

Dharma Rag

Dear Friends,

The Dharma Rag is currently in a state of transition. We (the current editors) will be moving within the next 2 months, and because of this we will be stepping down from our duties as editors. The Dharma Rag will be on hiatus for a short time, going into retreat to re-evaluate itself and seeing what develops.

In this issue we have posted the upcoming events that we have knowledge of, from June through the end of the year. You are encouraged to consult the Dharma Connections pages for contact information of various sanghas, so you can check for updates of their upcoming events via websites or telephone. Additionally, please stop by the Springs Mountain Sangha website (zencorner.org) for our list of upcoming events over the next few months.

On a personal note, we give many thanks to Judith for giving birth to the Dharma Rag in the first place. Without the groundwork she laid during the first 4 years of its publication, our jobs would have been very difficult. More realistically, we probably wouldn't have been editors, as the Dharma Rag would have never come into existence without Judith's great effort and determination. We are also very honored that Judith entrusted us with the editing of the Dharma Rag, providing us with a framework to work within, while at the same time allowing us the freedom to make it our own. A very deep, heart-felt gassho to you, Judith!

Finally, thanks to all of you who read and contribute to the Dharma Rag. It is your words and your desire to stay informed that helps keep us going. Without your input, there would be no Dharma Rag. It was a special privilege to be able to read your contributions before anyone else as we compiled each issue. Thank you for providing us with such rich material month after month.

It will be interesting to see what happens with the Dharma Rag. Will it become a bi-monthly publication? Quarterly publication? Will it move into the electronic realm? Who knows? Whatever happens, it was a great pleasure to have been a part of its evolution, and we look forward to its next incarnation.

Gassho!
Wendy & Andrew

Telephone Interviews with Joan Sutherland

are available for those with an ongoing relationship with her. Interviews are generally offered 2 afternoons a month; contact Sarah Bender for upcoming dates and to sign up. The dana (donations) of participants help make these regular interviews possible and are much appreciated.

Ancestral Words:
Han Shan –
Tang Dynasty Poet,
Taoist Recluse

When people of the world
Look for this path amid the clouds,
It vanishes,
With not a trace where it lay.
The high peaks
Have many precipices;
On the widest gulleys
Hardly a gleam falls.
Green walls close
Behind and before;
White clouds gather
East and west.
Do you want to know
Where the cloud-path lies?
The cloud-path leads from sky to sky.

Coming, going,
the waterfowl leave no trace,
Nor do they need a guide.

- Dogen

Springs Mountain Sangha of Colorado Springs Announces

Summer Sesshin, July 3-7, 2002

with

Joan Sutherland

Being held at

Benet Pines Retreat Center, Black Forest, CO

“Joan Sutherland is a lineage holder in Zen and the co-founder, with John Tarrant, of the Pacific Zen Institute. She also teaches at Springs Mountain Sangha in Colorado Springs and Mountain Cloud Zen Center in Santa Fe. She is a writer and a translator from Chinese and Japanese; her most recent publication is “Body of Radiant Knots” in *Being Bodies: Buddhist Women on the Paradox of Embodiment*, and she is currently working with John Tarrant and Rich Domingue on the Liturgy Project, a re-visioning of Zen texts and ceremonies. Before becoming a Zen teacher, she worked as a scholar and editor in the field of archaeomythology, apprenticing with Marija Gimbutas, and for nonprofit organizations in the feminist antiviolence and environmental movements.”

The anticipated fee of \$350 includes room, vegetarian meals, and teacher’s stipend. Scholarship is available.

Donations (dana) to the teacher are customary for participants and those attending evening talks.

Evening talks (teisho) are free and open to the public, as well as the Jukai Ceremony (Taking Refuge in the Bodhisattva Way) being held on the evening of Saturday, July 6.