

December 2010 Newsletter

Nature Loving Song—Winter Snow

Original Music by Wang Tzu Kuang

Original Lyrics by Wang Yuan Shan English Interpretation by Lau Huici



Peace on the silent earth, the autumn wind brings the winter,
and the sky begins to snow, the wind begins to dance.
Carols begin to sing. Cherry blossoms wait for you.
Creatures asleep with peace and the earth awaits your snow.
Earth is covered with white snow, white winter snow.
Trails of footprints on the road, leading us to Your side.
Earth is covered with white snow, white winter snow.
With my arms I embrace you, I can feel your purity, your heart.
Dance and drift, drift and dance, you bring earth the songs of the winter snow.
Dance and drift, drift and dance, you renew the spirit of our hope and peace.
Shimmering glistening white snow brings the earth to life.
Slowly spring breeze warms the earth, preparing the waking growth.
White winter snow, nurtures all life and growth.
With your winter coat, life begins to spring.
You are the gentle whisper of God, God's grace,
With your winter dance of love, winter love is shared with all.

Tips for Going Green This Holiday Season

- Use recycled paper when wrapping gifts for friends and family.
 - Purchase eco-friendly products for gifts. Many companies make products that are made from 100 percent recycled or reused materials.
 - The winter season is full of holiday parties. When spending time eating and drinking with friends, be sure to recycle your cans and bottles.
 - Don't just throw away all those holiday catalogs sure to appear in your mailbox this season – recycle them, instead.
 - When sending holiday wishes to your friends and family, be sure to choose holiday cards made of recycled paper.
 - If you decorate your home with holiday lights, limit their usage and save energy by setting timers.
 - When holiday shopping, bring your own bag and prevent unnecessary waste.
- Source from **Keep America Beautiful** —<http://www.kab.org>



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Gift of Warmth Blanket & Clothing Drives

Thousands of veterans, men, women and children will find refuge in one of Volunteers of America's homeless shelters or housing programs this year. We are going to sponsor the Give the Gift of Warmth this holiday season by collecting much-needed **hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and socks** for our community's homeless through the winter clothing drive.

Date: **December 1 to December 19th, 2010**

Drop off Time: **10am to 6pm**

Please donate New or Gently Used winter clothing!



December 2010 Events

Up Coming Events:

Jan 2, 2011

New Year New You
Liturgy at 12pm

Fundraiser Fruit Sales—
Order by Jan 3, 2011



12/4 (Sat)- Children Dharma Class 1pm to 5pm

12/6 (Mon)- New Moon Day 11:30am & 6pm

12/11 (Sat)- Teen Dharma Class 1pm to 5pm

12/18 (Sat)- Fundraiser Fruit Sales Pick Up Day 10am to 7pm

12/19 (Sun)-Fundraiser Fruit Sales Pick Up Day 9am to 6pm

12/21 (Mon)-LAO MU Winter Celebration 11:30am & 6pm

12/23 (Thurs)- Bodhisattva Hao Ci Attained Buddhahood 6pm

12/26 (Sunday) - 12pm

Winter Hot Pot Gathering& Gift Exchange \$10/person

Bring a gift/take home a gift (\$10 limit)

Please RSVP by December 21