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Photo: Laura Abe



Buddhist Church of Florin

OBON Festival



## JULY 19 (Sat)

Hatsubon/Nokotsudo Service 3 pm

[Rev. Henry Adams, San Mateo BC]

Exhibits & Demonstrations 4-7 pm

Snack Bar 4-7 pm

Sacramento Taiko Dan 6:30 pm

Obon Odori 7:30 pm

## JULY 8-10; 15-17

Obon Odori  
practice

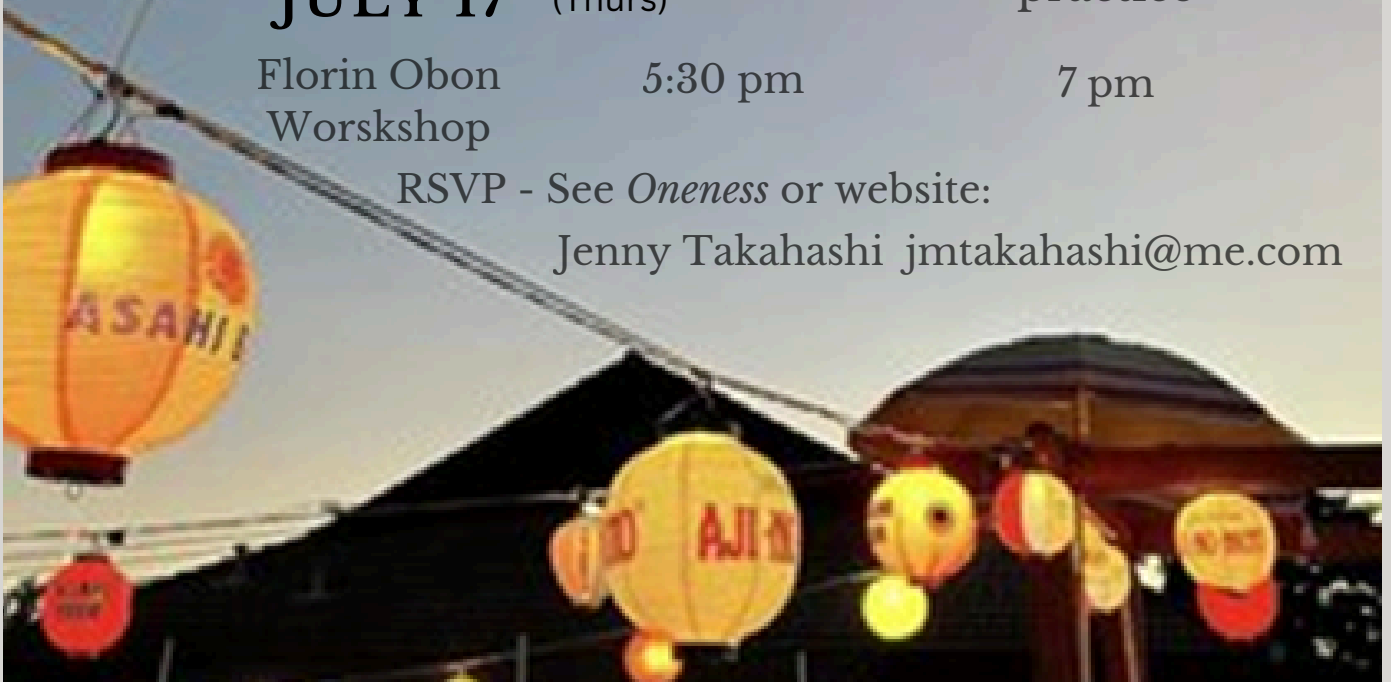
## JULY 17 (Thurs)

Florin Obon  
Workshop 5:30 pm

7 pm

RSVP - See *Oneness* or website:

Jenny Takahashi [jmtakahashi@me.com](mailto:jmtakahashi@me.com)



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# Obon BWA Fundraisers



Age sushi  
Boutique



Please bring baked goods  
packaged and priced.

## July 19 7:30 p.m. Obon Odori



Photo by permission/Rev. Y. Sugahara 7/23



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TALL doors leading  
into temple



Original Fresno altar is  
currently in Japan being  
refurbished.



June 11

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Fresno Buddhist Temple &  
Family Dharma Center  
visitation June 11



Rev. Kaz Nakata



Rev. Kaz explaining  
Fresno Betsuin's  
history and ideas on  
member recruit-  
ment.

Following the visitation,  
our group visited the  
Gibson Farm Market which  
offered products pro-  
duced by Fresno State  
students. The sweet corn  
was popular with our grp.  
Some of the group then  
ventured to Sierra Nut  
House featuring dried  
fruits & other treats.



Florin BWA members  
enjoyed lunch with  
Fresno BWA mem-  
bers who provided  
bento, dessert, &  
refreshments.



## FLORIN

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 5

### BWA MEMBERS ASSISTED

BWA members baked 10 dozen cookies and brownies for this year's Florin golf tournament. We also helped at various stations during the event.



### HOSPITALITY (SAKE CART)

BWA member & golf tournament administrator, **Elizabeth Fujii**, (above) with friend, Monika, greeted golfers on a perfect golf weather day in early June.



President Peggy coordinated the somen station.



