

All Beings Zen Sangha Spiritual Directors Report for September 14, 2024
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(Previous report was on June 1, 2024)

Current

Official Positions list updated on 9/14/24.

Meditation and Recovery Healing Circle continues on Sunday evenings - trained for leading this are: Shinren Mark Stone, EiShin Mike Barreda and Inryū Ponce-Barger. EiShin and Shinren continue to lead the group with Inryū filling in. **It would be good to have a few more people trained.**

New Dharma Book Club had it first meeting in August 2024. looking at Pema Chodrons "How we live is how we die". Next book is "The sound of the wild snail eating 9/30. Shoku Cristina Benevides is sheperding this with support of Inryū Sensei. We would like to recruit an additional person or persons to co-sheperd this new affinity group.

Ongoing Zen Sewing - Currently Norberto Gomez Jr. is the sole person active in sewing his lay Rakusu. Inryū expects others will begin during the Fall Practice Period.

The Precepts Study Co-hort which started in January 2024 took a break in July/August. Individuals have begun to contact Inryū to resume their studies.

New sangha members - We continue to enjoy new members attending in person since our last meeting. Shinren and Seiryu are first contacts with people reaching out about joining the practice. Seiryu has been very active as the primary greeter when people attend in person practice for the first time.

Ongoing effort to document Dairyu's Sumi paintings. - This needs renewed engagement. Inryū will invite people who have worked on this in the past to tea in the library and ask for support.

Cataloging Library Donation - Since our last meeting a large Buddhist Library was gifted by Frank de Leon. Myoshin Carlos Moura, Zen'etsu and Inryū had a multi-day project transporting the materials to the library. The de Leon library is a great compliment to the Dragons Leap Library gift. Sunyata Alex Lima continues to catalog the Dragons Leap Library for a few hours each week. We are about 1/8 of the way to completion.

