



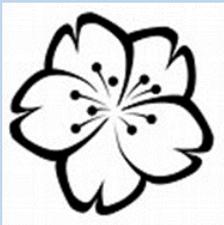
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JUNE SERVICES

Sunday, June 5, 2022
9:30 a.m. Denver Service
2 p.m. Sedgwick service

Sunday, June 12, 2022
9:30 am Denver Service

Sunday, June 19, 2022
June Shotsuki
9:30 am Denver Service
9:30 am Brighton service
11:30 am Ft. Lupton service

Sunday, June 26, 2022
Cherry Blossom Festival
PrideFest Parade

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The Name That Goes Beyond Time and Distance

By Rev. Noritaka Imada

The Japanese language uses 'counters' (indicators) when counting different kinds of objects. For instance, different counters can tell you what kind of animal is being counted; when counting cows, the term "one head of cow" is used. When counting birds, the term "one feather", and when counting fish, "one tail" are used. Why are the terms (counters) different? The answer to this question is, "It depends on what remains after each animal dies." When counting humans, we can use the term "one name of human." This is because the "name" remains after the death of a human being. There seem to be various theories about the origin of this counter, and there is an opinion that this is a story that someone created, but it is a convincing idea.

Animals don't seem to care if their name remains after they die, but humans probably do. When I think about it as my family, my grandfather was born into the Pure Land at a young age, and I have never met him. Still, I've seen pictures of my grandfather, so I know his face and name. But what about my grandfather's parents and their parents? Even though I can live here now because of them, I don't know much about them. With that in mind, if I have a grandchild, my face and name may remain in my grandchild's memory, but in the future the grandchildren of my grandchildren may not know me. When I think that that the day will come when nobody knows about me, I feel a little sad. The cause of sadness is my attachment which makes me feel I don't want to let go of "I". I don't know what I want from the world after I die, but I am reminded of how strong human attachment is. The Buddha tells us that we feel sad because we separate "I" from "others." The relationship between the sea and the waves is a good example. The sea is a huge mass of water. A small splash of water rises from the sea, named "wave", and eventually becomes one with the sea. It is only humans who call the ocean and the waves separately when the waves are essentially just a part of the ocean. Similarly, a human being named "I" is one of the works of this world, and, like a wave in the ocean, "I" disappears as a matter of course.

After a human has passed away, their name may remain for a short time, but it is limited. Meanwhile, there is the unlimited name "Amida", which is said to reach any place in any era. The name 'Amida Buddha' comes from Sanskrit words "Amitābha"(endless light), "Amitāyus" (endless life). There are many people who were born to the Pure Land first, showing us how to recite the name. Because of them, now I can encounter Nembutsu teaching. And when I find out that Namo Amida Butsu will reach those who will be born in the future, I feel that I am not lonely even after I leave this world. Even if my personal name does not reach far into the future, the name of Amida will reach in any place of any era. I deeply feel that this is the greatest joy of Nembutsu followers.

Gassho,
Namo Amida Butsu

Calling all Sakura Matsuri Enthusiasts . . . the Festival is fast approaching (June 25 & 26) and the timeline of preparations is racing by. Don't miss the excitement created by participating in a readiness activity. You can help make Butter Mochi on Tuesday, June 14th – come at 12 noon. Parking validation will be provided.

You can help make Mochi Manju on Friday, June 24th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. You don't have to stay the entire shift; parking validation will be provided.

Ultimately, we invite everyone to attend the Festival as a visitor AND as a volunteer. This is the Temple's primary fundraiser and cultural offering to the greater Denver community. It's been two years since our last gathering . . . can you imagine how great this reunion is going to be? See you there.

If you have any questions concerning mochi-making OR volunteering at the Festival, in general, please get in touch with either of these two CBF committee members:

Gayle Goto – ggoto@comcast.net

Gail Ida – gailann.ida@gmail.com

最近、動物の数え方について面白い話を聞きました。牛や豚は一頭、鳥は一羽、魚は一尾、と単位がそれぞれ違うのはなぜか？という問いに対する答えが「死んだ後に何が残るかで決まる」というものでした。つまり食べられない部分、残る部分で呼ぶという考え方です。そして、私たち「人間」の数え方はさらに興味深い答えでした。人間は一名と数える事ができますが、これは死んだ後に名前が残るからだということです。由来については諸説あるようで「こんなものはどっかの誰かが勝手に作り上げた話だ」という意見もあるようですが、少し納得してしまう話でした。

