



Gay Buddhist Fellowship Newsletter

DECEMBER '97/JANUARY '98

GBF Calendar

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

San Francisco Events

2 Dec., Steering Committee Meeting 7:15 pm, at the home of Larry White

4 Dec., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Bill Kirkpatrick,

7 Dec., Sunday Sitting 9:30/10:30 am SFBC, 37 Bartlett St.

11 Dec., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Lee Robbins,

14 Dec., Sunday Sitting, 9:30/10:30 am SFBC, 37 Bartlett St.

18 Dec., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm at the home of Mark Marion,

20 Dec., GBF's Feed-The-Homeless Project at the Hamilton Family center. To participate, contact Clint Seiter,

21 Dec., Sunday Sitting/Holiday Potluck, 9:30/10:30 am SFBC 37 Bartlett St. Potluck will follow sitting. Details at the Sunday Sittings.

28 Dec., Sunday Sitting, 9:30/10:30 am, SFBC, 37 Bartlett St.

4 Jan., Sunday Sitting, 9:30/10:30 am, SFBC, 37 Bartlett St.

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Gay Buddhist Fellowship Mission Statement

The Gay Buddhist Fellowship exists to support Buddhist practice in the gay community. Our understanding of practice includes, but is not limited to, traditional Buddhist practices such as meditation and mindfulness, individual forms of practice, compassionate service in the community, and relationships with teachers and spiritual friends. The GBF is a forum in which all of the distinct Buddhist traditions can be brought together to address the spiritual concerns of gay men.

We respect and care for each other in a compassionate way as an expression of the full realization of the Dharma. We recognize that every aspect of our lives is practice. We cultivate a social environment that is accepting, open, inclusive, and caring. We acknowledge and support the growing network of gay practitioners in the United States and around the world. In addition, we intend to create programs that contribute to the well-being of the larger community.

The Gay Buddhist Fellowship Newsletter is published monthly by the Gay Buddhist Fellowship. It provides news of interest to GBF members, as well as writings by living Buddhist teachers covering a broad cross-section of current Buddhist thought. It also serves as a forum where gay Buddhist practitioners can address spiritual concerns regardless of their form of practice or tradition. All signed articles express the opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the GBF. © 1996 Gay Buddhist Fellowship. All rights reserved. ♦



QUEER DHARMA

Contributors to *QUEER DHARMA*, a collection of writings by Gay Buddhists edited by Winston Leyland, will read on Sunday, December 7, at A Different Light Bookstore, located at 489 Castro St. Readers will include Myo Lahey from the Zen tradition,

Mark Marion from the Vipassana tradition and Tony Richardson, M.D. from the Sakya lineage of Tibet. The reading begins at 7:30.

Other participants who appear in *QUEER DHARMA* include Daishin David Sunseri, John Kilarkey and Michael Hyman.

In West Hollywood there will be a reading Sunday, December 14, at A Different Light Bookstore. Vajra Karuna, Trebor, and Don Tatum will be reading. ♦

