest Speaker Rev. Blake Honda

Sunday, March 16, 2025
10:00am - Spring Ohigan Service
Guest Speaker Rev. Blake Honda



2025 Memorial Service Schedule

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2024	1st Year	2001	25th Annual
2023	3rd Annual	1993	33rd Annual
2019	7th Annual	1976	50th Annual
2013	13. Annual	1926	100th Annual
2009	17. Annual		

MARCH SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

March 9, 2025 @ 10:00 am

March Shotsuki Hoyo

Daitoku, Mary	Johnson, Inako	Sera, Kikuno
Eto, Takashi	Kitamura, Masao	Sukekane, Frances Akiye
Etow, Mary	Kobara, Shoichi	Sumida, Tsune
Fujii, Tadashi	Kodama, Hatsu	Takemoto, Itaro
Fujii, Linda	Kokka, Noriyuki	Takemoto, Dr. Katsumi
Fujii, Kosaku	Kunishige, Nobuyo	Tamaki, Miyeko
Fujita, Kikuko	Kusumoto, Kajito	Tanaka, Mina
Hamada, Choichi	Mametsuka, Moi	Tanimasa, Jiro
Hashimoto, Tatsuhiko Patrick	Matoba, Shizu	Tao, Howard
Hamamoto, Yuichi	Matsuda, Masayoshi	Tao, Keitaro
Hasebe, Setsuko Betty	Matsunami, Itsuko	Tao, Yotsuo
Hashimoto, Nami	Mayeda, Kamenoshin	Terasaki, Yoneko
Hashimoto, Tsuneno	Mio, Masujiro	Toriumi, Shigezo
Hosada, Shizayo	Mizuno, Masako	Tsukiji, John
Ishimaru, Yuichi	Morimoto, Kenji	Tsuchiyama, Yoshito
Iwamasa, Yoichi	Nakamura, Kozuye	Uemura, Itsuo
Iwami, Hideo Charles	Niiyama, Yakuichi	Ura, George Masaru
Kadotani, Kimiyo	Nishita, Kimiko	Yamakoshi, Helen
Kadotani, John	Oda, Yaeko	Yamamoto, Iwakichi
Kaita, Kinu	Oka, Kazuo	Yamamoto, Jintaro
Kajisa, Hisako	Okamura, Sueko	Yamamoto, Saikichi
Kamitani, Muneichi	Saiki, Saburo	Yamanishi, Kunimatsu
Kamitani, Soichi	Sakaguchi, Shioki	Yamashita, Kenji
Katsuyama, Toshiya	Sakai, Isao	Yamashita, Tommy David
Kawasaki, Isamu	Sakamoto, Katsuye	Yonemura, Kimiko
Kimoto, Tokomatsu	Sasaki, Masami	Yoshida, Kikuno
Kishimura, Kyoshuke	Sasaki, Tadaichi	Yoshida, Morisaburo

APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

APRIL 6, 2025 10:00 am

April Shotsuki Hoyo

Boone, Aaron	Kokka, Henry	Sukekane, Masaru
Daitoku, Bob	Kurasaki, John	Suruki, Kozo
Eto, Niichi	Kurimoto, John Masao	Takata, Chikako
Fujii, Seiko	Maemura, Gunzo	Takei, Yasu
Fujimura, Tamotsu	Matano, Toro	Tao, Akira Bill
Fujita, George Sakae	Matsui, Nihei	Tao, Hisae
Fujita, Kazuo	Matsumoto, Alice	Toriumi, Junko
Hirahara, Nancy Miyako	Matsumoto, Shio	Tsuda, Kakichi
Hashimoto, Walter	Mine, Seki	Tsudama, Sonny
Higaki, Haruso	Misumi, Mitsuo	Tsuji, Yoshihisa
Higaki, Kazuko	Miyama, Richard	Tsuji, Yukiko
Hirano, Hisa	Nagatoishi, Haruye	Ura, Naoko
Hiwatashi, Teruko	Nishihara, Dennis	Ura, Sawano
Hoshiyama, George	Nitao, Eiki	Uyeda, Nora Nokuko
Ikeda, Henry	Okamoto, Frank Mitsuo	Uyematsu, Mary
Inokuchi, Itsuyo	Okamoto, Takeru	Uyematsu, Roy
Kaita, Brad Roy	Ono, Miyoko	Waki, Louis
Kaita, Yoshiye	Sakai, Yutaka	Yagi, Chiyoko
Kajihara, Setsuko	Sakakihara, Hisae	Yamaguchi, Mitomu
Kamimura, Sanemi	Sera, Kina	Yamanishi, Asayo
Kamitani, Haruko	Shimonishi, Tony	Yamaoka, Yoneichi
Kimoto, Takanoshin	Shingai, Tsunaye	Yonekura, Riinzo
Kikuchi, Kazuo	Shingai, Yukio	Yoshida, Edward
Kobara, Helen	Shirachi, Mickie	Yoshida, Hatsue
Kodama, Akira	Sugimoto, Frances	Yoshida, Kazuye



**The Watsonville Buddhist Temple wishes to extend our condolences
to the family of Sumiko Yamada.**

Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Thank you for your generous donations

Thank you to Bobby and Nancy Tamaki, and Chiye Tamaki for their generous donations for the purchase of a new refridgerator.

Aiko Nitao	Ikebana Temple Use
Ryoko Kozuki	In Appreciation
Kiiko Akiyama	Mr. Tamaki 103 Birthday Celebration
Ida Akimoto	In Appreciation
Kirk Muldoon	In Appreciation

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Ryoko Suruki	3rd Year Memorial Service for Tatsuro Suruki
Anita Lasich	In Memory of Gerry Konda
Noriko Ragsac	In Memory of Helen Tominaga
Kiiko Akiyama	In Memory of Isamu Akiyama
Ned and Michelle Burmeister	In Memory of Tee Yamamoto
Susan Ikegami	In Memory of Tee Yamamoto
Mitsuyo Tao	Ikenobo Temple Use
Ken Daiokono	In Memory of Sadao Matsunami
Diana Wohnoutka	In Memory of Barbara Shingai
Gary and Cindy Mine	In Appreciation for the Temple Board
Kiiko Akiyama	In Memory of Chiye Sakaue
Chiye Tamaki	In Memory of Chiye Sakaue
Carolyn Misumi	In Memory of Saburo Misumi
Emiko Hirano	In Memory of Emiko Kaita
Donna Lauesen	In Memory of Barbara Shingai
Toshi Yamashita	In Appreciation
Min and Marian Niiyama	In Memory of Helen Tominaga
Ken Nakamura and Chiye Tamaki	In Memory of Tee Yamamoto

ABA Memorial

Dennis and Susan Ikegami	Janice Tao	Nobue Fujii
Richard and Susan Uyematsu	Perry and Kim Yoshida	In Memory of Mae Yoshida

Nirvana Day

Perry and Kim Yoshida	Carolyn Misumi
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Pet Memorial

Carolyn Misumi	Victor Kimura	Esther Ura
Kenny and Dori Kusumoto	Perry and Kim Yoshida	

Hoonko

Yoko Umeda	Itsuko Okamoto	Shizuko Tao
Dennis Hamada	Riiko Yoshida	Esther Ura
Janice Tao	June Honda	Toshi Yamashita
Richard and Susan Uyematsu		

Shotsuki Hoyo

Ron and Millicent Mito	In Memory of Frank Mito and Toshimi Nitta
Arlene and Wayne Minami	In Memory of Fred Okimoto
Jean Hirahara	In Memory of Gary Tao (Brother)
Judy Plummer	In Memory of Gregg Plummer
David and Lesly Dietrich	In Memory of Pauline and Clifford Sakae
Craig and Joni Yamamoto	In Memory of Richard Yamamoto
Dennis and Susan Ikegami	In Memory of Roy Kaita
Ryoko Suruki	In Memory of Tatsuno Kimie Suruki
Perry and Kim Yoshida	In Memory of Tomoichi Yoshida
Hisako Kodama	
Carolyn Misumi	



Tri-Temple Spring Ohigan Seminar

11:00am - March 15, 2025

Speaker: Rev. Blake Honda

Newly ordained minister Rev. Blake Honda will speak on the topic of myokonin 妙好人 the wonderfully excellent persons of Jodoshinshu.

