

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: May 31, 2009

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

Kinhin

Check-in

Reading/Discussion: "The Nature of Nature" from the book Dharma Rain

Action item check in

Topics for Further Group Exploration:

Further art/action/awareness projects (in the mode of the recycling dragon)

100 hours

Experiential practice /precepts

Feedback on levels of participation for group membership

Possible summer planting / caretaking activity

Individual Action Items:

MUKEI

Submit repair requests for water leakage

Prepare guidelines for the compost bin vs. the city green bin - create sign for kitchen

Check with Deb to coordinate a time she can visit the group to review compost and discuss other grounds projects

TRUE-JOY

Practice commitment month of June: Refrain from purchasing new products / products made from new materials

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

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, June 7th 1 - 1:30

Action List Check-In

Sunday, June 28th 1:30 - 3:30

Meeting

Facilitator: Mukei

Readings: "The Sun in My Heart" and "Early Buddhist Attitudes Toward Nature" from the book *Dharma Rain*

Members are encouraged to bring an original haiku and favorite classic haiku for next meeting