2rd Quarter Special Activities & Retreats

Summer 2024 Tassajara Sangha Week July 9-14



Eight people attended this year from ABZS

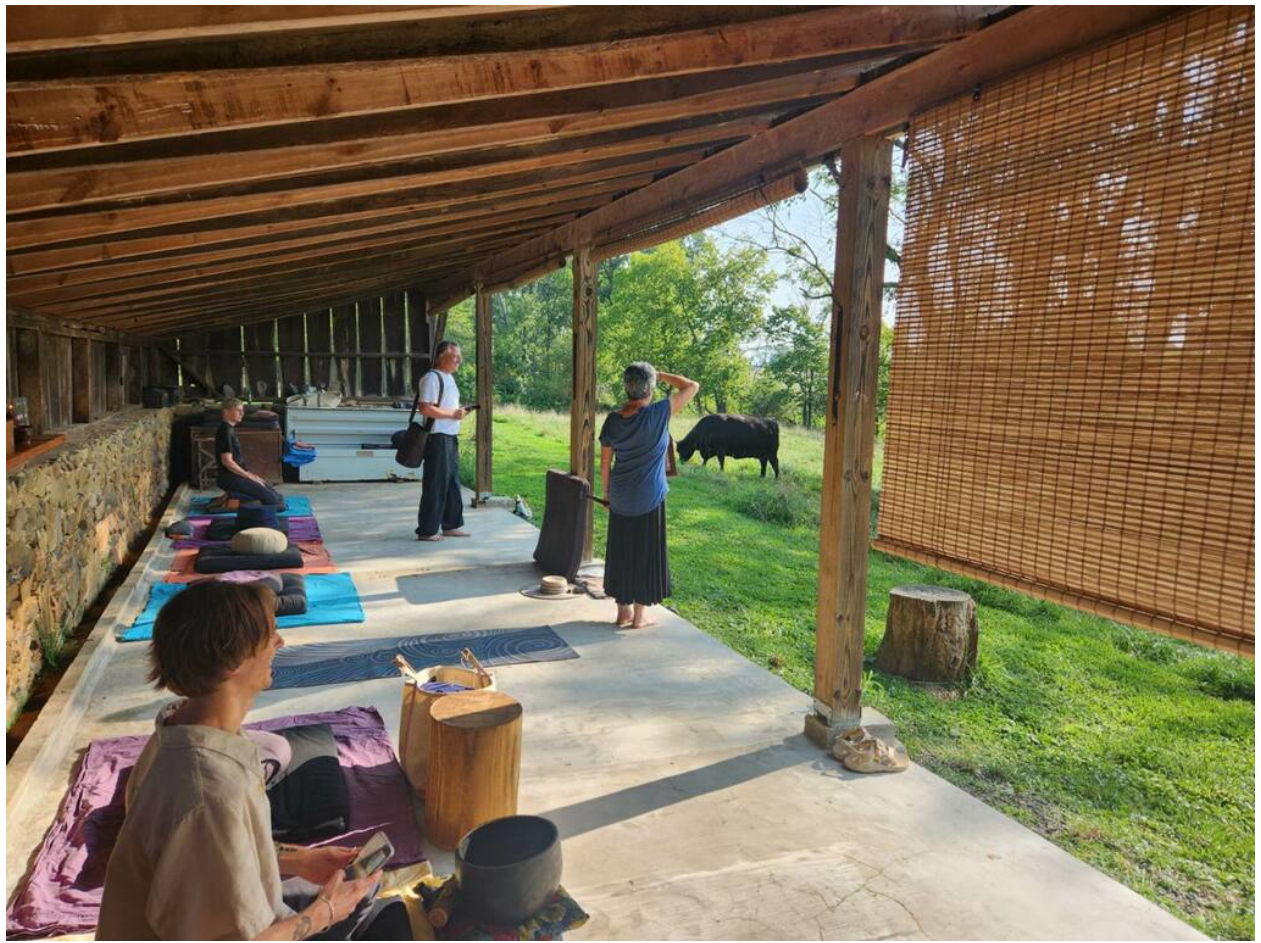
WHF Zazenkai - July 28, 2024



Friday, August 16, 2024 – 7pm ABZS re-launched having Dharma Movie Nights. Eight people came in person to view and discuss a documentary about famous Painter and Translator Kaz Tanahashi .

Blue Ridge Pig Shed Zazenkai and Brunch August 2024

Dharma Tea's on Tuesdays were less frequent due to travel schedules:



Inryū Sensei offered a Tuesday tea on “Her April visit to Suzuki Roshi’s Home Temple in Japan: Rinso-in

Looking forward

Seido and Inryū will represent ABZS at the Soto Zen Buddhist Association Conferencer outside of Philidelphia in late September 2024.

2024 is our 20th Anniversary year hoodie gifts to active sangha members

First batch of 24 flew out of the box. Due to other members request Inryū ordered another 24.



Dairyū Michael Wenger (our first Guiding Teacher) wearing the Anniversay hoodie.

Photo by Birdy Wenger

3rd Quarter Looking forward

2024 FALL SCHEDULE This is only a partial list as events and speakers continue to be added. Check the ABZS website daily for updates.

Sunday Sept 15, 2024 – 2pm Start of the Fall Practice Period (Ango) with Shuso entering Ceremony. in person and online The angu text is the Sandokai: Harmony of Difference and Equality.

Monday Sept 30, 2024 6-7pm Dharma Book Club online only. “The Sound of a Snail Eating” by Elizabeth Tova Bailey.

Friday October 4th, 2024 – 7pm Dharma Movie Night. in person only. Join ABZS to see the movie, “Perfect Days”

Sunday October 6, 2024 10am Forest Bathing with Zen’etsu Clay Crowell

Thursday October 10, 2024 – 7pm Evening service with Shuso Way Seeking Mind Talk

Sunday October 20, 2024 8:30a-4p Full day Urban Zazenkai with a vegetarian lunch and tea –Instructions on forms to prepare for Rohatsu.

Friday November 1, 2024 7pm – Sandokai Movie Night – Suzuki Roshi
Archived Talks on the Sandokai

**November 2, 2024 4pm Segiki Ceremony – at the Moura’s Residence
in DC**

**Saturday November 2, 2024 2PM Celebration of the ABZS 20 years.
Book Swap/Tea Library Back Yard**

Saturday November 16, 2024 – Full Day Urban Zazenkai

**Thursday November 21, 2024 7pm Evening service with Shuso Talk on
the Sandokai**

**Saturday November 23, 2024 3pm - Guest Speaker Rev. Jiko Nakade,
Daifukuji Soto Mission, Hawaii**

**Monday Dec 2– Sunday Dec 8, 2024 – Urban Rohatsu in-person &
online***

Tuesday Dec 3, 2024 Ino Practice Leader Talk at Rohatsu

Saturday December 14, 2024 11am Final Shuso Ceremony

Saturday December 21, 2024 Solstice Ceremony