

Vesak Day

Commemorating the Birth, Enlightenment and Death of the Buddha

Sponsored annually by the Buddhist Council of Greater St. Louis

Sunday, May 16, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On the peaceful, countryside grounds of the

**Mid-America Buddhist Association
(MABA) Monastery
Augusta, Missouri**

(Approx. 45 minutes southwest of St. Louis)

Free and Open to the Public



Rev. Shohaku Okumura



Dr. Rosan Yoshida

Guest Speaker: ***Rev. Shohaku Okumura, Founding Teacher of the Sanshin Zen Community, Bloomington, Indiana. He is the Director of the Soto Zen Educational Department of North America***

Vesak Day Schedule of Events

- 9:30 AM** *Arrival and parking*
- 10:00 - 10:15 AM** *Opening Ceremony, led by the Monastics*
- 10:15 - 10:45 AM** *Bathing Buddha Rite, led by the Monastics*
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM** *Dharma Talk and Guided Meditation by Dr. Rosan Yoshida, Director, Missouri Zen Center*
(Children's program under the tent: Origami, Storytelling, making Korean Lotus lantern, Buddha's Praying Beads)
- 11:45 - 1:00 PM** *Vegetarian Lunch & Entertainment*
Music by John Goldstein et al;
- 1:00 - 1:30 PM** *Walking Meditation to the Guan Yin Pavilion*
- 1:30 - 3:30 PM** *"Unity & Diversity in Buddhism" Dharma Talk*
by Rev. Okumura, with Q & A
- 3:30 PM** *Dedication of Merit & Closing Ceremony*

Directions: From St. Louis, take Hwy 40 (I-64) west over the Missouri River Bridge. The next exit after the bridge is Hwy 94 to Augusta. Take a left and go approx. 25 miles on Hwy 94 southwest and follow the signs to MABA located near Augusta. See MABA Website at: www.maba-usa.org

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