



REV. ELLEN CRANE TO PRESIDE AT OUR APRIL 14 SERVICE



Rev. Ellen Hamada Crane has been an elementary school teacher, a criminal defense attorney, an English teacher in Japan, wife and mother, and since 2009, a minister's assistant at Orange County Buddhist Church. She has a BA from UCLA, a JD from Georgetown University, and is currently completing her Masters of Buddhist Studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, CA. She received Tokudo ordination in 2014 and Kyoshi certification in 2018. Her interests include biking, reading, yoga, cooking, traveling and the Dharma.

LVBS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A NEW SUPERVISING MINISTER

Rev. Kazuaki Nakata, Kyokucho of the Southern District of the BCA, and serving at Nishi Hongwanji Temple, Los Angeles, has been appointed supervising minister of the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha, effective May 1, 2019.

GOTAN-E & MOTHERS' DAY SERVICE

Our annual Gotan-E & Mothers' Day service will be held on Sunday, May 12th at 10 a.m. at the Sangha Center, 4110 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, N. Las Vegas 89032, a block south of Craig & Camino del Norte. Since it is Mothers' Day, we will have a special breakfast at 9 a.m. Volunteers who want to help with food prep should show up at 8 a.m.

Gotan-E is a service that is sometimes called the Wisteria Festival (Fuji Matsuri) and it celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin, who was born near Kyoto on May 21, 1173. As the founder of our Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin emphasized the 18th vow that taught the meaning of Nembutsu and faith. He was the first Japanese Buddhist priest 750 years ago to break the vow of celibacy, married, and raised a family. He also spread the teachings of the Buddha not only to the educated, but to all who would listen.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

Rev. Crane will conduct a dedication ceremony for the Sangha's new columbarium.

The Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha has never had a "home" cemetery and therefore has not had a common place where members who pass away can have their ashes interred. Now, through the generosity of June Maruyama, we have a columbarium installed at the back of our Sangha Center. It is beautifully constructed of bamboo, with LED lighting, and a steel backbone. It is therefore very sturdy, and has wheels, so it can be moved if we build a new temple, or for if we want to bring it out for special occasions.

It will be open for viewing at all Sangha services, and sample urns, from simple boxes, to beautiful handmade ceramic urns created by Bri Isa, are on display in the shelves. Prices for the different sizes are on display, and easy payment plans are available for those who want to reserve a space for their loved ones.

May Memorials

- 1 Tom Wanless - Husband of Sadako Wanless
- 1 Shig Yoshioka - Husband of Shirley Yoshioka
- 3 James Tanimine - Brother of Alice Branton
- 5 Mitsuji Kasamoto - Father-in-law of Sadie Kasamoto
- 7 Kaz Takemoto - Sister of Dennis Nakata
- 19 Misao Wakayawa - Mother of Myrtle Noguchi
- 24 Sadie Shintani - Sister of Margaret Nakata
- 24 Teruko Takahashi - Mother of Hedy Ito

WINE TASTING SUCCESS!

The Sangha had its second Wine Tasting event on Saturday, May 4. A great variety of wines were presented, plus some excellent new varieties of Sake. Due to the success of this event, another one is being planned for later this year.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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APRIL SERVICE PHOTOS



Dr. Dave Hopper, Dr. Todd Tsuchiya, and Michael Tanaka



Dharma School, led by Chelsea and Matthew



Dale Ito and Eileen Castle



Dr. Tsuchiya with Delwayne, Michael, Cathy, and Matthew Arakaki



Giving a Lesson on Shinjin



Happy Birthday to Dr. Dan Lee!



The Columbarium with Sample Urns