

BROWN-GREEN GROUP TIMELINE ***& the greening of Normandie Mountain***

- 2/7/09 Shared Stewardship Entering
Mukei: Steward
- 2/7/09 Shared Stewardship Leave-taking
Faith-Spring: Steward
- 2/7/09 Shared Stewardship Entering
Diane True-Joy Fazio
Lynda Golan
- 1/31/09 Hike to Griffith Observatory
- 1/29/09 Film Screening: [FLOW – For Love of Water](#)
- 10/19/08 Shared Stewardship Entering
Judy Frisk
- 2008 - STUDY & DISCUSSION: [Dharma Rain](#)
- 8/2/08 Sustainability Workshop with Deborah Tull: “Radical Recycling”
- 7/19/08 Hike at Franklin Canyon Reservoir
- 6/28/08 Sustainability Workshop with Deborah Tull: “Water”
- 6/22/08 Wildlife Habitat ceremony
- 5/31/08 Sustainability Workshop with Deborah Tull: “The Sustainable Kitchen”
- 5/20/08 Group visits the home of Gail and Daniel Nagacitta Buckley to see the elements incorporated into their garden for their Wildlife Habitat certification – landscaping with native plants, water fountain, bird feeder, etc.
- May 2008 Center adopts new program of Tuesday-night Candlelight Zazen.
(Proposed by Gemmon and Faith-Spring)
- April 2008 Normandie Mountain is certified as a National Wildlife Federation [Wildlife Habitat](#) (Process initiated by Roshi Egyoku and Nagacitta Sensei)
- 4/22/08 EARTH DAY
1. Dharma Talk Round Table: “Samanthabhadra Speaks”
With Earth-Mirror, Luminous-Heart, Koan, & Darla Myoho Fjeld
 2. Tree-planting with Koan and Roshi
 3. Lunch prepared by Jessica Dharma-Lotus Armstrong

- 4/5/08 Sustainability Workshop with Deborah Tull: "Energy, Efficiency, and Respect for Life"
- 3/29/08 [Earth Hour](#) observed (coincides with [Lights Out America](#))
- 3/12/08 Faith-Spring speaks to the [Holy Nativity Episcopal Church](#) on the topic of "Global Repentance"
- 3/1/08 Sustainability Workshop with Deborah Tull: "The Non-Toxic Home"
- 2/24/08 Larry and Nely determine the Center's Carbon Footprint: 8.6 tons of CO2 per year (not including the Pundarika)
- 2008 *(ZCLA's inclusion of the environment in noon liturgy, as first developed by Zen Mountain Center, is expanded by Roshi Egyoku and added to morning liturgy: "We pray for the restoration and health of the natural world, its oceans and waters, plants and creatures, air and atmosphere, and to all efforts in its service with gratitude.")*
- 11/18/07 DHARMA CHAT: "Food . . . Considering How It Comes to Us"
Suggested reading: [The Omnivore's Dilemma](#)
- 11/9/07 Collection box placed in Sangha House for donations of used cell phones for Patti Muso Giggans' group, [Peace Over Violence](#)
- 11/3/07 Shared Stewardship Entering
Larry Barber
- 11/07 *(Dokai and Luminous-Heart attend Interfaith Conference on Global Climate Change co-hosted by [Shumei America](#))*
- 10/20/07 *Lights Out LA observed (coordinated by Gemmon)*
- Sept 2007 Conrad recommends sustainability coach [Deborah Tull](#) to the group
- Sept 2007 *(Group of ZCLA residents signs up for weekly organic produce with [Tierra Miguel Farm](#) of Pauma Valley, CA through their CSA, Community Supported Agriculture, program. Year 1 participants: Elizabeth Bryer, Faith-Spring, Mukei, Gessho, Rosa Ando Martinez, Erik Mathiesen, Carla Flowing-Mountain Schmitt, John Heart- Mirror Trotter)*
- 8/26/07 Film Screening: *An Inconvenient Truth* (donated to ZCLA by Nagacitta Sensei)
- Aug 2007 Sensei Ryodo adds mass transit info to [ZCLA website directions](#)
- Aug 2007 Hillary Kongchal Stephenson begins purchasing organic cream for Sangha House coffee instead of plastic creamer packets

- 6/23/07 Shared Stewardship Entering
Faith-Spring: Steward
- 6/23/07 Shared Stewardship Leave-taking
April Ford: Steward
- 6/7/07 *Shared Stewardship adopts revised [Core Values](#) and Core Practices on behalf of the Center. New additions include:
Foundational (Dharma) Value #6: Practice environmental responsibility
Focus (Sangha) Value #13: Develop policies and practices that promote environmental stewardship
Vision (Buddha) Value #5: Care for and nurture the natural world and all its creatures*
- 5/20/07 ZCLA 40th Anniversary:
 1. Brown-Green Group submits proposal for the purchase of corn cups, sugar cane plates and recycled napkins.
 2. The group donates extra silverware to the Center.
 3. April creates costume and Faith-Spring performs as “Yellow Earth Ghost” for Katherine Senshin Griffith’s pageant play of the *Gate of Sweet Nectar*
- 4/22/07 EARTH DAY
 1. Earth-Mirror on “Earth Sangha: How Do We Live It?”
 2. Eco-workshop: Making natural cleaners, getting off junkmail lists, etc.
- 2/25/07 DHARMA CHAT: “Generosity: An Antidote to Greed”
Suggested reading: [Hooked!](#)
- 1/17/07 Tom Dharma-Joy Reichert starts Brown-Green Yahooogroup
- 12/17/06 An Evening of Candle-making
- 11/15/06 April emails Stephanie Kaza’s suggestions to Shared Stewardship
- Fall 2006 Brown-Green Survey of the Sangha (results compiled by Mukei)
- Fall 2006 (Center installs new driveway that allows rainwater to pass through it.)*
- Summer 06 (Charles Duran starts replacing outdoor and hallway light bulbs with compact fluorescents after Pundarika power outage)*
- 8/06 April attends the Whole Thinking Retreat at the Center for Whole Communities in Fayston, Vermont. She also visits the Vermont Zen Center to see what green decisions were made during the construction of their new building, and meets with [Stephanie Kaza](#).