動物たちは、自分が死んだ後に自分の名前が残るかどうかなど気にしてないように見えますが、人間はどうでしょうか。身近な家族で考えてみますと、私の祖父は若くしてお浄土へ往生し、私は一度も会った事はありません。それでも祖父の写真は見た事があるので彼の顔と名前は知っています。しかしその祖父の両親や、そのまた両親についてはどうでしょうか。彼らのおかげで今ここに私が生きているにも関わらず、私は彼らについてよく知らないのです。そう考えると、もし私に孫ができた時、孫の記憶には私の顔や名前が残るかもしれませんが、その先の未来では私の存在はいつかは忘れられる事でしょう。私の命が終わった後、私の事を知っている人が0名になる日がいつか来ると考えた時、少しだけ寂しいと感じました。なぜ寂しいのか考えてみると、やはり「私」というものを手放したくない執着心が働いている証であるように思えます。そもそも私がこの世を去った後の世界に何を求めているのかは自分でもよく分かりませんが、人間の「我」への執着心がいかに強いかを思い知らされます。

海を見ていると、海という巨大な水の塊から小さな水しぶきが上がり、「波」と名付けられ、また海と一つになります。しかし海と波を分けて呼ぶのは人間が決めただけの事であって、本来は波は海の一部にすぎないのです。同様に「私」と名づけられた一人の人間も、この世界の働きの一つであり、当たり前のように消えていく存在なのです。人が命を終えた後、その名前は少しの間だけ残るかもしれませんが、限りがあります。そんな中、どんな時代のどんな場所にでも届くといわれる「阿弥陀仏」という名前があります。阿弥陀仏という名前はアマターバ(限りない光)、アマターユス(限りない寿命)を意味します。

仏の名前を称える事を称名と言います。「南無阿弥陀仏、南無阿弥陀仏」と称える姿を私たちに見せ、先にお浄土へ生まれていかれた方々が沢山おられます。その人たちのおかげで私達も今お念仏の教えに出遇っています。お念仏を申す時、導いて下さった方々の顔が浮かぶ事があります。また、私が顔や名前を知っている人だけでなく、私が知らない時代を生きただここの誰かも、お念仏と共に人生を歩まれました。そして未来に生まれる人たちに、私の名前は届かなくても、南無阿弥陀仏は届くのだという安心感があります。人生を終えた時、阿弥陀仏に全てお任せして安心してお浄土へ生まれさせていただく事が念仏者としてのよろこびだと深く感じます。

光雲無碍如虚空 一切の有碍にさはりなし 光沢かぶらぬものぞなき 難思議を帰命せよ

南無阿弥陀仏
合掌

Dharma School Update

by Stevie Lo, Dharma School Co-Superintendent

We have finally wrapped up another COVID Dharma School year! We ended the year with a hybrid learning format, half of our families remained online and the other half in person. It has been tricky to navigate this hybrid learning experience, but with a little teamwork we made it! Thank you to the Temple ministers, staff and board for teaching us, listening to our concerns, and giving us a space to come back to. Thank you to our Dharma School families for your flexibility and willingness to come back week after week. If we have learned anything the past couple of years, it is that kids are resilient and can withstand change better than most adults. But mostly we want to give a huge shout-out to all our Dharma School teachers, who have selflessly shared their time and efforts with our Dharma School students. They have been extremely flexible and generous throughout the year.

We hope to see everyone at the Cherry Blossom Festival where our preschool class and Dharma School girls will be performing. Since there will be no indoor dining at the festival, the Dharma School is not assigned to serve tea and bus tables, but we hope you are still willing to volunteer elsewhere during the festival. Please reach out to the festival committee to get signed up.

As times are ever changing, we do not know exactly what the 2022-23 Dharma School year will look like, but we look forward to seeing all our families return in the Fall. If you have any questions or you would like to be added to the Dharma School mailing list to stay up-to-date on the upcoming year, please email dbtdharmaschool@gmail.com. Also, please contact us if you are interested in being a Dharma School teacher or have new ideas to help improve the Dharma School experience for our kiddos. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Dharma Conduit

Rev. Kaitlyn Kongō Mascher-Mace

大仏の鼻で鳴也雀の子

*The stray cat
makes Buddha's lap
a pillow*

-Kobayashi Issa (1763-1828)

After two long years being apart, we have completed our first partial Dharma School year since 2019. This is the first time we have felt the warm weather and prepared for all of the big events for the summer here with all of the Tri-State Temples since last decade. It has been such a crazy long time when you think of it that way.

