

Events with David and Caroline Brazier in Vancouver, B.C.

Tuesday, Jan 27 2009 - 7 PM – at the Vancouver Public Library (sponsored by Banyen Books)

David Brazier will read from *Who Loves Dies Well*. This book provides moving account of the last week of his mother's life, interspersed with reflections on Pureland Buddhism: a form of Buddhism, which is thoroughly spiritual yet very practical in its recognition of human limitations. Pureland spirituality does not insist on perfection of the practitioner nor encourage guilt at our failings. It is for ordinary people - for all of us who make mistakes and weep with the sorrows of life.

Caroline Brazier will discuss her most recent book, *Guilt* which is due to be published February 2009. Her book deals sensitively with some of the most challenging areas of human experience, confronting the reader with situations in which there are no easy answers. Yet the writing retains a joy in life. At times both humorous and emotive, it reveals the beauty of the everyday and the pathos of the ordinary.

Wednesday, Jan 28, 2009 - 9 AM at Langara College (sponsored by Asian Studies)

Lecture and discussion: On Pure Land Buddhism

Advance registration. By voluntary donation

For information please contact Larry DeVries by email: ldevries@langara.bc.ca

Friday, Jan 30, 2009 - 9 AM – 4PM at the Pacific Coast Institute Fam. Therapy – 3026 Arbutus St. (sponsored by Amida BC)

Workshop on Buddhist Approaches: Telling stories - Opening to a deeper human connection.

Participants will be involved in experiential exercises and discussions, using imagery, symbolism, and poetry. You will have the opportunity to remember loss, healing, mystery, love; to share and to listen to stories. Come prepared to laugh, cry, meditate, walk around, and to find a deeper meaning in the work you do and to celebrate the joys of assisting others. Fee: \$100.00. Vegetarian lunch will be served. Pre registration required.

For information and registration, please contact Yaya de Andrade by email: ydeandrade@shaw.ca

Saturday, Jan 31, 2009 - 9 AM to 4PM – Buddhist Peace Fellowship retreat – Venue to be announced at time of registration.

Workshop on: Equanimity in Conflicts: Socially Engaged Buddhism.

Conflict is a reality in social activism. In this workshop participants will learn valuable tools for being in conflict and acting skillfully

Fee: \$ 35,00 Pre registration required.

For information, please contact George Atherton at 604- 682-2557 or visit www.vancouverbpf.wordpress.com

Sunday, Feb 1, 2009 - 9 AM to 12 PM- at the Pacific Coast Institute- 3026 Arbutus St. (sponsored by Amida BC)

Meditation and Dharma talk

Advance registration. By voluntary donation

For information and registration, please contact Yaya de Andrade by email: ydeandrade@shaw.ca



David Brazier (Dharmavidya) is head of the Amida Order of Buddhism, a growing branch of Buddhism in the West. He has studied Buddhism for over 40 years and holds a PhD in Buddhist psychology. His work is based in Leicestershire, UK. Caroline Brazier (Prasada) is a writer with a life long interest in psychology, spirituality, creativity and ethics. The Amida School is a Western branch of Buddhism with its roots in the Pureland tradition of Japan. It supports spiritual practice and humanitarian work in several countries. Both have skills and professional qualifications in social/community work and are registered psychotherapists. For more information on their work, visit www.amidatrust.com