

Happy New Year to everyone!

Centre Zen welcomed 2007 with fifteen friends and practitioners at our annual New Year's Eve zazen and midnight sake toast. The next day the zendo was at full capacity for the New Year's Day ceremony at 11am. The ceremony was followed by a potluck breakfast and an Open House from 1-4, which ended at 8pm! Professor Horii did tea ceremony with all of the guests and continued the tradition of I Ching readings much to everyone's delight.

Four full-time and four part-time people attended the three-day sesshin in early January; the regular schedule is back in place and the zendo is filling up with new members and returning friends.

Enpuku-ji Transition

We're moving! We need everyone's help to keep the community together during this transition phase.

New places for zendo activity and for Myokyo/Rumi to live are arising, but the move date and the locations are not yet determined. Please contact Myokyo if you know of any spaces or situations that could keep the zendo activity and Myokyo/Rumi together.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we will host a **Zazen/Brunch**. The first **Zazen/Brunch** will be on Sunday, January 28. There will be zazen from 9:30-11 followed by a potluck brunch from 11-1pm. Guests are invited to arrive at the Zen Centre at 10:30 for the last half-hour of zazen, which will include a dharma talk, followed by brunch. This is an opportunity to introduce new people to the Zen Centre. Please invite people who have expressed an interest in coming. In addition, we will host an Open House every other month after the brunch, from 1-4pm.

Volunteers have been working to clean and sort out Zen Centre spaces. We are looking for packing boxes to help with the upcoming move. Please bring some small strong boxes for books to the

Zazen/Brunch on the 28th.

Montreal Zen Poetry Festival 2007

On Thursday, March 15, renowned translator Red Pine will give a pre-festival lecture at Concordia University called "Heart Sutra: Buddhism in a Nutshell," based on his recent translation of the text. Red Pine is one of the featured translators for the festival, which will take place from March 16 to 18. Help is needed from now up through the festival and afterward. Our Volunteer Coordinator Talya will be sending a detailed call for help in the upcoming weeks. The Zen Centre is still actively seeking sponsorship for the festival. Please contact the Zen Centre if you know of possible sponsors for the festival. The website for the festival will be up soon. Please check for the rich schedule of events in the upcoming weeks at www.montrealzenpoetryfestival.ca.

Upcoming Events

On Sunday, January 28, at 2pm, McGill University is hosting an Open Forum on "Buddhism in the West: Tradition and Transformation." For more information, please see the poster at the Zen Centre.

The February Zazenkai will take place on Sunday, February 11. Please take note that the March Zazenkai date has changed and will now take place on March 4.

Important Dates

Sunday, January 28 – **Zazen/Brunch**

Sunday, February 11 – Zazenkai

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 25 – **Zazen/Brunch** and Open House

Sunday, March 4 – Zazenkai

Thursday, March 15 – “The Heart Sutra: Buddhism in a Nutshell”

March 16–18 – “Words have no meaning” Montreal Zen Poetry Festival 2007

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