- 8/2/06 *(Gemmon submits proposal to the Board for solar panels and is referred to the Brown Green Group)*
- 7/8/06 Shared Stewardship Installation
April Ford: Steward
Nely, Mukei, Faith-Spring: Members
- June 2006 Gemmon begins buying environmentally-friendly household products for the Center
- 2006 – 2008 STUDY & DISCUSSION: [Hooked!](#) *Buddhist Writings on Greed, Desire, and the Urge to Consume*
- 5/28/06 Meditative walk in the Santa Monica Mountains
- 5/21/06 *(Shared Stewardship holds “Greening of the Center” council. April and Mukei gather feedback on a draft of the Survey of the Sangha).*
- 4/22/06 EARTH DAY
Deb Faith-Mind Thoreson’s Head Trainee Presentation on “Composting Revisited”
Fatih-Mind and Koan introduce new Aerobic Compost Tumblers to ZCLA
Tree costumes donned by April and Tom Yudo Burger
Organic lunch prepared by Hannah Seishin Sowd
Raffle of gift certificate donated by Real Food Daily for those taking alternative transportation to the Center. Winners: Raul Ensho Berge and Lily
- 2/26/06 DHARMA CHAT: “Shining the Light of Awareness on our Daily Choices”
- 2005 – 2006 STUDY & DISCUSSION: The precepts as they relate to our environmental practice
- 2005 STUDY & DISCUSSION: [Green Sangha tenets](#)
11/13/05 Walk in Griffith Park
- Sept/Oct05 WATER WHEEL: Article by April on “Non-Driving”
- August 05 Group donates set of dessert plates to the Center
- 7/10/05 Mission Statement drafted:
“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.”
- 4/17/05 EARTH DAY
Walk in Griffith Park

- Fall 2005 *(Evi Gemmon Ketterer forms Rats & Roaches Group to explore non-toxic and humane ways to deal with infestation problems at the Center. Members: Penelope Luminous-Heart Thompson, Carol Ann Trotter, April Ford, Gemmon, Lorraine Gessho Kumpf, Earth-Mirror) They distribute a manual for residents January 2006)*
- 2004 *(Koan starts planting trees along San Marino Street)*
- 2004 STUDY & DISCUSSION: [Dharma Gaia](#)
- 11/21/04 Hike in Griffith Park
- 4/25/04 Film screening: *Winged Migration*
- 2/21/04 Samu: Making Natural Cleaners. Bottles of natural cleaners distributed throughout the Center along with instructions for making them.
- 1/4/04 George Mukei Horner joins group
- Jan/Feb 04 WATER WHEEL: Article and photo of April, Conrad Romo, Faith-Spring, and Nely
- 11/23/03 Tour of [Eco-Home](#) in Pasadena
- 11/23/03 DHARMA CHAT: "Giving, Shopping, and Our Practice"
Suggested reading: [Unplug the Christmas Machine](#)
- 11/12/03 WATER WHEEL: article on the group by April
- 9/20/03 Equinox Gardening Day (Part of Day of Reflection led by Gary Koan Janka)
- 8/19/03 Bearing witness at the Bradley Landfill and Recycling Center in Sun Valley (April, Nely, and Heather Faith-Spring Chapman)
- 2003 *(Low-flow toilets installed in all apartments and ZCLA public buildings)*
- May 2003 *(Desert Retreat in the Mojave National Preserve: "What is Enough?" Led by Earth-Mirror, James Bodhi-Song Graham, Dokai, and Erik Mathiesen)*
- 1/26/03? Nelida (Nely) Cartolin joins group
- 1/11/03 WATER WHEEL: "The group is in the stages of coming together as a Buddhist/Environmental study group which is open to all."
- 2003 STUDY & DISCUSSION: [World As Lover, World As Self](#)

- 11/13/02 WATER WHEEL: Brown-Green Group introduced with photo of Dokai, April Ford, Bob Heide, Enduring-Joy (not pictured: Earth-Mirror)
- 11/7/02 Heather Chapman joins group
- 7/28/02 *DHARMA CHAT: "The Earth as One Body" (Led by Earth-Mirror)*
- July/Aug 01 *WATER WHEEL: Earth-Mirror and Sensei Egyoku issue an eight-page publication entitled, "A Sense of Place: The ZCLA Environment." It covers the demographic, geographic, historic, religious, and ecological environment of ZCLA*
- 6/22/01 *EARTH DAY
Empowerment of Earth Treasure Vase by ZCLA Sangha and Sensei Egyoku
Introduction to ZCLA of worm composter by Enduring-Joy and April*
- 2001 First meeting of Brown-Green Group
Attendees: April Ford, Karen Enduring-Joy Brodie, Jeanne Dokai Dickenson, Bill Earth-Mirror Corchoran