

Sanghata

Helping you support the Pacific Hermitage

Fall 2018

A Dedicated Abbot's Kuti for Ajahn Sudanto



Ajahn Sudanto's kuti this summer has been a tent in the woods overlooking the Hermitage house and other kutis.

Because of your generous support, we will be able to replace the tent with a new dedicated abbot's kuti.

Initial designs include a more secluded kuti with approximately 435 square feet of a meditation room, a study and bathroom, and an all-weather walking path.

Pah Bah 2018

Kids Steal the Show ... Again!



Slow cones and balloons line the aisle where kids brought in gifts from Portland Friends of the Dhamma.

Your Generosity Was Overwhelming

Our community once again demonstrated overwhelming generosity and support by donating over \$170,000. That will be well used to help build the abbot's kuti and fund other important projects and on-going costs. Thank you!

A Happy Coincidence and Fun Back Story

This year's Pah Bah sponsors – Swee, Chek and Kyson Tan -- were visiting Birken Monastery in 2016 when our own Tandin (Elena Smith) and Anna Siebenborn were there on retreat. Tandin invited them to our 2016 Pah Bah. They showed up, just two weeks later! They came again in 2017 and were inspired to sponsor our 2018 Pah Bah.



Thank you so much to the Tans (pictured above). Swee, Chek and Kyson live in Vancouver, BC. Their extended family came all the way from Malaysia to be part of the Pah Bah. And thank you, Tandin, for extending your friendliness!

Looking Toward the Future

The Hermitage is in a secluded and quiet location, nestled in a forest, but also close enough to town that the monks can walk daily alms rounds. Sanghata's long range planning with the monks seeks to protect this balance of seclusion and proximity. Our priorities are:

Build and maintain buffer for quiet and seclusion

White Salmon is growing and developing. Since this could impact the monastic environment, we're actively staying aware of plans for development or property sales, and are looking for opportunities to maintain a buffer around the property.

If important land becomes available, we may need to act quickly to purchase it. If you'd like to help us prepare for this, please contact Sanghata President, Scott Benge (scott@benge.com or 503-781-3588) or Ajahn Sudanto (hermitage@abhayaigiri.org).

Plan for future buildings

As interest and support allows, we are considering building meditation huts (kutis) for additional monks or monastic visitors, and a separate retreat house for monastic solitary retreats.

Visiting Dhamma Teachers

The lay community was fortunate to have two special teachers visit White Salmon this year.

Ajahn Sucitto visited on July 3rd, and Bhante Rahula offered a four-day retreat near White Salmon, also in early July.

Stay updated on news, events and visitors! Check pacifichermitage.org. Sign up for *email updates* on the website as well.

A Trek in the Wilderness

A monk's life isn't all sitting, walking, study, teaching and chores around the Hermitage. Sometimes they can enjoy time away in the wilderness, in itself a great practice.



Ajahn Sudanto, Ajahn Kassapo and Venerable Suddhiko hiking in Goat Rocks Wilderness (August 2018).

Sanghata Thanks You!

By offering food, shelter, clothing and medicine – or funds to buy them -- we all support the monks' ability to practice. They support us with their teachings, example and counsel. It's a relationship that nurtures the well-being of us all.

Since monks cannot handle money, all monetary donations must be made to Sanghata. *Automatic, recurring donations are especially helpful* for planning and budgeting.

For information on how to donate, visit sanghata.net or email dana@sanghata.net. Thank you so much!

2019 Pah Bah: September 21 & 22, in White Salmon, WA
Reserve your lodging now!



Sanghata: Board of Stewards for the Hermitage

Sanghata is a non-profit board that receives and manages all financial donations for the Hermitage. We help you support the Hermitage.

The board also works with the monastics on planning, budgeting and coordinating events and projects.

From left to right: Scott Benge, Carole Melkonian, Krissy Martin, Dave Forslund, Anna Siebenborn and Debie Garner.