

June News



Enpuku-ji

There is a **new date** for the Enpuku-ji benefit talk with Dr. Yosh Taguchi, world-renowned surgeon! On **Wednesday, June 20**, Centre Zen de la Main/Enpuku-ji presents **Zen Surgeon /Zen Monk**: A conversation between Dr. Yosh Taguchi and Victor Sogen Hori. This special Enpuku-ji benefit event will take place at the J.A de Seve Cinema (LB-125) in the Library Building at Concordia University, 1400 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West, at **7:30 pm** and will be hosted by CBC's David Gutnick. Dr. Taguchi and Professor Hori will converse about Dr. Taguchi's new book, *Zen in Action*. A question and answer period and a reception/book signing will follow the conversation. The suggested donation for this event is \$10. If you would like to help with the organization of this event, please be in touch with Myokyo.

Monthly Contribution Program

We would like to invite everyone - practitioners, non-practicing sympathizers and long-distance friends - to join our monthly contribution program, **Friends of Enpuku-ji**. Regular monthly contributions are our main source of income and, as such, allow Centre Zen de la Main/Enpuku-ji to continue to provide a space for people to practice and to learn about Zen, as well as supporting Myokyo in her role as a Rinzai-ji Osho (Zen priest) and as the Abbess of Centre Zen de la Main/Enpuku-ji.

This program allows individuals to make automatic payments by credit card through www.canadahelps.org. If you are already making monthly donations by cheque or cash, automatic payment may be a faster and more convenient way to make your monthly contribution. If you don't live in the Montreal area, but would like to support Centre Zen de la Main/Enpuku-ji, it's a great way to become a "long-distance friend." To join "**Friends of Enpuku-ji**", simply log on to www.canadahelps.org and type in "Centre Zen de la Main" in the "Search for a Charity" window. Click on "Centre Zen de la Main" when its name appears in red. A screen with the Zen Centre logo (the house) will appear. Then choose "Donate Monthly" from the boxes on the right and follow the instructions. The CanadaHelps.org site is also accessible from the Zen Centre website, www.centrezendelamain.ca, on the "Support" page. CanadaHelps.org allows donors to download a tax receipt at any time

(If you wish to make a single donation, you would select “Donate Now” and choose which fund you would like to contribute to: Monthly Contributions Fund, Abbess Fund, Scholarship Fund, Montreal Zen Poetry Festival Fund, Monk Study and Travel Fund, and the Enpuku-ji Fund.)

June Zazenkai

This month’s Zazenkai will take place on Sunday, June 10, from 7am to 5 pm. Part-time attendance is possible from 7am until about 1pm. Please let the Zen Centre know, as soon as possible, of your intention to attend. The cost is \$30 for the full day or half-day.

12th Anniversary Dinner

Please come and join us for a delicious potluck dinner as we celebrate the 12th anniversary of Centre Zen de la Main/Enpuku-ji on **Sunday, June 17 at 5pm**. The Zen Centre will provide two main dishes, one fish and one vegetarian. So please bring your favourite salad, hors d’oeuvres or dessert, and your choice of drink! We are looking for someone to help coordinate this event, so if you are interested please contact Myokyo.

Zendo Closure

The Zen Centre will be closed from Friday, July 13, until Tuesday, July 31. We are looking for help with watering the balcony garden during this time. If you will be in Montreal and can help during this time, please contact Myokyo.

Volunteering

There are many ways to help at the Zen Centre, as we work towards moving into a new home. At this point, we have several regular volunteers, and we are looking for a few more people to help on a regular basis. Several ways to help over the next few weeks include working on this summer’s print newsletter, building/location scouting, helping with the fundraising software, and transforming the upstairs office into a more effective workspace. If you would like to volunteer for any of these jobs, or would like to update your volunteer availability information from last winter, please let us know.

Zen Breakfast

Beginning on Friday, June 08, we will be eating formal breakfast in the zendo following the second sitting period in the morning. This is a great Friday morning opportunity for people to learn (and practice) the traditional Zen monastic practice of a formal three-bowl meal. A \$1 contribution to help with food costs is asked of those who will attend.

Hanamatsuri

Eighteen people, including visitors from India and the Rinzai-ji center in Miami, Florida, gathered for the celebration of the Buddha’s birthday on Sunday, May 20. As is the custom every year, each person in attendance bathed a statue of the baby Buddha with warm tea, while everyone chanted the Heart Sutra. Afterwards, Myokyo gave a dharma talk, in front of a beautiful display of flower petals on the butsudan. This lovely ceremony was followed by a fantastic potluck brunch of delicious food from around the world.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 10: Zazenkai

*Sunday, June 17: 12th Anniversary Dinner

*Wednesday, June 20: Zen Surgeon/Zen Monk, at Concordia University

Sunday, July 08: Zazenkai

*Friday, July 13 - Tuesday, July 31: Summer closure

Wednesday, August 22 - Sunday, August 26: Sesshin

Sunday, September 09: Zazenkai

Sunday, September 23: Zazen/Brunch

Sunday, October 07: Zazenkai

Sunday, October 14: 3rd annual 3 Bowl Dinner

Sunday, October 28: Zazen/Brunch

*Date/event changes