

Sanghata

Supporters of the Pacific Hermitage

January 2013

Anumodana – Rejoicing Together



Pah Bah Ceremony – October 2012

Providing a Permanent Home for the
Pacific Hermitage Monastics

This year's Pah Bah was attended by more than 150 supporters, some coming from as far away as Thailand. We were honored to have Luang Por Pasanno, Abbot of Abhayagiri and Ajahn Sudanto, Abbot of Pacific Hermitage offer us ceremony and teachings. It was a special honor to also have Ajahn Ritthi, Abbot Wat Atammayatara and Ajahn Subin, Abbot of Wat Buddha Oregon join us for the celebration.

Together hundreds of supporters offered more than \$130,000 at the ceremony to pay down a large portion of the loan taken to purchase the Pacific Hermitage property leaving us with only \$218,663 to fund the rest. In only a year and a half, we have seen tremendous generosity arise in support of the Hermitage and we are filled with gratitude! See sanghata.net if you would like more details.

This year's sponsors, including Chaniga Silpa-anan and Jittima Pangsapa from Thailand, Piriya Nowak from Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Tee Kian from Malaysia, Dr. Tony and Pan Suwanjindar and Drs. Pinit, have known each other for many years and used this bond of friendship to gather their friends and acquaintances to offer support for the establishment of a permanent home for the Pacific Hermitage monastics. The Sanghata Board and more than 35 volunteers provided the organization and logistical support for this successful celebration.

A Pah Bah (Alms Giving Ceremony) is an expression of faith and support for the Dhamma and the Pacific Hermitage Monastics. A Pah Bah is initiated by an individual or group making a formal request of the monastics to sponsor the ceremony. Sponsoring does not mean that you are coming forward with a great deal of money but rather it is a sincere and heart felt expression of support for the monastic community. The Sanghata board and many lay supporters are available to offer organizing and logistical support to the sponsors.

Now is the time to consider sponsorship. If you are interested or have questions about being a sponsor for our 2013 Pah Bah to be held in October, contact Ajahn Sudanto at hermitage@abhayagiri.org. (Ajahn Sudanto is on winter retreat until April 1. Contact Scott Benge at scott@benge.com if you have questions before winter retreat ends.)



Winter Retreat 2013

This year's winter retreat began January 3rd and will end March 31st. As is customary, the Pacific Hermitage Monastics take on a quiet and reflective practice during these months.

The monastics continue their regular Tuesday evening teachings at Yoga Samadhi beginning at 7:00 PM.

Daily alms rounds will continue in the White Salmon community as well as meal offerings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice generosity.

Each meal offering is followed by Dhamma discussions with the monks until 1:00 PM.

Please see pacifichermitage.org

for more information.



A pleasure to be in service

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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With warm regards,

The Sanghata Board Members