



Gay Buddhist Fellowship

Newsletter

November 1996

GBF Calendar

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

3 Nov., Sunday Sitting (East Bay), 10:30 am, at the home of Geoff McEnany,

5 Nov. (Tuesday), Steering Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, at the home of Larry White,

7 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm, at the home of Bill Kirkpatrick,

9 Nov. (Saturday), Relationship Forum, sponsored by GBF, 9 am-5 pm, Kairos House, 2128 15th Street (near Market), SF. Pre-registration required.

10 Nov., Sunday Sitting (SF), 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St. Speaker: Tibetan Buddhist nun The Ven. Robina Courtin.

14 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm, at the home of Lee Robbins,

16 Nov., Day of Meditation, 8 am-4 pm,

17 Nov., Sunday Sitting (East Bay). See 11/3.

21 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm, at the home of Mark Marion,

24 Nov., Sunday Sitting (SF), 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Open discussion.

28 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm, at the home of Edward Sams,



Ven. Robina Courtin to Speak Nov. 10

Our speaker on Sunday, November 10, will be the Venerable Robina Courtin. Robina has been a Tibetan Buddhist nun for over 18 years, having received gelongma ordination in December of 1994.

Originally from Australia, she spent 10 years working for Wisdom Publications, and has also taught and worked at various centers around the world for the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition.

She is currently the editor of *Manala Magazine*, and lives in Soquel, CA. Robina commutes biweekly to lecture to her students at Tse Chen Ling Center for Tibetan Buddhist Studies in San Francisco. Her dynamic style and sense of humor are not to be missed! ♡

Space Limited for Relationships Forum

In its discussions last month, the Relationships Committee shifted from a limited sign-up *workshop* format to a more open *forum* format. Unfortunately, we did not fully consider the space limitations of Kairos House, which we had already reserved and paid for.

Instead of postponing the November 9 event, we have decided to proceed as announced in the October newsletter, but with a limited sign-up. To attend, please call the GBF voice mail number, 415/974-9878, press 5, state your desire to participate, and leave a name and phone number.

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Day of Meditation Set for November 16

On Saturday, November 16, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., GBF will sponsor a day of silent meditation practice at 3141 23rd Street (near Shotwell) in the Mission District of San Francisco.

The schedule will include sitting and walking meditation, some group recitation, and dharma readings. Please bring your own meditation cushion or bench, easy on-off shoes or sandals, and a *vegetarian* bag lunch (since the residents of the facility are vegetarians and request that no meat be brought on the premises). Tea will be served.

To register for this event, send your name and phone number to: GBF Sitting (11/16/96), 2261 Market Street #422, San Francisco, CA 94114. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Greg LeClair or Daishin David Sunseri at

This is a good opportunity for us to practice silently together for a whole day. We hope to see many people there. ♡

A GBF Thanksgiving?

GBF is exploring the possibility of holding a Thanksgiving meal and celebration for members of our sangha. If there are enough people who would like to participate in celebrating Thanksgiving together, we will go ahead with the planning. If you are interested, please contact Clint Seiter as soon as possible at