Excellent Persons refers to devoted followers of Jodoshinshu Buddhism. They live a life of total dedication to Amida Buddha. Their acts and sayings, though may often run counter to common sense, reveal the depth of faith and true humanity,

Salinas Buddhist Temple - 14 California Street, Salinas CA
(831) 424-4105

Carpooling is available. Please call the temple office (831)724-7860 or email buddhist@wbtemple.org if you are interested.

Reverend Blake Honda will also be the Guest Speaker for Watsonville Buddhist Temple Spring Ohigan Service Sunday March 16th at 10am.



We wish to thank the Temple Members that donated in excess of the stated membership dues.

Ida and Bill Akimoto
Dennis and Lola Hamada
Carolyn Misumi
Richard and Susan Uyematsu
Riiko Yoshida
Arlene and Wayne Minami
Alan and Gayle Uyematsu
Dennis and Kim Yamaoka
Lori Yoshida

Lesly and David Dietrich
Emiko Hirano
Ryoko Suruki
Sheryl Wobber
Kiiko Akiyama
Itsuko and Charles Okamoto
Stuart Yamamoto and Pilar Marien
Yoko Umeda



2025 Temple Dues

With the start of the new calendar year, it is time to pay your 2025 Temple Membership Dues. For clarification, these dues are to be paid during the first calendar quarter of the year (**no later than March 31, 2025**). As you may know, a portion of these dues goes to the BCA (approximately \$182 per person). The balance of your dues support the general operations of the Temple.

The dues for 2025 will continue to be:

Single membership—\$260

Couple or family—\$520

San Juan/Hollister Howakai—Single rate \$130 and Couple rate \$260

If you wish, you are welcome to donate in excess of the amount stated above.

All members, please complete the updated membership form and return it to the Temple Office with your dues payment. If you have an email address, please print this clearly on your membership form so we can communicate with members by email when possible. Thank you

Dues **may** be paid by credit card and/or may be paid in up to three equal payments. Please contact the Temple Office for details. When using the credit card method of payment, **an additional transaction fee will be added to your dues.**

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2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: _____

Please check: Continuing
Membership (Single) _____ Family _____ **OR** New Member (Single) _____ Family _____

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ M. I. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ D.O.B. _____

MEMBER(S) HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different) _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ CELL PHONE: () _____

BUDDHIST NAME: _____

SPOUSE:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ M. I. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ D.O.B. _____

SPOUSE HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different) _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ CELL PHONE: () _____

BUDDHIST NAME: _____

CHILD/CHILDREN (if living in the household):

FIRST NAME: _____ M. I.: _____ D. O. B.: _____

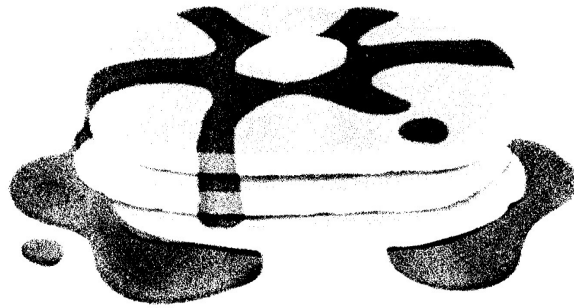
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**Boy Scouts Troop 558
Watsonville Buddhist Temple**

PANCAKE FEED

“All You Can Eat”



**Sunday, March 16, 2025
From 8 am to Noon**

**Pancakes, Sausage & Fruit
Orange Juice & Coffee**

**423 Bridge Street in the Temple Gymnasium
831-724-7860**

**\$10.00 per person
Thank you for your support!**



JIB - JAB

*Jib-Jab is simply nonsensical chatter.
A frivolous mish-mash of light-hearted matters.
In the old days we called it "Shootin' the breeze,"
And smiles are still in style ~ so smile ~ please!*

