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Winter 2013



## Bamboo Leaves

**Meeting everything that arises with a warm heart and an open mind.**

### Welcome!

Welcome to Bamboo in the Wind's first eNewsletter, a new way to connect as a sangha while providing updates on events, classes and opportunities of interest. We would like to begin with a note of gratitude to our sangha members for the many ways you offer your support. From joining in practice, study and discussion, to giving of your time and resources, you enhance Bamboo in the Wind as an organization. With your support, we opened a new chapter as a sangha this past year, moving to a new home in July 2012. Sangha members helped to swiftly transform the space into a warm and welcoming Zendo - a space where practice comes naturally. Thanks to our new home, we have been able to expand our offerings as a Zen Center and now offer morning meditations each weekday as well as evening classes and half-day sesshins. Our sangha continues to expand and draw interest from people of many backgrounds - a source of great joy to Rev. Val. We thank you for enriching our sangha with your presence and invite you to practice with us soon.



### Zen in Nature

To raise money for operating expenses, Bamboo in the Wind is offering 2013 calendars for \$16. Beautiful photographs depicting zen in nature frame each month. Calendars are available at the zen center.

### February Class

Ox and His Herdsman  
February 7, 14, 21 & 28

Location:

Bamboo in the Wind Zen  
Center

690 W. Fremont Ave. 10-B  
Sunnyvale, CA

\$50 for the series

To register, call  
408.832.7690

### Zendo Dedication



Bamboo in the Wind Zen Center held its dedication ceremony on July 3, 2012.

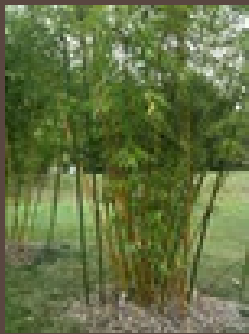
In the traditional dedication format, attendees recited the Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom sutra, which was followed by a dedication tour Buddhas and Ancestors, an offering of incense and a wisdom water blessing. Next, our Ino, Joyce Kennedy, made a special dedication merit offering.

The Sangha welcomed our Buddha statue to his new location with the Eye Opening Ceremony and by chanting the Names of Buddha. Rev. Val opened Buddha's eye with an inked calligraphy

This is a 12th century Taoist

and Buddhist depiction of the ten stages one goes through towards enlightenment. Each picture in the series speaks of a certain stage and level of progression on this path. During the class we will investigate each picture and discuss our findings in an informal setting at the Zen Center. In support of each picture I will offer additional teachings and/or clarify meaning of related poems and text.

## Visit Our Blog



We invite you to visit Bamboo in the Wind's [blog](#), a place of thoughtful reflection on our practice.

## An Invitation

We invite sangha members to submit original writing and poetry as well as notices of pertinent events to our newsletter. Please send all submissions to: [info@bamboointhewind.org](mailto:info@bamboointhewind.org)

brush.

A brief period of Zazen settled the Sangha in our new space. A reception for Jikoji Zen Center guests and local Sangha members concluded the evening.

The zendo is located at [690 Fremont Ave., Suite 10-B, Sunnyvale](#).

## Guest Speakers Join in Practice and Discuss *The Tale of Zen Master Bho Li*

As part of a West Coast tour, Dale and Barbara Verkuilen, co-founders of the Midwest Soto Zen Center and, more recently, of Firethroat Press, were guest speakers at Bamboo In The Wind on September 25.



Our sangha welcomed them with great interest as they joined in evening practice before providing an entertaining and enlightening talk. Barbara walked us through her experience of authoring *The Tale of Zen Master Bho Li*, a recent offering from Firethroat Press. She then shared elements of the story and read excerpts from the book, inviting us into this tale of an orphaned boy who receives assistance from an exotic cast of characters on his journey to becoming a Zen Master.

[The Tale of Zen Master Bho Li](#)  
[Firethroat Press](#)

## Practice Opportunities

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Here we are in the heart of winter -- a wonderful time to gather together with our sangha for practice, study and discussion. Our Sunnyvale Zendo offers sittings each weekday morning at 6:30am as well as an evening service each Tuesday at 7:30pm.



Our San Francisco center offers evening service each Monday at 7:30.

In addition to our regular services, Bamboo in the Wind offers half-day, full-day and weekend sesshins throughout the year. We hope you'll join us in a sesshin soon and discover the benefits of intensive practice.

[2013 Schedule of Events](#)

Please contact Rev. Val for additional information:  
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