

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

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Hanamatsuri (Birth of Sakyamuni)

It is a day of joy and a great significance for all Buddhists. We call the observance “Hana-matsuri” which means a “flower festival”.

Sakyamuni Buddha was born in India on April 8 about 2500 years ago. At that time, the earth was said to have shaken in six directions (north, south, east, west, up, and down), flowers blossomed everywhere, Devas or gods filled the air with music. Heavenly beings scattered flowers from the sky. The newborn infant Buddha immediately stood up and then took seven steps to the north. Then he pointed his right hand to the heavens above and pointed his left hand to the earth below then, with the voice of a lion, spoke the following words; “In the heavens above and on earth below, I alone will become the Honored One.” With each step that he took, a lotus flower blossomed under his feet. This is why we call this celebration “Hana-matsuri” or a “flower festival”.

Many of the rites that are observed during Hanamatsuri are based on the events we are told happened at the time of Prince Siddhartha’s birth. The Hanamido or miniature floral altar of bright flowers provides the setting of the beautiful Lumbini Garden where he was born. The statue of the baby Buddha with its arm extended illustrates the virtues of Amida Buddha reaching out to all beings and the pouring of sweet tea on the statue represents the gentle rain that fell in Lumbini Garden and bathed the baby Buddha. May we all realize the meaning of his appearance in this world, so that we may humbly accept and understand his teaching as a way of our lives. Let us all gather to celebrate the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha, who guided by Wisdom vitalized by Compassion continue to aspire to develop the person, both ourselves and others, that we may all fulfill the ultimate meaning of life.

This celebration of the Buddha’s birth will bring together a diverse group of Buddhists from many rich traditions who share in the single purpose of celebrating the birth of Siddhartha Gautama who became enlightened as Sakyamuni Buddha.



Toban Group

Rick Suzuki/Peggy Tanaka
 Janice Richardson
 Larry Dux
 Lorne Terada
 Carrie Terada
 Gary Koga
 Tim/Sandy Tahara

Jack/Dar Yamaoka
 Ruby Eikenaar
 Julie Mori
 Geri Nishi
 Junko Charpentier
 Maureen Hatanaka

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April Monthly Memorial

Miss Hanayo Ueda	1935
Mr. Masajiro Taniguchi	1942-04-22
Mr. Jusaku Yoshihara	1949-04-13
Mr. Shojiro Kimura	1949-06-23
Mrs. Tora Shiosaki	1952-04-16
Mr. Masakichi Nishi	1953-04-02
Mrs. Setsuyo Tashima	1957-04-22
Mr. Shinichi Nakayama	1960-04-19
Mr. Chosuke Ozamoto	1962-04-24
Master Suzuki	1965-04-24
Mr. Yoshitaro Kitagawa	1968-04-17
Mrs. Taka Tsuji	1969-04-13
Mrs. Tomechiyo Teramura	1975-04-01
Mr. Kenjiro George Nishi	1975-04-13
Miss Tsuyuko Nakayama	1976-04-13
Mr. Shigeharu Nishi	1979-04-05
Mr. Genzaburo Tamagi	1979-04-24
Mrs. Ume Tatebe	1990-04-01
Mr. Shigeto Kimura	1993-04-02
Mr. Yoshitaka Wada	1998-04-07
Mr. Shigemitsu Carl Nishi	2000-04-04
Mr. Masami Doug Mori	2000-04-21
Mr. Atsushi Sugimoto	2008-04-06
Mrs. Misuyo Wakano	2018-04-03
Mr. Bill Bradley	?
Mr. Yoshiyuki Jack Hatanaka	2020-04-02

The Kelowna Buddhist Temple is embarking on a fund raising project to produce a 2022 calendar

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for photos to put in the calendar
The theme of the calendar is
"Finding the teachings of Buddha in Everyday Life"



Please send photos or questions to
kelbudt@gmail.com

Deadline to submit photos is August 31, 2021.

You can provide information about the photo
such as where it was taken or description of the photo, etc.