*Time passes so quickly I was not aware,
It must be February because love is everywhere.
In bouquets of red roses ~ chocolates and art,
But what is more loving than a Valentine heart?*

*It is so endearing and really quite nifty,
When cameras focus on Kelsey and Swiftly.
It has the makings of the sweetest Valentine,
When two hearts align in four quarters time.*

*Whether young or old ~ fifty or sixty,
Be kind to your heart ~ be it fragile or frisky.
And may I offer some words from the wise?
Stretch like a cat ~ and exercise!*

*Speaking of cats ~ have you met Hello Kitty?
Sales are booming and shopkeepers are giddy.
Kitty is an Ambassador from across the sea,
Bringing love and goodwill ~ and diversity.*

*When the elderly in Japan become a bit lonely,
They're told to watch sports on Samsung or Sony.
Excitement does wonders to get their juices flowing,
Elevates their heart rate and joy starts showing.*

*The next time you order 'burgers and fries,
Don't assume you are speaking to a girl or a guy.
You are actually talking to a machine called A I,
Or Artificial Intelligence ~ my ~ oh my!*

*However ~ love is not artificial ~ it's the real deal.
The affection for my Granddoggie is absolutely surreal.
There is no greater love than in her shining eyes,
And with that ~ my Jib-Jab I will finalize.*

*Janice Tao
(02-2025)*

February 4, 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

Condolences to the families of Sumiko Yamada who passed away November 30, 2024 and Chiye Sakaue who passed away January 7, 2025.

The BCA Social Welfare Committee has set up a fund for the Southern California Wildfire Relief to help support those affected by the wildfires.

Reverend Shinseki will be taking time off from March 30th to April 2nd.

Starting in September, Salinas and Monterey will be welcoming a new resident minister. Rev. Murakami will be their minister and Watsonville's supervising minister.

JoAnn Kato and Kenny Kusumoto attended the BCA Leadership workshop. They met with representatives from many different temples and came away with ideas on how to grow our temple. We hope to implement some of these ideas in the future.

Watsonville Buddhist Temple grant from the BCA Social Welfare Committee to continue our Salvation Army Meal Project was approved.

Santa Cruz History Fair will be May 17, 2025. There will be approximately 30 booths and 200-300 people attending throughout the day.

The Hanamatsuri Festival will be Saturday, April 5th 11am-2pm. Hanamatsuri service will be Sunday, April 6th 10am.

We will be holding a blood drive Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 9am-3pm, in the Temple Gym.



Scouting News

The Scouts went camping with Troop 599 (Corralitos) to Angel Island in San Francisco the first weekend in February. They had a lot of fun.

They are planning to attend a shooting event in Carmel Valley the second weekend in February and a camping trip to the Pinnacles or Fremont Peak. (date TBA).

Scouts had a multi-unit CPR training at the temple with kids and adults from other troops in the area. Those that attended are CPR certified.

Scouts will be helping set up and work at Udon Nite.

The All You Can Eat Pancake Feed will be March 16th, 8:00am - Noon.

The Scouts will have a display for the Hanamasturi Festival, as well as selling popcorn and lemonade.

March 18th Scouts will be doing a recruitment for new members ages 11 - 17.

March 19th Cub Scouts will be doing a recruitment for new members grades K-5.

Please contact Chris Garcia (831) 840-4299 for more information.

Please note: This year's Hanamatsuri Festival will be held Saturday, April 5th.

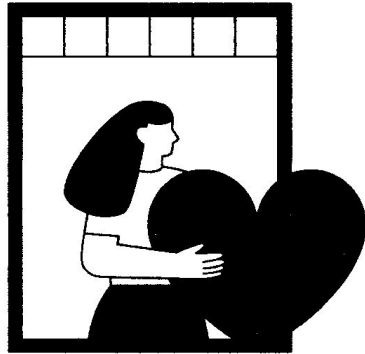
Hanamatsuri Service will be Sunday, April 6th.



