## Mid-America Buddhist Association



## Join us every Sunday

for meditation, chanting, and study in-person at MABA (299 Heger Lane, Augusta, MO)

MABA is open to the public on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



Visit our Website

### Sunday Morning at MABA schedule:

09.30 - 10.00 Sitting meditation

10.00 - 10.10 Walking meditation

10.10 - 10.45 Dhamma talk

10.45 - 11.00 Chanting

11.00 - 11.45 Study Group

11.45 Vegetarian Lunch

### September schedule:

- 2nd of September Dynamic Meditation Day at 1 p.m.
- 3rd of September Dizang Blessing
- 3rd of September Sunday at MABA (Dhamma Talk by Xiǎnzhì Katty)
- 10th of September Sunday at MABA (Dhamma Talk by Master Jì Rú)
- 17th of September Sunday at MABA (Dhamma Talk by Xiǎnzé Jeff)
- 23rd of September Dynamic Meditation Day at 1 p.m.
- 24th of September Sunday at MABA (Dhamma Talk by Master Jì Rú)
- 29th Sep 1st Oct Beginner's Retreat

Event Calendar



### **Buddhist Teaching of the Month**

Dharma dwells in the region of absolute reality, being above and beyond all dualities; is unmovable for it does not rely on the six objects of sense; neither comes nor goes for it does not stay anywhere; is in line with voidness, formlessness and inactivity; is beyond beauty and ugliness; neither increases nor decreases; is beyond creation and

destruction; does not return to anywhere; is above the six sense organs of eye, ear, nose, tongue, body and mind; is neither up nor down; is eternal and immutable; and is beyond contemplation and practice."

Vimalakirti Sutra. Chapter 3



VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!
SEW THE SEEDS
OF GOOD DEEDS

The spring season is here. Our monastery is happy to receive any help in cleaning the Chan Hall, yard work and gardening. Join us on Saturdays, with vegetarian lunch provided. Please let us know you are willing to come and help.



Volunteer



Dizang Blessing Ceremony on September the 3rd

# **DIZANG BLESSING CEREMONY**

美中佛教會地藏祈福法會

Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 2023年9月3日(星期日)

10:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM

Paciting Diamond Sutra Heart Su

Reciting Diamond Sutra, Heart Sutra, & Name of "Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva of the Great Vow" Offering & Transferring of Merit 念誦金剛經、心經、地藏王菩薩聖號; 上供、回向

注: 歡迎您和家人親友們共同來參與法會追思往生者。本會準備午 齋與大家共享。

Note: MABA welcomes you and your family, relatives, and friends to participate in this Dharma Assembly to commemorate the departed. Vegetarian lunch will be served.

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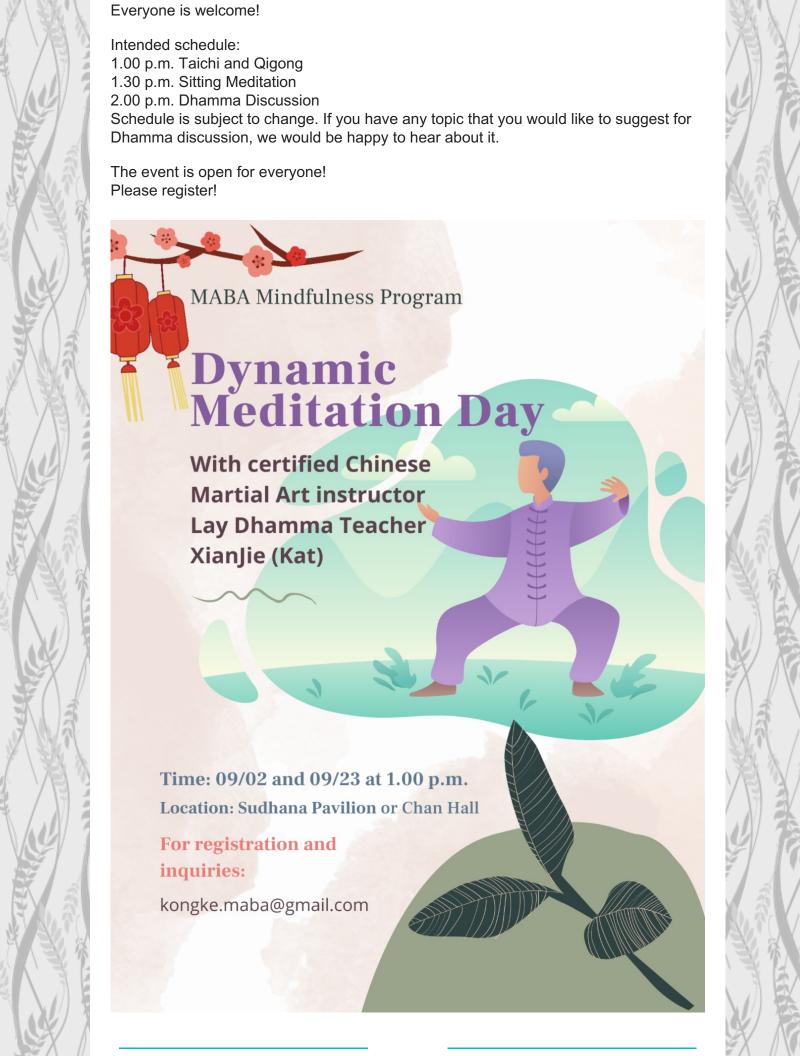
September 29 - October 1
Beginner's retreat

