

Treetop Zen Center

SCHEDULE as of January 6, 2010

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- Jan 16** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Feb 6** **Poetry workshop: "The Music of What Happens: The Zen of Emily Dickinson and W.S. Merwin"**
Although Dickinson never heard of Zen, her poetry is shot through with Zen-like insights and language. By contrast, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, W.S. Merwin, a Zen student, refuses any attempt to label him as a 'Zen poet.' We'll read, talk, and write a little. No experience necessary.
- Feb 20** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Mar 6–8** **Paradise Below Zero weekend**
An experience of the vastness and solitude of winter in the Maine woods.
- Mar 20** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Apr 17** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- May 15** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Saturday, May 22–Friday, June 18** **Shuso Peter Joryu Harris Personal Month-long Retreat**
Peter will be living at Treetop Zen Center for the entire month, and will be sitting daily, mornings and evenings. People of the sangha are invited to join him. One of the Teachers will be offering daisan every evening. A schedule of the month-long retreat will be prepared and available.
- June 12–18** **Spring Week long retreat, Saturday, June 12–Friday, June 18**
An extended silent practice, including services, meditation, interviews with teachers, formal meals, work practice and dharma talks.
- Friday, June 18 at 8 pm** **Shuso Hossen Ceremony of Peter Joryu Harris**
This wonderful ceremony will culminate in a Dharma Talk given by Peter, after which he will engage in Dharma Combat with people of the sangha. Sangha people will challenge Peter's understanding of the Dharma with their questions. Sangha people are strongly encouraged to participate in this ceremony and especially in the Dharma Combat.
- July 24–26** **Quiet Waters weekend**
Paddling on the ponds, marshes and bogs, where stillness is only interrupted by the cry of a loon, the splash of a frog.
- Aug 28–30** **Nahmakanta weekend**
Moving quietly on the trails of this reserve in the Maine north woods, we will enter deeply into the experience of wilderness.
- Sept 11** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Sept 18–20** **Acadia weekend**
The wonderful national park on the Maine coast, where mountains and ocean meet is the setting for this weekend experience of intimacy with nature.
- Oct 2–4** **Debsconeag weekend**
Paddling on ponds in this remote north woods eco-reserve will take us far into deep connection with wildness.
- Oct 16** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Nov 13** **Saturday Intensive Sit**, 6 am – Noon
A silent practice including meditation, breakfast, teacher interviews and work.
- Dec 4–10** **Rohatsu retreat, Saturday, December 4, 7 pm–Friday, December 10, 5 pm**
An extended silent practice, including services, meditation, interviews with teachers, formal meals, work practice and dharma talks, honoring Buddha's day of enlightenment.