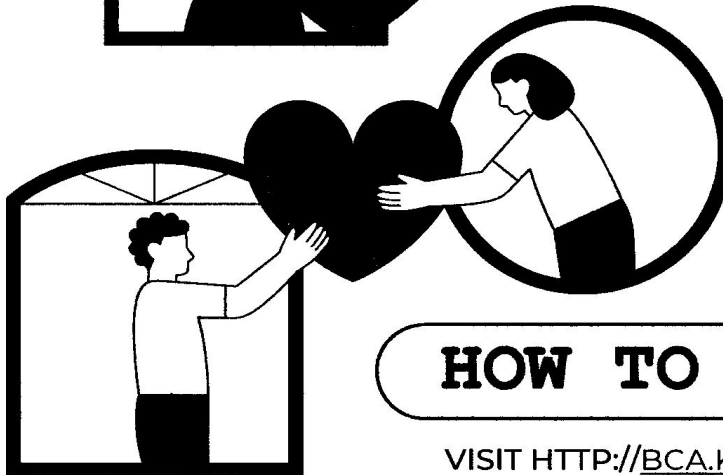
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF



BCA SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



Support those affected by the Wildfires to assist Southern District temple members and community support efforts!



HOW TO HELP!

VISIT [HTTP://BCA.KINDFUL.COM](http://BCA.KINDFUL.COM)
SELECT "SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
WILDFIRE RELIEF" OR



MAIL A CHECK MADE OUT TO BCAEF
2140 DURANT AVE
BERKELEY, CA 94704
NOTE: WILDFIRES

Watsonville Buddhist Temple will be collecting donations for the Southern California Wildlife Relief.

The donation check should be made **payable to BCAEF, with Wildfires on the memo line**. We will send all the donations together to the BCA from the Watsonville Buddhist Temple Sangha or you can send your donation directly to the BCAEF. Deadline for donations is March 31, 2025.

Please send donations for the temple to mail to:

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423 Bridge St.
Watsonville, CA 95076

