

Santa Cruz Zen Center



2023 Annual Calendar

Warm Jewel Temple

Sesshin and Zazenkai (Retreats and One-Day Sitzings):

Jan 14 afternoon—extended zazen and Lay Entrustment ceremony for Patrice

February 2-4 -- (3 day) Parinirvana Sesshin -- Patrick

March 11 (half day) Zazenkai Gene

March 31- April 1 (3 days) Buddha's Birthday Sesshin -- Patrick

June 17 Half-day sit

July 15 Half-day sit

August 24-26 Mountains and Waters Sesshin

September 17-21 Branching Streams

October 21 Zazenkai, open study intensive

November 11 (half day) Zazenkai

December 6-10 (5 day) Buddha's Awakening (Rohatsu Intensive) – Patrick

Practice Periods:

Spring Practice Period: February - April (dates TBA) led by Patrick

Fall Practice Period: October - Nov (dates TBA)

Class Series and Workshops:

Sunday mornings March -- Patrick

Sunday evenings

Oct - Nov (dates TBA)

Awakening Together (first Tuesday):

1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/4, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

Robe Sewing Classes:

Sundays 1-3:00: 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17?, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17

More Robe Sewing Classes:

Thursdays 6:45-8pm: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14

Foundations of Practice third Thursdays following evening zazen

Annual Ceremonies:

January 1 - New Year's Chanting of Great Perfect Wisdom Diamond Sutra

February 22 - Buddha's Parinirvana Day

March 22 - Acharya Mahapajapati's Memorial Day

April 9 - Buddha's Birthday

June 10 - Japanese Cultural Fair

June 23 - Sobun Katherine Thanas Roshi's Memorial Day

July 28 - Kobun Chino Roshi's Memorial Day

September 29 - Dogen and Keizan Zenji's Memorial Day

October 5 - Bodhidharma's Memorial Day

October 25 - Sejiki Ceremony, Offering to Hungry Ghosts

December 4 - Shunryu Suzuki Roshi's Memorial Day

December 8 - Buddha's Awakening Day

December 13 – Shosan Ceremony

December 31 - New Year's Eve

Monthly Full Moon Bodhisattva Precepts Renewal Ceremonies

(in place of evening zazen on these dates):

1/6, 2/6, 3/7, 4/6, 5/5, 6/2, 7/3, 8/1, 8/31, 9/29, 10/27, 11/27, 12/26

Founder Kobun Chino Roshi Monthly Memorials (as part of morning service on these dates):

Jan 27, Mar 27, May 26, Jul 28 (annual), Sep 29, Nov 27

First Abbott Sobun Thanas Roshi Monthly Memorials (as part of morning service on these dates):

Feb 24, Apr 24, Jun 23 (annual), Aug 25, Oct 23, Dec 22

Monthly Well-Being Ceremony (usually first Friday):

1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

Sangha Days (Saturdays) alternating months 9:30-12 noon:

Jan 14, Mar 11, May 13, June 3 prep for Cultural Fair, Jul 8, Sep 9, Oct 14

Introduction to Zen (usually third Saturday)1-3:00:

1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/14, 11/18, 12/16

Priest Meetings, second Tuesdays, evenings

1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/8, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

Board Meetings (third Tuesday, 6:45-8pm):

1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19

(All-Sangha Meeting Saturday Nov 19 or 26)

Practice Committee Meetings (second Monday, seasonally, 6:45 – 8 pm):

Jan 9, Apr 10, Jul 10, Oct 16

Practice Leaders, generally every Monday morning at 10:30