

September 2024

Bulletin



Awakening the heart of great wisdom and compasion.

Sesshin

Saturday, September 14th
7 am - Sunday, September 15th,
4 pm at Clouds in Water
With Myoshin Diane Benjamin
Registration closes 9/7/2024

Website



Sunday Potluck

We will now be doing these one Sunday a month! In September, our potluck will be on 9/22. Please email Barley to sign up! barley@cloudsinwater.org

Sosan's Quote of the Month

We always see the world created by us; ... and believe that is important for us. But the most important thing is the vastness of space. The world created by us is a tiny world. ... This is also important for us, because that is the world in which we live. But in order to live in this small world, we have to know the bigger scale of the world. That is the vastness of space. According to Buddhism, it is called emptiness.

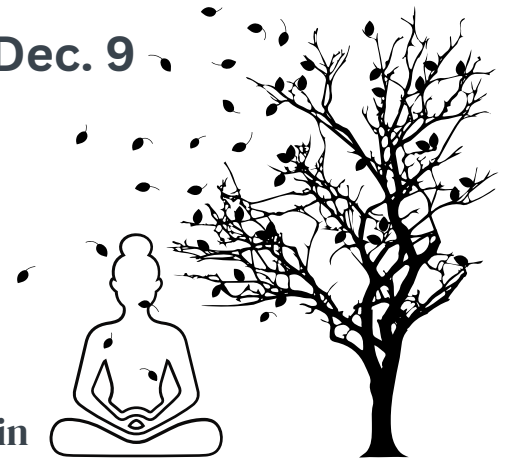
- Katagiri Roshi

2024

Oct. 6 - Dec. 9

Fall Practice Period

with Myoshin Diane Benjamin



Everyone is warmly invited to participate in our fall practice period! Practice periods are times when the whole community comes together with practice energy, encouraging participants to make commitments to daily practice, Sunday service, and community events. This practice period, we will be studying ancient Buddhist teachings on the nature of consciousness, as originally taught by Vashubandu in the 5th century C.E. and interpreted by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh for contemporary life. Participants will receive short teachings weekly via email and may also choose to participate in the Understanding Our Mind class on Thursday evenings. Visit cloudsinwater.org/fall-practice-period to learn more and sign up. Questions? Email myoshin@cloudsinwater.org.

New to Zen or Clouds?

Our **Getting Started in Zen** workshop is a great way to learn how we practice and connect with others.



Wednesday, September 11th @ 7-9pm (In Person Only)

Wednesday, October 9th @ 7 - 9pm (Zoom Only)

Classes

Practitioner's Guide to Emptiness

Thursdays, September 12th, 19th, and October 3rd @ 6:30-8:30pm
With Koji Acquaviva
In Person and On Zoom
Registration closes 9/10/2024.

Shantideva's Concentration, Part 1

Tuesdays, September 17th -
November 12th @ 6:30 - 8 pm.
(No class Nov. 5th)
With Flying Fish Barbara Murphy
Zoom Only
Registration closes 9/3/2024.

Yoga

September 19th - November 21st
(No class Oct. 10th or 31st)
Thursdays @ 10:30 am - 11:45 am
With Dr. Felicia Sy
In Person Only
Registration closes 9/17/24

Yoga for Radiance and Vitality after 40

September 22nd - November 24th
(No class Oct. 13th or Nov. 3rd)
Sunday's, 10:30 am - 11:45 am
With Dr. Felicia Sy
In Person Only
Registration closes 9/20/24

Events & Announcements

Sangha Survey!



The deadline to complete the Sangha Survey is **September 9th!** We can't wait to share the feedback with all of you! **The link is on the front of our website.**

NEW!

Lovingkindness Sitting Group

Second Thursdays, beginning 9/12
In-person only @ Clouds
7:00 - 8:00pm
Facilitated by Jüken Zach Fehst

Election Processing Circle

Tuesday September 17
@ 6:30 - 8:00pm
In person at Clouds

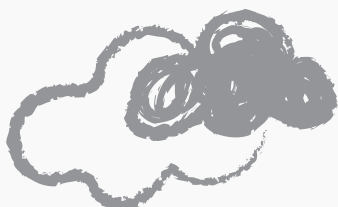
Kattō's Shuso Ceremony

Saturday, September 21st
10:00 am - 12:00pm
Ascension Church, Stillwater
Congrats, Katto!

Annual Meeting & Brunch

Sunday, September 29th, 10:30am
All are welcome! Come hear the survey results, share your thoughts, and vote on new board members.

See our website for all details and the October calendar!



Volunteers Needed! We're looking for members for our Development Committee, Finance Committee, and Board. Stay tuned for exciting developments from our Bridge Group and Isaiah cohort for engaged Buddhism!
Email info@cloudsinwater.org to get involved