So many people are busy already preparing for graduations, Memorial Day Services, Pilgrimages to Amache, Cherry Blossom Festival, the LGBT Pride Parade and before we know it, we will all be practicing for O-Bon. The individual efforts that are put into each of these events end with a collective effort that brings together not only the TS/DBT community, but the rest of Denver in many cases, planting the Temple even for a day as the center of the city. It takes so much work for each of these events that there is no way to adequately say thank you for all the labor, love and passion that goes into each and every event. The unseen details and hours in the end are what make the temple and the community continue to exist each day.

This all sounds quite stressful though, no?

When considering how to write about all the amazing events

coming up, I was standing at my kitchen sink filling my glass with water and out the window spied the small gray rabbit that is often in the yard between my home and my neighbors. This rabbit is not physically anything special, it's just another rabbit like so many in the suburbs of Denver. However, the behavior of this particular rabbit is something that has caught my eye over the last few weeks as the days have started to warm up to near summer temperatures. This rabbit will lay on its side, eating the grass next to it, with its legs spread out. It is the singular most relaxed bunny I have ever seen. Sometimes I have seen it not eating, but just laying out there, in a most relaxed pose, and looking up to the sky. In that moment I have to think this rabbit is just enjoying the warmth of the light, and the joy of taking in a breath in fresh grass.

While engaging in all of the activities this summer, take a moment to sit back and take in everything around you. Look up to the sky and feel the sun on your face. Slow down and enjoy the moment. Issa's poem evokes this feeling, the vision of a sunny day and a stray cat laying in the lap of a statue of Amida Buddha. The cat feels completely at home, in the sun relaxing, and knowing that it is safe in the lap of the Buddha. We, too, are this cat and we, too, can relax in the warm and comforting embrace of the Buddha, looking to the sky and allowing the Nembutsu of gratitude to slip from our lips. As we are always embraced in the infinite compassion and wisdom of the Buddha it is always the right time, even when working so hard over the summer to remember and know that we are safe, wanted, and sharing together in the fellowship that Sangha brings. Be the Bunny, Be the Cat, Be the happy Buddhist, and enjoy this amazing summer that is before us, lets make it the best ever!

In Gassho,

TSDBT YBA; News of the Past AND Glimpses of the Coming

The YBA has had a wonderful Dharma School year, and we were so glad to be able to return to in-person Sunday services and YBA class. During this school year, we started out on Zoom with our weekly class meetings where we were able to socialize and get to know each other. Reverend Mascher-Mace joined many of our classes and taught us a bit more about the origins of Jodo-Shinshu Buddhism. We also were so glad that we were able to do Mochitsuki in December this year! Advisors Craig and Sarah learned all the ins and outs of this large fundraising event, and the students enjoyed spending a long day perfecting their mochi-making technique. Sadly, due to the snowstorm on New Years Eve, we were unable to make soba for the service, but we were happy to have been able to plan for the event and know we are ready for next year!

During the Spring, we continued our Buddhist education and discussions in Dharma class. We also volunteered with Benefits in Action to pack food boxes to be distributed to families around Denver. Our most recent event was our Keirokai luncheon, where we hosted our Sangha elders and spent a lovely day connecting with each other and seeing more familiar faces at the temple. Finally, we sent off our graduating seniors with a special lunch before they completed their scholarship interviews. We are so happy to celebrate our graduating seniors, and though we will miss seeing them every week in YBA, we are excited to cheer them on as they take on their next adventures.

Congratulations to our YBA 2022 graduates:

Zoe Banks
Nicholas Tanaka
Ally Tanigawa
Serenity Thompson

And congratulations to any other seniors who have graduated this year!

Looking forward, YBA hopes to have a few social gatherings over the Summer. We will be getting together on June 25th and 26th for Sakura Matsuri, and are really excited that the temple will be putting on this event again after 2 years of being unable to do so. We hope to sell spam musubi and to volunteer as needed to make the event a success. We invite you all to come down to the temple for the festival and hope to see you there! We are also beginning to talk about and plan for Sunshine Trip, and hope to restart that wonderful tradition with our group over the Summer of 2023!

