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Sacred Earth and Healing Arts of Tibet -- The Monks of Gaden Shartse return to Yachats July 12-17

The Monks of Gaden Shartse Monastery return to the central oregon coast for a sand mandala creation, dharma talks, blessing ceremonies and empowerments. Gaden Shartse Monastic College (popularly known as "Shartse") was originally founded in Tibet in the fifteenth century. After the invasion of Tibet by the Chinese, a small group of elder monks and fifteen young boys, all of whom had managed to escape the destruction in Tibet, settled on land given to them by the Indian government in Mundgod, Kamataka, and founded the current monastic college in 1969 as an effort to re-establish one of the great monastic traditions of Tibet. The monks are touring the United States, in an effort to raise funds for outfitting a recently completed hospital that will serve the Tibetan refugees in India.

The week starts with a benefit Directors screening of the award winning movie "**The Dalai Lama Renaissance**" at the Yachats Commons, July 12th at 7:00pm. There will be a benefit breakfast available at the Yachats Commons the following morning of the 13th, as well as a beach walk with the Monks that follow. The Monks will build a sand mandala July 14th - 17th at the Green Salmon, 220 Highway 101 S in Yachats. The owners of the Green Salmon are very pleased to make their space available to the Monks and to the community, adding that the restaurant will continue to serve their regular menu while the mandala is being created. On Thursday the 17th, the final ceremony will be held at the Green Salmon -- sweeping the Mandala of Peace -- and taking the sand to be washed back into the ocean. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Other events on this coastal tour include teachings, empowerments and performances at the Green Salmon and Yachats Commons. Details about their visit are available at www.pacifickriya.org

Volunteers are needed to assist at all venues. To volunteer, please call 541 547-3944 or e-mail: monks@pacifickriya.org

The Monks will be available July 13 through 16th for private blessings, healing ceremonies, home and business blessings. To schedule your own healing and/or blessing, please contact Pacific Kriya at 541 547 3944.

SCHEDULE

July 12 Saturday	Dalai Lama Renaissance - Benefit Movie Screening An incredible opportunity to have a preview screening before theatrical release, of the award winning new documentary. Meet and discuss with the Director and Monks afterwards.	7:00pm	Yachats Commons 441 N. Highway 101	Suggested Donation: \$15 per person
July 13 Sunday	Breakfast with the Monks Join the Monks for a benefit community breakfast!	10:00am	Yachats Commons 441 N. Highway 101	Donations encouraged
	Ocean Beach Walk Take a walk on the beach with the Monks. The public is invited!	1:00pm	Yachats Beach	Donations encouraged
	Chay Drol Empowerment Ritual Chay Drol is a ritual that helps to remove the obstacles that prevent one from achieving enlightenment.	7:00pm	The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats	Suggested Donation: \$15 per person
July 14 Monday	Personal & Healing Empowerment Vajravidharan is a ritual of purification and has three stages: purification and removing of negativities; removing subtle negative imprints; and, offering protection	7:00pm	The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats	Suggested Donation: \$15 per person
July 15 Tuesday	Sand Mandala Creation The monks will create a sand mandala, a Tibetan Buddhist tradition which symbolizes the transitory nature of things.	All Day	The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats Bring the kids!!	Donations encouraged
	Fire Puja on the Beach Removing and Minimizing the Impact of Negative Imprints for the Next Life	7:00pm	Yachats Beach	Donations encouraged
July 16 Wednesday	Sand Mandala Creation As part of Buddhist canon, all things material are seen as transitory. The monks will demonstrate this as they continue the creation of the sand mandala.	All Day	The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats Bring the kids!!	Donations encouraged

		<p>Butter Sculpture The monks will work with the community to create traditional sculptures made from butter as has been done in Tibet for over 800 years. This workshop will begin with a demonstration by the monks and be followed by the opportunity for each participant to make his/her own butter sculpture.</p>	<p>The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats Bring the kids!!</p>	<p>Donations encouraged</p>
		<p>Healing Empowerment Menla - Medicine Buddha The Medicine Buddha empowerment establishes a special connection between the participant and deity. The participants become more open to receiving the benefits of the healing powers of all the Buddhas.</p>	<p>The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats</p>	<p>Suggested Donation: \$15 per person</p>
<p>July 17 Thursday</p>	<p>10:00am</p>	<p>Sand Mandala Dissolution The monks will do the final closing dissolution ceremonies of the sand mandala created over 3 days. It will be carried to the ocean for offering. Please join us!</p>	<p>The Green Salmon Highway 101, Yachats Bring the kids!!</p>	<p>Donations encouraged</p>

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