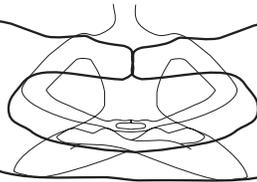


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Coming Events

- Nov. 6: Mindfulness Day
- Dec. 2-4: Rohatsu sesshin
- Dec. 4: Jukai ceremony
- Jan. 8: Board/sangha meeting
- Jan. 29: One-day sit
- Feb. 26: One-day sit
- Mar. 4: Annual Meeting and Board election
- Mar. 23-25: Spring equinox sesshin



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Japanese Festival Effort Succeeds!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Zen Center's food preparation and sales effort over Labor Day weekend at the Missouri Botanical Garden! We greatly appreciate the excellent efforts of all our volunteers in all phases of the festival: preparation, work at the festival, and clean-up following the festival.

Very hot weather and a thunderstorm on Saturday held down attendance, and attendance was lighter than usual on Sunday as well. Monday helped to make up for slow sales on the other two days. With two more food booths this year than last, MZC's share of the market dropped, but we still made a respectable profit thanks to everyone's work.

Donations to MZC Still Needed

So far donations to MZC are running considerably lower than at the same time last year. We would like to remind everyone who is in a position to contribute financially to MZC to please do so to the extent you are able. Your donations keep the Awakened Way alive in St. Louis. We suggest

a \$25/month donation for those who can afford it; we gratefully accept whatever anyone can contribute. If you are in a position to donate more at the end of the year, please know that it will be especially welcome this year, as we have had a large expenditure on the driveway and expect to need to paint the outside walls and replace the boiler before too long.

Enjoy Our New Driveway!

The Zen Center is collaborating with our neighbor to the north to replace our common driveway. The new concrete driveway should be maintenance-free for many years and will not add any contaminants to rains draining off it as asphalt driveways do. Once the new driveway is completed, you may park on MZC's side of the driveway and use the neighbor's side to pass other vehicles on the way into or out of our side.

Mindfulness Day, Nov. 6

The Buddhist Council of Greater St. Louis, to which the Zen Center belongs, hosts its annual mindfulness colloquium on Sunday, Nov. 6 within the Pulitzer's art exhibition *Reflections of the Buddha*, creating

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