



# 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.

1 Feb., Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Alan Oliver,

6 Feb. (Tue.), Steering Committee Meeting at the home of Clint Seiter,

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

10 Feb. (Sat.), GBF Newsletter deadline for calendar, news, and classifieds.

11 Feb., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Open Discussion. This meeting will **not** be held at 273 Page Street. Call the GBF information line for location.

15 Feb., Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Mark Marion,

22 Feb., Thursday Sitting, 8pm, at the home of Edward Sans,

25 Feb., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Speaker: Petra McWilliams, co-director of The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition.

10 March, Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Speaker: GBF member Samuel Schindler will speak about the Enneagram, a system of sacred psychology based on nine personality types. ♡

## Sunday Speaker Feb. 25 is Petra McWilliams

GBF welcomes Petra McWilliams as our guest speaker at the February 25, 1996, Sunday morning meeting. Petra is a student of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, and co-director of The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT), an international organization of over 70 retreat centers, monasteries, and teaching centers around the world in the Tibetan tradition of Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche. ♡

## Vipassana G/L Retreat Set for April 3-7

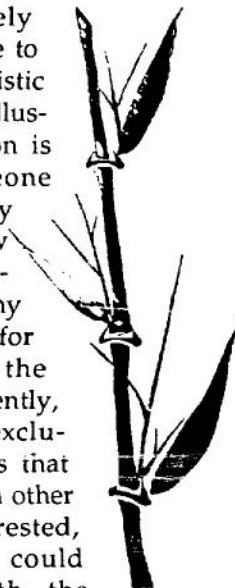
Due to the wonderful turnout at Spirit Rock's recent "Gay and Free" weekends and the considerable interest expressed by participants for a longer retreat together, a group of gay and lesbian vipassana students have organized a five-day retreat this spring. It will be held the week of April 3-7 at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa, and will be led by Eric Kolvig and Arinna Weisman.

There will be silent sitting, walking, and eating meditation; group discussions; and interviews. The cost (\$225) does not include payment to the teachers. Some scholarships are available. An effort will be made to accommodate persons with life-threatening illness. Angela Center is wheelchair accessible.

## Illustrator Sought for Newsletter

The GBF Newsletter is actively seeking someone to join our journalistic "team" as staff illustrator. Our vision is to find someone who would enjoy creating a few simple illustrations to accompany specific articles for each issue of the newsletter. Currently, we must rely exclusively on images that we can find from other sources. If interested, this individual could also work with the editor to shape the overall design of the newsletter.

Here is a creative practice opportunity for a member of our sangha who is artistically inclined. For more information, please contact Bob Hass



## Coming up...

Last month, members of the GBF steering committee and a couple of other GBFers participated in a two-day retreat at Sea Ranch, California, to plan for the future of our sangha. The March 1996 issue of the GBF Newsletter will highlight the deliberations, decisions, and tenor of the retreat.



