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Greetings!

Welcome to Sakyadhita Canada's December Full Moon newsletter.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF POYA (Full Moon Days)

UNDUVAP

(full moon Poya day in December)

Arrival of the Bo-tree sapling. This was brought to Sri Lanka from India by Buddhist Theri Sanghamitta. It is the oldest documented tree in the world. Sanghamitta Theri established the Bhikkhuni Sasana (the Order of Nuns).



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Buddhism of the Heart

There is a story...Osono was travelling to Kyoto so she could attend a service at the Hogwanji Temple. She saw some children building a snowman. Osono went over and began bowing to the snowman, much to the surprise of her travelling companions. They asked her why she was showing such gratitude to the snowman? Osono replied, " This snowman reveals to me the form of my trusting heart, and therefore I'm grateful. When the rays of the sun shine on the snowman, it will melt. Just like my trusting heart, the rays of Amida's (The buddha of sending light to all beings.) shines compassion and guides me. The more I listen, the more my trusting heart melts away, and nothing remains, everything disappears. For this I am grateful to the snowman.



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Bhikkhuni Ordination

A truly auspicious event took place on Monday, October 17th when three women, "went forth" into homelessness and received full ordination as nuns, or 'bhikkhunis', in the Theravada tradition. One of these women was Bhikkhuni (sister) Nimmala, who was trained with Ayya Medhanandi at Sati Saraniya Hermitage in Perth Ontario. The ceremony was held at Spirit Rock Meditation Centre in Woodacre, California, USA. and was well attended and supported by the fourfold sangha.

For more information you may visit the Sati Saraniya Hermitage website at:

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The 12th Sakyadhita conference was held in Thailand, June 2011. Following the conference a number of temple tours were offered which offered a rich experience of visiting, connecting and learning about some of the monasteries, nunneries and educational centers available to women in Thailand. All of the pilgrimage was offered freely by the hosting groups and their hospitality and kindness was greatly appreciated by everyone. We also appreciated the volunteer translators who joined us on this journey. Our gratitude extends to everyone for their help at countless levels, for their coordinating skills and priceless generosity. May all receive the wholesome fruits by these many great acts of goodness.

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A little pre-reminder, that
as of the beginning of
January 2012 it is time to
renew memberships.
We are hoping to have you
back next year.
A membership form, and
membership information
can be found on our
web site.
Please click on the link
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Dhamma Talk

By Ayya Medhanandi



Prior to the Bhikkhuni ordination in October this Dhamma talk was given by Ayya Medhanandi

Please click here to access talk,

<http://www.box.net/shared/ltjoadm023bj1kafx2j>



**May this Christmas season bring peace and
blessings to all beings, Best Wishes,
Sakyadhita Canada**