Our first beginner's retreat was a great experience for everyone. We are happy to welcome everyone for the second one that will be held in the end of September. We still have a few spots open, make sure to register. Gift yourself with time dedicated simply to your practice! Register MINDFULNESS Reginner's retreat MEDITATION & **BUDDHIST TEACHINGS** Meditation Learn how to meditate Further your practice Personal instructions Quite place for practice Phamma talks Four Foundations of Mindfulness Mindfulness of breathing Personal interviews A chance to ask experienced practitioners any meditation and Dhamma related questions REGISTER NOW July 7-9 September 29-1 November 10-12



After summer brake we are happy to announce that our Dynamic Meditation Program is back. Join us in our effort to learn more about Body and Mind.

2nd and 23rd of September 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.





### Monastic "Deep Reflection" Retreat

This year from October 2023 till September 2024 MABA monastic community will take time to have a deep reflection retreat, dedicated to studying Samyutta Nikaya and Samyukta Agama. During that time few changes will happen, including:

- MABA will be open to the public only on Sundays
- MABA suspends all retreats and programs except those that have already been scheduled, including Beginner's Retreat, Sunday Mornings, Qingming Blessing, and Dizang Blessing
- MABA stops accepting requests for any duration of overnight stay except those already accepted before August 20, 2023.
- MABA stops accepting invitations to attend any programs and activities except those already accepted before August 20, 2023.



Since October 2023 till September 2024 MABA monastic community will be in a deep reflection retreat dedicated to studying Samyutta Nikaya and Samyukta Agama. During that time MABA will not accept applications for this training program. But if you are interested to know more about this program and would like to apply later, please do not hesitate to reach out

**Contact us** 





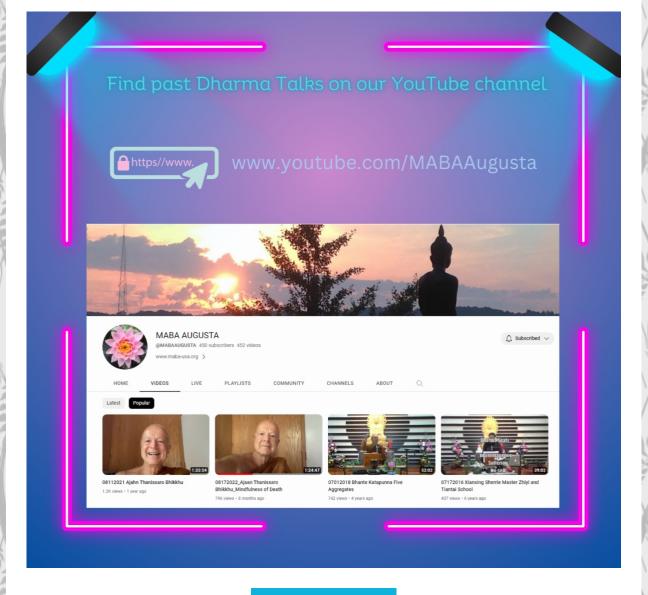
#### Dana

is the virtue of giving. Monastic community is fully dependent on the lay community support. As for now MABA almost fully relies on the support of traditional Asian community. It is very important for us to help Western community to develop six paramitas (perfection), first of which is the virtue of giving. The importance of practicing Dana is known through it's benefit for overcoming lower fetters, such as greed and ignorance, and the way to accumulate merits, that will support the practice of meditation. Without preliminary effort to establish virtuous actions, the practice of meditation often become fruitless. Do

not hesitate and seize any opportunity to develop this virtue.

Thank you for your outgoing support!

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**Dharma Talks** 





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**ADDITIONAL SERVICES** 



#### Interfaith

MABA accepts invitations from schools, educational institutes and other religious organizations to introduce Buddhism and mindfulness practice, as well as to join interfaith dialogues that promote mutual understanding between practices.

Learn more



### Lanterns

For our Dharma friends and supporters who wish to make a dedicated lantern offering, we will engrave a tablet in your name (or any name you wish) and place it at the pavilion.

**Lantern offerings** 



### **Funeral services**

Reservation of the niches, ordering the urns, placing the urns, relocating the urns, chanting service for transference of merits, funeral services, placement of name tablet of ancestors, and visiting dying patients.

Request a service

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