

Lions Gate Buddhist Priory Retreats and Ceremonies 2020

FESTIVAL CEREMONIES

January 5.....Maitreya
February 16.....Buddha's Parinirvana (Buddha's Death)
February 23.....Kwan Yin (at Lytton Chinese Museum)
March 8.....Samantabhadra
April 5.....Manjusri
May 17.....Wesak
June 28.....Kwan Yin (at Lytton Chinese Museum)
July 12.....Kshtigharba
July 19.....Achanatha
September 6....Segaki (at Segaki Lookout on Priory property)
September 20..Bhaisajyaguru
September 27...Kwan Yin (at Lytton Chinese Museum)
October 4.....Bodhidharma
November 1.....Founders Day
November 8.....Rev. Master Jiyu Memorial
November 15...Remembrance Day
December 6.....Buddha's Enlightenment
December 31...New Year's Eve Meditation Vigil & Ceremony
January 3, 2021...Maitreya

The Priory will be closed from November 29 ~ December 6 for a monastic retreat.

FESTIVAL CEREMONY NOTES

Dates and times may change. We will keep you informed, but please check beforehand if you are unsure.

Ceremonies are open to everyone, and will be held at a Lay Minister's house in Botanie Valley except where noted.

If you would like to attend, please contact us for details.

There is no charge for any of the Priory's activities. The Priory and its monastic community are entirely supported by monetary and material donations, all of which are received with gratitude. We receive no monies from the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives or the government. We put out our offering bowls with faith that our needs will be met. The Priory is a registered non-profit society, and donations made within Canada are eligible for a federal income tax receipt, which we issue at the end of each calendar year.

RETREATS

April 5-12.....Spring Retreat
May 10-17.....Wesak Retreat
September 13-20.....Healing Buddha Retreat

August 16-23.....*Everyday Life is the Way*
Rev. Master Aurelian is leading this week-long retreat at Shasta Abbey in Mt. Shasta, California

RETREAT NOTES

Retreats are open to all. **Please let us know in advance if you are planning to attend.** We will arrange for meditation instruction in our tradition if you have not yet received it.

People are welcome to attend all or any part of a retreat. It would be helpful if you could let us know of your plans in advance.

Week-long retreats will start on Sunday at 7:30 pm and end on the following Sunday morning with a ceremony. Arrivals and departures can be accommodated at other times, but please let us know in advance. Our facilities are somewhat limited and rudimentary. We have hot and cold running water, an off-grid electrical system, and an outdoor toilet. It would be helpful (but not essential) if you could bring your own bedding and towels. Camping for tents, trailers, RV's, etc is available.

We have a phone and access to wireless internet. **We ask that visitors and guests put away their computers and internet-capable devices while they are here, so that this can be a place where people have an opportunity to lay aside their worldly concerns and interests and look inwards through meditation and practice. There is no mobile (cel) phone signal in our valley, but mobile phones work in the village of Lytton.**

Please let us know in advance if you have any allergy, health (physical or mental) issues that we should know about. **We are unable to accommodate special diets except for medically necessary situations.**

We do not allow weapons, tobacco, alcohol or other intoxicants (including marijuana) at the Priory.

We welcome any donations of food; please contact us before coming to see what is needed.