

# Sanghata

Supporters of the Pacific Hermitage

November 2013

## Fall Alms-Giving Celebration Caps a Year of Generosity

It is with such gratitude that we thank all supporters of the Pacific Hermitage. There has been an incredible outpouring of generosity this year for the Hermitage.



### The Celebration

On October 13, 2013, over 70 friends and supporters donated material goods and more than \$18,000 to help pay expenses and fund the future of the Pacific Hermitage. What joy to witness such gratitude for and support of the monastics. Thank you!

Supporters traveled from as far away as Thailand and as near as a few blocks away in White Salmon to attend. We were honored to have Luang Por Pasanno, Abbot of Abhayagiri Monastery, attend and offer his support.

We want to express our appreciation to the sponsors of this year's Pah Bah: Thanit Klangprapan, Tongchai Silakul, Surang Suteparkul, Amphol Kulkhajornpant, Shutintorn Daoruang and Abhayagiri's Disciples.

If you are interested in sponsoring next year's Pah Bah please contact one of the Sanghata Board Members. Sponsoring does not mean that you are coming forward with a great deal of money but are initiating the celebration by making a formal request to the monastics to sponsor the event. The Sanghata board and many lay supporters are available to offer organizing and logistical support.

### The Hermitage is Paid For!

Earlier this year, our generous supporters paid in full the loan we took out to purchase the Hermitage property. It was paid off in less than two years!

### Monetary Donations

The monks have few material requirements – just basic clothing, shelter and medicine. Your donations are the primary means of providing these requisites and maintaining the Hermitage. A very lean annual budget of \$29,500 allows for care of the monks and the land. Since November 2011, sufficient funds have been offered monthly to pay for the Hermitage expenses.

A foundation of regular monthly giving is especially helpful for meeting these monthly expenses. If you would like to set up regular donations, please see "Bill Pay" services at [sanghata.net](http://sanghata.net). 100% of your contribution goes toward providing for the monks and the Hermitage. Please feel free to contact a Sanghata member for more detailed information.



### Daily Food Offerings

Food is offered daily to the monks. Three days a week, the monks receive their meal by receiving alms from the community. On the other four days a scheduled meal is offered at the Hermitage. It's a wonderful opportunity to practice generosity and interact directly with the monks. If you would like to offer alms, offer a meal, or learn more, please contact the meal dana coordinator at [dana@pacifichermitage.org](mailto:dana@pacifichermitage.org).

### Offering Your Time

Many of you offer your gardening, construction or maintenance skills to help maintain and improve the Hermitage. Community Works Days are scheduled throughout the year. Please check the Calendar at [pacifichermitage.org](http://pacifichermitage.org) for dates. Your efforts are much appreciated and it's an enjoyable way to share a meal and spend time with the monks and others in our community.



## A Look Ahead

### A Personal Retreat Starting in April

It has taken several years of effort and patience, working through an untold myriad of decisions, plans and tasks to establish the Pacific Hermitage. We are so grateful to Ajahn Sudanto for his vision, his work, and his wonderful teachings and guidance. It is with great joy for him, that we announce Ajahn Sudanto's year-long retreat beginning in April, 2014. During his absence, Ajahn Pasanno, Ajahn Karunadhammo and others will stay at the Hermitage and offer teachings.

### Protecting the Quiet and Seclusion of the Hermitage

Surplus funds are being directed to the long-term development of the Hermitage so that if opportunities arise, we can purchase adjacent properties as a buffer against noise and potential development. We want to protect and enhance the peaceful nature of this beautiful place dedicated to meditation and practice.

### We Appreciate the Opportunity to be In Service to the Monastics.

Being around the monks, one begins to notice the care given to moment-to-moment practice. An intention to cause no harm is evident. We encourage everyone to visit [www.pacifichermitage.org](http://www.pacifichermitage.org) for opportunities to enrich your practice.

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