



Gay Buddhist Fellowship

Newsletter

OCTOBER 1997

GBF Calendar

Call 415/974-9878 for news about GBF events. To skip the recording and leave a message, press 5.

San Francisco Events

2 Oct., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Bill Kirkpatrick

7 Oct., Steering Committee Meeting 7:15 pm, at the home of Larry White,

9 Oct., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Lee Robbins,

12 Oct., Sunday Sitting /Picnic, 12:00 am at Green Gulch Zen Center, see article on page 1.

16 Oct., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm at the home of Mark Marion

18 Oct., GBF's Feed-The-Homeless Project at the Hamilton Family Center. To participate, contact Clint Seiter.

23 & 30 Oct., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm at the home of Larry White.

26 Oct., Sunday Sitting/Talk, 10:30 am at San Francisco Zen Center, 300 Page St., Please enter by the front door. See article on page 2.

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Disruptions In Store For Scheduled Sunday Sitings In October

When we moved our Sunday sittings to the San Francisco Buddhist Center in May of this year, we were informed that there would be a major conflict in October because of previously scheduled events during that month. We knew we would have to make other plans for this month so the following alternative schedule is an October challenge to our expectations.

October 12th At Green Gulch

This month a GBF picnic will be held at Muir Beach, just west of Green Gulch Farm Zen Center on Sunday, October 12th. Meet at the beach at 12:00 noon. Many of us will make a day of it, arriving early to join in the Zen Center's Sunday morning program. Meditation is at 9:25 a.m. followed by a dharma talk at 10:15 a.m. After the meditation and talk we will convene at the 11:15 tea and muffins gathering and walk to the beach about 11:45 a.m. (about a 15 minute walk). Please carpool to avoid the \$5.00 parking fee (three or more park for free). Early arrival is advisable.

You may want to arrive early and park at the beach, then walk up to The Zen Center through their productive farm/garden fields. For the picnic, bring your own beverage and some food to share. Call 415-529-1924 indicating your car pool needs or offers. Green Gulch Zen Center is 4.5 miles west of Highway 101 on

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Q-Spirit Leads Off With Buddhist Panel in Fall Lecture Series-Oct. 6th

On Monday, October 6th, Q-Spirit presents a panel on Buddhism from a queer perspective as the first of seven presentations on major spiritual practices. The title of the series is "Exploring the World's Spiritual Traditions Through Queer Eyes". Besides Buddhism, it will sponsor sessions on Christianity (10/13), Hinduism/ Sufism(10/20), Earth-based Traditions(10/27), Taoism (11/3), New Thought (11/10), and Judaism (11/17).

These two hour sessions will start at 7:30 at the St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church Street in San Francisco. These sessions will be a rare opportunity to examine spiritual practices from a queer perspective in a very concentrated and focused way.

The panel on the 6th is of particular interest to GBF since three of the five participants have been involved with GBF in various capacities. Daishin David Sunseri is one of our trained gay Buddhist teachers, Steve Peskind is a member of GBF and directs the Buddhist AIDS Project and Tom Moon is on our Steering Committee. Also on the panel is the Ven. Robina Courtin and Sandy Boucher who will bring a lesbian perspective on the Dharma.

Thanks go out to Q-Spirit for its recognition of all spiritual practices and its effort to support the integration of queer consciousness into spiritual practices. ♦