Photos need to have a resolution of 2550 x 3300 pixels
(most up-to-date cell phone cameras meet this requirement)

Photos taken in BC of scenery, landscapes, pets, objects and wildlife are acceptable
People pictures are acceptable, but need to follow certain guidelines
Please contact kelbudt@gmail.com for more information

In Memoriam

Amy Ueda (nee Uyeyama) February 28, 1923 ~ February 17, 2021



Amy Uyeyama was born in Kelowna on February 28, 1923. As a young child, she, along with her two sisters, was taken to Japan to be raised by grandparents. She returned to Kelowna at the age of eighteen and In 1943, she married Benichi Ueda. Together, they began their family, with the addition of two children, and built a successful life farming and operating their garage, Benny's Service. As well as raising their children, Amy worked for Kelowna Nurseries, the family orchard and as a seamstress for Henderson's Cleaners and Gem Cleaners. After retirement, Amy learned to paint and joined the painters group at the Seniors Centre. When Ben passed away, Amy lived independently until failing health made it necessary for her to move into a care facility.

I'll always remember Amy as an elegant, beautiful and friendly person. Her generation taught us about perseverance, understanding and patience and with their passing we are losing a great deal of wisdom. Extending sincere condolences to the Uyeyama /Ueda families.

Namu Amida Butsu



With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations

Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution

Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.

Fujinkai Tsuito Hoyo (Women's Association Memorial)

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in memory of Kotoyo Takata, Takeko Kimura, Iye Tanemura & Sakae Nishi	\$100.
Hatanaka, Ms. Maureen ~ in memory of Shizue Hatanaka	\$30.
Yamaoka, Barb and Alan	\$50.
Tanaka, Ms. Peggy	\$100.
Charpentier, Mrs. Junko	\$30.
Tanaka, Ms. Naomi ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka	\$100.
Matsuyama, M/M David ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka	\$100.
Yoshioka, Ms. Pat ~ in memory of Shizue Hatanaka	\$25.
Mori, Ms. Elaine ~ in memory of Midori Mori	\$500.

Dharma Shotsuki

Abelardo, Nicholas	-\$0.40
Anonymous ~ in memory of Shige Terai	\$100.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in memory of Iye Tanemura & Tom Tanemura	\$40.
Terai, Mr. Isao ~ in memory of Sumako Itani	\$100.
Richdale, M/M Glen ~ in memory of Tosh Yamaoka	\$50.
Minato, Mrs. Nancy ~ in memory of Sumako Itani	\$50.
Brown, Mrs. Gail ~ in memory of George Hayashi	\$70.
Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. ~ in memory of Hitoshi Suzuki	\$50.
Suzuki, M/M Toshiya ~ in memory of Hitoshi Suzuki	\$50.
Yamaoka, M/M Gerry ~ in memory of George Hayashi	\$30.
Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in memory of Tatsujiro Terada	\$40.
Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ in memory of George Hayashi	\$50.
Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. ~ in memory of Tokuyichi Tomiyama	\$100.

Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial)

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$25.
Nishi, Mr. Jim ~ in memory of Sakae Nishi	\$300.
Nishi, Mr. Jim ~ in memory of Jim Nishi	\$300.

Memorial

Gilbert, M/M Mark ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$25.
Uyeyama, Pegi Hayashi ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$50.
Hirose, M/M Ted ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$50.
Anonymous ~ in memory of Roy Kawamoto	\$100.
Mayeda, Mr. Derek ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$30.
Brown, Mrs. Gail ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$30.
Naka, Mrs. Grace ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$100.
Sugimoto, Ms. Noriko ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$25.
Ito, Mr. Morio ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$20.
Neher, John & Jean ~ Jean Neher & Mary Coventry ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$100.
Terada, Mr. George ~ in memory of Roy Kawamoto	\$40.
Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$50.
Favell, M/M Don ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$30.

Ohiganye

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$25.
Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P.	\$30.

Nirvana Day

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$20.
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Newsletter

Fong, M/M Michael	\$50.
Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	\$50.
Koga, Mrs. Carol	\$40.

Sustaining

Yetman, M/M Pat	\$330.
MacLean, Ms. Marilyn	\$170.
Hatanaka, Mrs. Margie	\$170.