THANK YOU YOUR SUPPORT



WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

HANAMATSURI

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA

Flower Festival

Saturday, April 5th

11:00AM to 2:00PM

423 Bridge Street, Watsonville

Service

Sunday, April 6th

10:00AM

Displays

Ikebana

Bonsai

Mataro Kimekomi Doll making

Boy Scouts

Kokoro No Gakko

Entertainment

Watsonville Taiko

Shorinji Kempo, Monterey Branch

Food

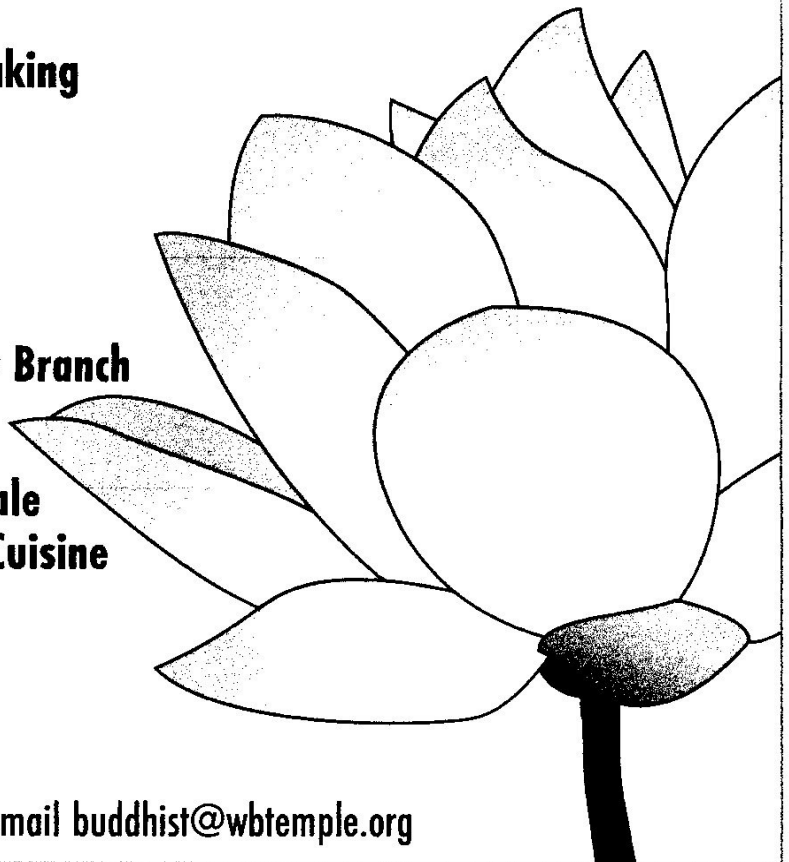
Limited Bento Boxes for sale

Hapa Bros. Asian Fusion Cuisine

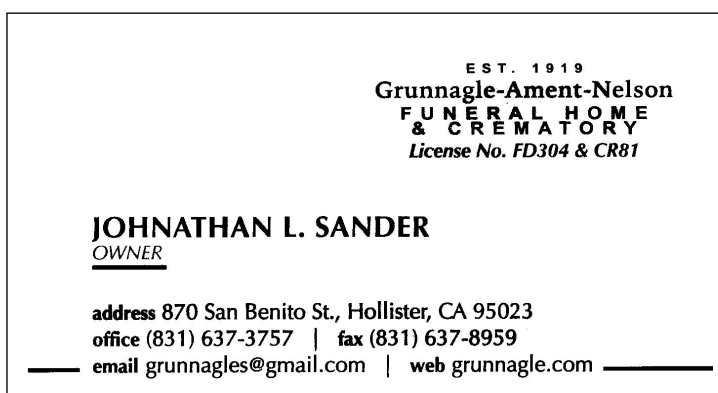
Vendors

Tangled Messes

Hug a Sumo



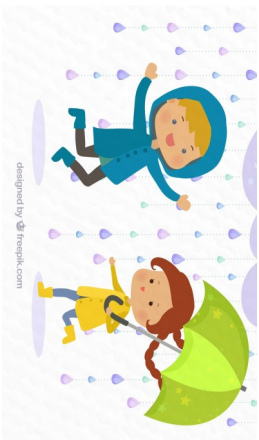
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March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4p-7p Udon Nite National Council Meeting
2 NO SERVICE National Council Meeting 10a National Eitai-kyo Service 1p-4p Doll Class	3	4 7p Board Meeting Zoom	5	6	7	8 11a Funeral/ Memorial Service
9 10a Shotsuki Hoyō	10 Ichimi Deadline	11 9:30a-12:30p Ikenobo 7p Scouts	12 9:30a-Noon Ikenobo 2p Salvation Army Meal Project	13	14 3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution	15 9:30a Ikebana 11a Ohigan Tri-Temple Seminar In Salinas
16 10a Spring Ohigan Service 8a- Noon Scout's Pancake Feed	17	18 7p Scouts Scout Recruitment ages 11 - 17	19 CubScout Recruitment grades K - 5	20	21	22
23 NO SERVICE	24	25 7p Scouts	26	27	28	29
NO SERVICE 30						



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7p Board Meeting (Zoom) 7p Scouts	2	3	4	5 11a-2p Hanamatsuri Festival
6 10a Hanamatsuri Ser- vice /Shotsuki Hoyo 1p-4p Doll Class	7	8 7p Scouts	9 2p Salvation Army Meal Project	10 Ichimi Deadline	11 3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution	12
13 NO SERVICE	14	15 9a Ikenobo 7p Scouts	16 9:30a Ikenobo	17	18	19 9:30a Ikebana
19 NO SERVICE	20	21 7p Scouts	22	23	24	26
		7p Scouts				5p Hanamatsuri Set-up
27 NO SERVICE	28	29 7p Scouts	30			