We are so grateful as always to be a part of such a wonderful and resilient Temple community, and we are eager to see what our group does in the coming Dharma School year. Happy Summer to all, and thank you for your support in all that we do!

In gassho,

Hanamatsuri service

anonymous
Brighton Buddhist Sangha
Elsa Burchinow
Audrey Charness
Michiko Chikuma
DBT Aikido Dojo
DBT Judo Dojo
Denver Taiko
Earl & Deborah Fukuhara
Mabel Googins
Kirk Horiuchi
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi
Rich & DJ Ida
Gail & Robert Ida
Kenichi & Amy Inouye
Kenso Kagiyama
Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiyama
Kent & Jane Kano
Joyce Nakata Kim
Yuji & Aiko Kimura and family
Junko & Manabu Kimura
Cynthia Kiyotake
Stevie & Justin Lo
Frank Miyazawa
Phil & Lil Miyazawa
Cal & Donna Noguchi
Stacey Umemoto Ospina
Charles & Teri Ozaki
Kay Takahashi
Sayoko Takata
Debby Tanigawa
Hisae Taniwaki
Shirley & Rod Tsuchimoto
unknown
Louise Yamaguchi
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

In memory of Jayne Yoshimura – 1st yr

Mabel Googins
Diana Weldon

In memory of Sam Sasaki – 25th yr

Families of Sam Sasaki
Don & Amy Tokunaga and family

Donation

Clarynne & Nick Blanchard
PayPal Giving Fund
Jean M. Urano
anonymous
BCA Dana Share program; Gloria Koshio

Marshall Fire Victims fund

Ogden Buddhist Church
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

2022 CBF monetary donations

Earl Fukuhara family
Sue Murahata
Alice Mizuno
Gloria Koshio
Jean Marie Urano
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Art Koyano

April Shotsuki donors

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Sue Yoshimura

May Shotsuki donors

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Donor

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Family of Alice Kimura
Brighton Buddhist Sangha
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Kroger fundraising program
Shirley Tsuchimoto
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Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi

in memory of

Amy Shimamoto
Betty Yanari
Eijiro Charles Takahashi
Fumiko Mamiya
Grace Kiyotake, Hatsuko Yanaru
Harry & Betty Yanari
Henry Urano
Jody Lyn Yamasaki, Jayne Yoshimura
M.Joe Ozaki, Martha Ozaki Cox
Keiji Kusumi
Keiji Kusumi
K.Roy Kagiyama, K.Roy Yoshida
May Miyazawa
Misayo & James Fukuhara
James & Misayo Fukuhara
Motoichi J. Ozaki, Martha Ozaki cox
Stephanie Tawara, Yosh Akiyama
Tetsuo Fukui
Todd Fujimoto
Toyo Nobuta, Yoneko Nobuta
Yosh Akiyama, Stephanie Tawara,
Yo Miyoshi
Yoshio Akiyama
Youko Yamasaki

in memory of

Kiyoko Kobayashi
Shuji Kinoshita

for reason/in memory of

2nd Qtr disbursements
funeral; Alice Kimura
7-day&49-day hoji; Alice Kimura
HoOnko service
March Shotsuki; Kenny Takahashi
qtrly disbursement
Spring Ohigan service
Kumiko Yoshihara – 17th yr
Mother's Memorial
Sogo Nakano – 50th yr

We are excited to plan the Cherry Blossom Festival this year. We hope you can help out by making contributions from our list to help offset the Cherry Blossom Festival expenses. Items that are not used during the festival are put to use throughout the year at the Temple for various events including Dharma School, Turkey Bingo, Hanamatsuri, and other events. There will be a table in the auditorium marked for your donations. Thank you for your continued support!

Please submit cash donations to the Temple office in an envelope marked "Cherry Blossom Donation" and let us know which items you'd like us to purchase.