Building Fund

Nishi, Ms. Geraldine ~ in memory of Jim Nishi	\$20.
Nishi, Ms. Geraldine ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$20.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$40.
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$30.
Anonymous ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$30.

Donations continued

Building Fund

Nagami, Ms. Ruth ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$100.
Yamaoka, M/M Gerry ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$20.
Wyatt, M/M Ron ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$100.
Nishi, Mr. Jim ~ Roof	\$100.
Kimura, M/M Mike ~ in memory of Roy Kawamoto	\$50.
Kimura, M/M Mike ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$50.

General

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in appreciation of Mask	\$25.
Mayeda, Mr. Derek ~ in appreciation for Mask	\$20.
MacLean, Ms. Marilyn	\$50.
Suzuki, M/M Toshiya ~ in appreciation for Masks	\$25.
Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in appreciation for Masks	\$40.
Cavanaugh, Ms. Genevra	\$25.
Anonymous ~ in honour of Francis, Houleo/Feiniu & all kids	\$5.

Legislation enacted by the Provincial Government restricts organizations from divulging personal information without the approval of the individuals affected. The donations generously made by Temple members and friends fall under the realm of personal information. Therefore, if you object to your donations being published in the Temple Newsletter, please let us know and we will cease doing so (Mail or Email your wish to be omitted from the published list). In Gassho, Temple Board of Directors

From the Temple Executive



Hope you are all doing well as we enter the second year of Covid 19. Now that the vaccines are starting to be distributed, it is the first step to achieving a lifestyle of normalcy. Unfortunately, the Temple will still remain closed at this time. With Sensei Miyakawa’s retirement, we are in a transition period before the new minister arrives. Last month we held the Fujinkai Tsuito Hoyo service by Zoom. On Sunday March 28 at 11:00 am we will have the Dharma Shostuki services for the months of January, February and March. This service will again be by Zoom and hosted by Socho Aoki. Please join the service to honor your loved one, as we all have a family member, relative or friend to memorialize. Just e-mail kelbudt@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link or phone number to call in to join. The Temple website is up and running again after being down for several months. Thank you to Chad Kohalyk for assisting Pegi Uyeyama in resurrecting the website. Presently, the website is accessible for general information and recent newsletters. Chad continues to work on restoring the website to it’s original format. Much appreciation to Chad as he is doing this while he is still busy working in Japan. We recently had our belated AGM and would like to welcome new board members Junko Charpentier, Meiko Ewuk and Peggy Tanaka. Junko will be the Dharma School representative, Meiko will assist Barb with Membership and Peggy will assist Maureen with Public Relations and Social. Thank you very much to these ladies for stepping up to the plate and accepting these positions. Their dedication and talents will be a great asset to the Board as we proceed together deciding what is best for the Temple’s future. Due to the closure of the Temple we are unable to host any type of activity to honor our senior members, so therefore on March 14, we honored our senior members 72+ years young with a “ Spring Senior Covid Dinner ”. The meals were purchased from Ozeki Japanese restaurant. Thank you to Don & Joyce Favell, Herb Tanaka, Jack Yamaoka and Mark Gilbert for assisting me in delivering the meals. Between all of us, we were able to ensure that the recipients were able to enjoy the meals in a timely fashion for that evening. Beginning in April we will be transforming the front lawn of the Temple into a Zen Garden. For years the lawn has been mowed each week on a rotation basis by the volunteer men in our congregation. With the membership ageing and numbers declining it has been difficult to get enough people to fill the schedule each year. Also with the rising cost of maintaining the lawn especially the amount of water usage, the Board of Directors decided on a water wise landscape option of a Zen Garden. After consultation with Ken Yamada, he came up with a design that would complement the existing landscape. With Ken’s vast knowledge of Japanese landscape design and under his supervision we will tackle this renovation. It is a big project, but will make it easier for future maintenance. We ask for your assistance, as you will be notified once the dates are confirmed for the work to commence. We very much appreciate your generous donations and continued support to the Temple during these trying times. Be kind, be calm and be safe.

In Gassho,

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