

Springs Mountain Sangha

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A Note from Your Editor

David Cockrell

This issue of the Rag is just a "quickie" to get information out about upcoming events in June and July. The June issue, however, is scheduled to be a retrospective of our residency month with Joan Sutherland. Articles are welcome (and some have already come in), and I hope you will consider contributing *your* experience of the residency! Whether it is a personal revelation or transformation you experienced, or an observation you had about an event that happened during the month, the contribution of your energy to this valuable edition of the Dharma Rag will add a beautiful dimension! Pictures are also especially welcomed.

Three events of note are coming in June. The regular **Steering Committee meeting** will be June 11 at 4:00 pm at the Colorado College Women's Club, west of Cascade on Mesa. The **June half-day sitting**, will be held June 12, 6 am - 12 pm at the Women's Club. Third, a discussion will be held at the **Community Night gathering** after our regular Monday night sitting on June 14. At this time, we will have a chance to learn about and share views concerning our membership in the Open Source.

Everyone is also welcomed at the June 19th **Steering Committee Retreat** at David Cockrell's yurt in western Pueblo County. And finally, our **next Introductory Workshop** with Sarah Bender will be the evening of June 17th 6:30 - 7:45 pm at Shove Chapel.

From the Steering Committee, May 14

- ◆ There were many positive reactions to Joan's residency, along with several suggestions for fine-tuning for next year. Several of the comments included: *It was a leap forward in our practice. There is a stronger sense of 'What is this way?'* Next year it should be easier to do the activities we included this year.
- ◆ The Steering Committee has been deliberating about the name of our website. The favored alternative currently is <http://www.smszen.org>.
- ◆ There is discussion about the development about a *Community Concerns Committee* that will be available to hear concerns from within the Sangha community.

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SMS and the Open Source Project

Sarah Bender

Over the course of this month of Joan Sutherland's residency, Springs Mountain Sangha has had a great opportunity to learn more about Joan's work on *The Open Source Project*. Here's what Joan says about the name:

"The name Open Source Project was chosen because it's a contemporary term with several layers of possible meaning. It's a borrow from cyber-language, where it means software code that is available to everyone who wants to work with it. In this way, the software becomes an ever-evolving collaboration, which seems like a wonderful metaphor for our practice together. "

Joan has opened a website to "help realize this sense of an open source—to support a network of companions on the Way and to make our work together as transparent and accessible as possible. It also points to some other associations with 'open source': a generous and available Original Source at the heart of things, and our own aspiration to be an open source, engaged with and making an offering to the larger culture."

Joan's essay, "Some thoughts on Zen," which appears both on her website at www.joansutherland.net and on our website, www.pcisys.net/sms.zen, also gives a good sense of her approach.

As the month of residency has progressed, the SMS steering

committee has noticed our growing sense that we are an integral part of this project. So, in conversation with Joan, we revisited the question of our organizational affiliations within the larger Zen community. We decided that rather than describing ourselves as "affiliated with" the Open Source Project, we'd describe ourselves as belonging to, or part of, the Open Source Project. At a second meeting about our connection with Open Source, we decided we'd like to bring this matter to the community as a whole, to tell you about our decision, discuss it in community and ask you to ratify it.

Introduction to Meditation

An introduction to seated and walking meditation, and to the practices of the Springs Mountain Sangha, will be held at Shove Chapel on Thursday, June 17, 6:30 to 7:45 pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Sarah Bender at sbender@corb.net or 594-0724

June, 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 6:30-8:30 Zazen
6	7 6:15 Sutra Service	8	9 6:00-7:00 Zazen	10	11 4:00-6:00 Steering Committee, Women's Club	12 6:00-12 Half-Day Sitting, Women's Club
13	14 6:15 Community Night: Discussion of Membership in Open Source	15	16 6:00-7:00 Zazen	17 6:30-7:45 Introductory Workshop	18	19 6:30-8:30 Zazen Steering Comm. Retreat @ Cockrell Yurt
20	21 6:15 Teisho Night	22	23 6:00-7:00 Zazen	24	25	26 6:30-8:30 Zazen
27	28 6:15 Two Periods Zazen	29	30 6:00-7:00 Zazen			

July, 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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