



# Gay Buddhist Fellowship Newsletter

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## GBF Calendar

Call 415/974-9878 for news about GBF and GBF-sponsored events. To skip the recording and leave a message, press 5.

4 Jan., Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Alan Oliver.

10 Jan. (Wed.), News/Calendar/Classifieds Deadline for GBF Newsletter.

11 Jan. Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Lee Robbins.

14 Jan., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Speaker: Larry Saxxon will discuss how Buddhist practice provides a unique model for addressing issues of race and sexual orientation.

18 Jan., Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Mark Marion.

25 Jan., Thursday Sitting, 8pm, at the home of Edward Sans.

28 Jan., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Followup discussion on issues raised in Alan Oliver's article about practice, boundaries, and Buddhism. ♡



## Larry Saxxon to Speak at Sunday Meeting

GBF warmly welcomes Larry Saxxon as our guest speaker at the January 14, 1996, Sunday morning meeting. Larry is a student of Suhita Dharma, a teacher in the Vietnamese Zen tradition. He is also a member of the San Francisco Buddhist Center and of GBF.

Larry will share with us his experience of practice from the perspective of an African-American gay man, and will discuss how Buddhism presents us with a unique model for addressing issues of race and sexual orientation. Please join us for this special meeting. ♡

## Day of Meditation Set for February 10

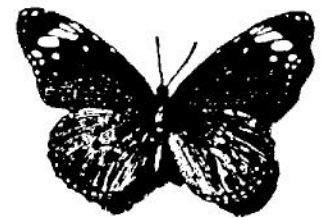
A silent, one-day sitting sponsored by GBF is planned for Saturday, February 10, 1996, at Sangha House, 1800 Arch Street, in Berkeley, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule will include sitting and walking meditation, and some brief dharma readings. This presents a wonderful opportunity for GBF members to practice in a more structured way. Please bring a meditation cushion or bench, and a bag lunch. Tea will be provided. Space is limited.

To register, mail a check for \$10 payable to GBF to: GBF Sitting, 2261 Market Street #422, San Francisco, CA 94114. Include your name, address, and telephone number. If you have any questions about the sitting, please call Daishin David Sunseri

## GBF Planning Workshop on HIV and Buddhist Practice

GBF will sponsor a one-day workshop, tentatively scheduled for April 1996, focusing on HIV disease and Buddhist practice. This workshop will give us an opportunity to share our understanding of how practice and the issues of sickness and death are related. Participants will also have an opportunity to share stories about friends and partners who have been affected by HIV.

If you are interested in helping to plan this workshop, please leave your name and telephone number on the GBF information line (415/974-9878), and we will contact you. More information about this event will appear in future newsletters. ♡



## Coming up...

In future issues of this newsletter we would like to engage members of the GBF sangha in a dialogue on the meaning of sangha. If you are interested in contributing something, or if you have come across an article you would like to share with others, please let us know.