In-kind Donation List

Soda Pop - Coke, Pepsi and 7-Up (no diet pop)
SPAM, original flavor
Green Tea Bags
Coffee
Hashi (chopsticks) wooden disposable
6" paper plates
Dinner size napkins (nothing fancy)
Cocktail napkins
Laundry detergent (not high efficiency)
Dish soap
White vinegar

Thank you for your generosity and support!
-the Cherry Blossom Committee

June Shotsuki Names

(Sangha members who have passed away in the month of June)

Hiroshi Horace Aigaki
 Glenn Akahoshi
 Mitsuko Mary Akahoshi
 Yoshio Akizuki
 Fred Aoki
 Kenji Blanchard
 Satsuki Willie Chikuma
 Ladda Chittivej
 Fred C. Devault
 Terumi Viola Doizaki
 Sumi Enomoto
 Masao Eshima
 Nobujiro Eshima
 Fumiye Mary Fujii
 Seikichi Fujinami
 Komasaku Fujita
 Henry Masahiko Fukino
 Tami Fukui
 Mae Satsuki Funakoshi
 Fuji Funayama
 Douglas Haruo Furukawa
 Jack Yoshiharu Furukawa
 Keegan Fushimi
 Daniel Kiyoshi Hara
 Yoshisaburo Hashimoto
 Hana Hayashi
 Kinuko Hiraoka
 Tomono Hirazawa
 Sawaye Hirokawa
 Shizue Honda
 Sadao Hora
 Kazuko Hori
 Shigeru Horiuchi
 Masakuni Iguchi
 Mojiro Iida
 Hiroshi Imada
 Harley Motoyoshi Inouye
 Tetsuzo Iriye
 Eddie Ito
 Takeshi Kagiya
 Teya Kagohara
 Thomas Shuichi Kajiwara
 Takeo Kasa
 Ichiji Kawamata
 Hisashi Kinoshita
 Minoru Kinoshita
 Take Kinoshita
 Masa Kishimoto
 Hara Ayako Kishiyama
 Hikosaku Kishiyama
 Sekihei Kiyonaga
 Mildred Fujiye Kiyotake
 Robert S. Kiyotake
 Matsu Kobayashi
 Setsuji Kobayashi
 Shige Komatsu
 Mitsu Kondo
 Gladys S. Yuki Konishi
 Eva Lynne Shimoda Konz
 Kenzo Kuga
 Naka Kurachi
 Shikakichi Kurachi
 John Shiro Kushihashi
 Toshi Matsubara
 Toshiake Matsuda
 Tatsusaburo Matsumonji
 Mitsuko Matsumoto

Eiji Matsuno
 Nora Matsushima
 Takashi Matsushima
 Yukino Mayeda
 Daisuke Migaki
 Tsuneichi Mikawa
 Hiroko Miyake
 Sueko Miyako
 Otosaku Miyamoto
 Jean Harumi Miyazawa
 Kiyoka Miyazawa
 Donald Shigeru Miyoshi
 Mutsuko Mizukami
 Minosuke Momoi
 Henry Hayato Morimitsu
 Chiyu Morishige
 Chiyoko Cherry Motosaka
 Toshiko Murakami
 Tsugiko Murata
 Natsuko Muroya
 Noboru Muroya
 Uki Mary Muroya
 Shizuka Nagata
 Ayano Nakagawa
 Julia Yoshiko Nakamoto
 Rose Hisako Nakamura
 Sue Tsugiko Nakamura
 Shizuyo Nakaoki
 Seiichi Namba
 Makoto Hugh Nishimoto
 Toshi Nitta
 Taki Noda
 Matsutaro Noriyuki
 Kosaburo Ogata
 Morio Ogata
 Hisashi Bob Ogawa
 Shigeo Ohtsu
 Joe Kazuma Okamoto
 Manzo Okamoto
 Nellie Natsue Okamoto
 Shiogo Okamura
 Sandra Yoshiko Omoto
 Tazo Otsuji
 William Mori Oyama
 Edward Tetsuro Ozaki
 Yone Ozamoto
 Torakichi Saito
 Masato Sakaguchi
 Ryosuke Ray Sakaguchi
 Mitzi Misao Sakurai
 Hannah Sameshima
 Isa Sameshima
 Tamiya Sasamoto
 Mitsuko Sato
 Rose Shibao
 Tom Isamu Shibao
 Kiyoko Shima
 Shigeo Shimamoto
 Edward Tatsuo Shimoda
 Kane Shimono
 Sumi Shin
 Hanzo Shinn
 Ito Shinn
 Chiyoko Shino
 Rikio Shishido
 Noboru Sogi
 Yuriko Steenbarger-Tamai

