

*Our mission is to raise awareness of interconnectedness and how our choices as humans affect all forms of life. In our meditation, study, and discussion we explore how Buddhist and ecological principles inform one another. We share our practice with the Sangha through compassionate action.*

**Brown Green Group Meeting Notes: April 19, 2009**

Present: True-Joy (Facilitator), Nely, Mukei, Lynda, Faith-Spring

In honor of Earth-Day, we did street cleaning for an hour with Heart-Mirror and Gessho

Check-in re: experiences of street cleaning

Reading: "Nature as Teacher or Refuge" from the book Dharma Rain

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**MUKEI**

Post photo of Earth-Day Dragon on Flickr account with tags such as "recycling," "Earth Day" etc.

**TRUE-JOY**

Create a plan for the veggie garden - plant tomatoes?

Contact Pasadena house, Pathways to Freedom, and request an invitation to tour

Mindfulness Task

**LYNDA**

Check with Mary on Monastery Housing status - can residents apply for Energy Star refrigerators?

Coordinate visits to Natural History Museum Sustainable Sundays?

**NELY**

Talk to Roshi re: reducing the use of incense. Work with Faith-Spring on a proposal if necessary.

**FAITH-SPRING**

Research metro lines and surrounding restaurants / activities for future "Mass Transit Field Trips"

**LARRY**

PENDING Awaiting response from EC re: bike rack proposal

PENDING Group to discuss ordering BeGreen Post-Its

PENDING Head Sister at St. Mary's Church to call re: compost for their community garden

PENDING: Waiting to hear from leasing co. re: front-loading washers/dryers

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 10th 1 - 1:30**

Action List Check-In

**Sunday, May 31st 1:30 - 3:30**

Meeting

Facilitator: Lynda

Reading: "The Nature of Nature " from the book *Dharma Rain*