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THE LOVING-KINDNESS TOUR:

Loving-Kindness All Around: Introduction to the Heart Shrine Relic Tour

Saturday, September 15, 2012, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Unity Church and Spiritual Center, 300 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse. Free.

You are invited to the opening event of the Heart-Shrine Relic tour. Shinge Roshi Sherry Chayat, Abbot of the Zen Center of Syracuse and The Zen Studies Society, will give welcoming remarks, followed by a performance of classical Indian Sacred Dance by Deepa Narayanan and Lakshmi Achutha. Syracuse University professor Dr. Gareth Fisher will speak on "The Importance of Buddhist Relics," followed by a video. Babette Teich-Visco will close the evening with a Hindu Loving-Kindness chant.

Documentary Film: *Unmistaken Child*

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Fayetteville Free Library, 300 Orchard Street Fayetteville, NY. Free.

Unmistaken Child is a touching story about a young Tibetan Buddhist monk's search for the reincarnation of his beloved teacher. This beautiful video has stunning scenery, and was filmed in Nepal and India.

Heart Shrine Relics Tour

Friday, September 21, from 6pm through Sunday, September 23, until 4pm, Zen Center of Syracuse, 266 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY. Free.

A precious collection of sacred relics of the Buddha and many other Buddhist masters is touring the world and will be displayed in the Zen Center's Carriage House Meditation Hall. The relics were found among the cremation ashes of Buddhist teachers. They resemble beautiful, pearl-like crystals. The relics embody the masters' spiritual qualities of compassion and wisdom.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 21, 6 - 8:30pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

Welcoming Remarks

Shinge Sherry Chayat, Abbot, Zen Center of Syracuse
and the Zen Studies Society
Joannie Mahoney, Onondaga County Executive
Lindsay Speicher, Head of Constituent Services, City of Syracuse

Interfaith Blessings

Rev. William Redfield, Chair, Round Table of Faith Leaders,
InterFaith Works
Rev. Tiffany Steinwert, Dean, Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University
Rev. Kevin Agee, Pastor, Hopps Memorial CME Church
Rev. Beth DuBois, Pastor, Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church

Significance of Relics

Dana Lissy and Amanda Russell, Relics Tour Managers

Shakuhachi Flute Performance

Grand Master Nyogetsu Ronnie Seldin

Zen Mandala Day Chanting

Saturday, September 22, Relics on view 10am - 7pm

10am Sanskrit blessing, Pandit Abhaya Kumar,
Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple
10:30 - 11am Chanting
2 - 3pm Blessing of Children

Sunday, September 23, Relics on view 9am - 5pm

9am Zen Service
2 - 3pm Blessing of Pets outside Zendo
5pm Closing Ceremony

Buddhist art items and video screenings throughout the weekend in the Forman House Garden Apartment

For information, call 315 492-9773, or email [Jikyobonnie Shoultz](mailto:Jikyobonnie@zenstudies.org).

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