Hichiro Sugihara
 Kiyoto Sugiura
 Henry Makio Suzuki
 Taeko Tagawa
 Edward Tetsuro Tajiri
 Hideko Takahashi
 Ippachi Takahashi
 Kimiye Takaki
 James Hajime Takemoto
 Sumiji Tamaki
 Julie Ann Tanaka
 George Tani, III
 Matsuichi Taoka
 Minoru Taoka
 Edward Tashiro
 Shina Teraji
 Teikichi Terakado
 Fujiye Tobo
 Hyosaku Tomita
 Momoyo Tsuchimoto
 Nobuzane S. Tsumura
 Mutsuyo Tsunoda
 Isajiro Uyeno
 Goro Ray Yago
 Hichi Yamachika
 Kaoyo Yamada
 Sentaro Yamada
 Bill Tadashi Yamaguchi
 Donald Shin Yamakishi
 Natsue Lillie Yamakishi
 Gennosuke Yamamoto
 Ronald Yasuo Yamamoto
 Noboru Henry Yamashita
 Nancy Kiyoko Yokomizo
 Gerald Yoneda
 Isayo Yoshida
 Kiichi Ben Yoshida
 Kohei Yoshida
 Louis Togo Yoshida
 Yoshie Yoshida
 Nao Yoshihara
 Mura Yoshimura
 Jiroku Yunoki

Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

June 19, 2022

The Shotsuki Service is a general memorial service held on a monthly basis for members and friends of the temple who have passed away during the month of service. Although there are major memorial (hoji) services set at specific time intervals such as 49th Day, 1st Year, 3rd Year, 7th, 13th, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 50th years, the temple provides families with monthly memorial Shotsuki services held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services, so family members will have the opportunity to pay respect and gratitude to loved ones who have passed away in that particular month. Donation by affected family members is appreciated: \$50/observance.
 In Gassho

*TriState/Denver Buddhist Temples'
 membership offers condolences to the
 family and friends of:*

Regina Hiroko Matsuno

1955 – April 18, 2022

*In loving memory of
Judy Natsuko Okamoto*

*A funeral service will be held on
 Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
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Cherry Blossom Festival 2022

Update from the Temple and Sakura Foundation Organizers

The Temple and Sakura Foundation have been working hard for the past several months to plan a great Festival for everyone! Here are some new elements that we are excited to share with you:

- To keep the sangha, staff, and attendees as safe as possible, all dining areas will be **OUTSIDE**. Seating will be under the gym, in the Live Stage Area, and in the open Plaza facing 19th Street. There will be no seating in the gym.
- Due to the construction at 19th and Lawrence, the Marketplace will be on **LARIMER STREET** this year - same setup, new location!
- **9Health:365** will hold a **COVID clinic** in the Marketplace for anyone to get a FREE vaccine or booster shot!
- **Craft Beer from Jagged Mountain Brewery, Asahi, and sake** will be available in the Marketplace; Asahi beer will also be sold in the gym.

The **FUKUBUKURO BAGS** are back! They will be available for pre-sale online and at the Sakura Foundation booth during the festival until supplies last. These lucky bags, \$45 each, contain fun surprise items! Visit CherryBlossomDenver.org in June for details and ordering information.

There are many returning festival activities that are tried and true:

- The **Live Stage** will continue to feature a great variety of singing, dancing, martial arts demonstrations, taiko drummers, and more! Many thanks to the amazingly talented entertainers!
- The **LARIMER Street Marketplace** will be brimming with dedicated returning vendors and many exciting new vendors from across the country!
- The **delicious food** made with care by the sangha continues to be a great treat of the festival! Temple food can be purchased inside the gym, next to the Temple on Lawrence (as in the past), and in the Marketplace (new location).

We are looking for a parking lot close by for Sangha members to utilize. With the loss of the lot at 19th and Lawrence, the Sakura Square parking garage will be occupied by the Marketplace vendors' vehicles. More info to come regarding parking for volunteers.

We are **SO EXCITED** to see everyone again - two years without a festival is a long wait, and we'll be ready for action on June 25 and 26!!

If you have any questions about the Temple food, please contact Joni Sakaguchi at jsak5280@centurylink.net. Questions about the Marketplace, Live Stage, sponsorships, or other logistics should be sent to Stacey Shigaya at staceys@sakurafoundation.org. **Festival updates will be posted to CherryBlossomDenver.org.**