## RIVERBOAT CRUISING

Viking.com image

MAY, 2025

Ten Florin BWA ladies cruised down the Danube River this past May stopping at eight ports of call starting in Budapest, traveling through Vienna, and three German cities ending in Regensburg, a Bavarian city which is “one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval cities, the oldest city along the Danube and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.”

**Sharon Arase** coordinated this travel excursion, 1½ years in the making.

House of Parliament,  
Budapest, Hungary



Vienna, Austria







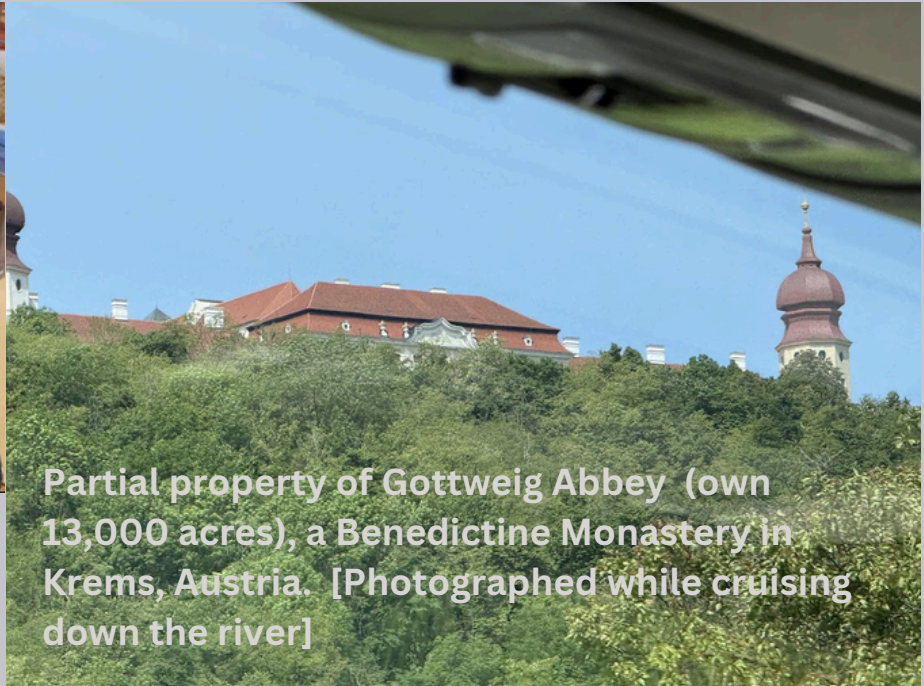
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## RIVERBOAT CRUISING

MAY, 2025



Apple dumpling demonstration at Gottweig Abbey, Austria



Partial property of Gottweig Abbey (own 13,000 acres), a Benedictine Monastery in Krems, Austria. [Photographed while cruising down the river]



Photos overlooking the city of Prague

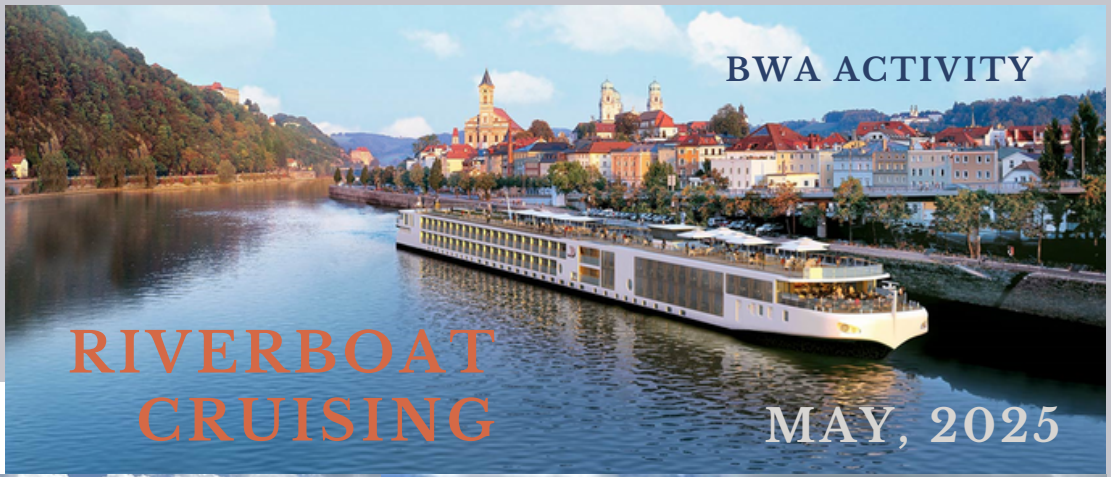




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**Nuremberg Germany**  
(Castle in background)



**St. Peter Cathedral,  
Regensburg, Germany**



**Kettensteg Bridge (Oldest surviving chain  
bridge in Europe)**  
Nuremberg Germany



**Nuremberg Trials museum  
Germany**

**Photos and descriptions provided by SHARON A, (landscapes); SHIRLEY G (food & cathedral; PEGGY O (group pics). Samsung Circle assisted with further detailed descriptions.**



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**maryhouse**

A PROGRAM OF LOAVES & FISHES

Day time survival services for  
women and children  
experiencing homelessness.

## April Dana Project

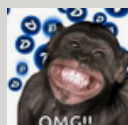
BWA Board members prepared pancakes then served breakfast to Maryhouse residents on April 28. The April dana donations went towards the purchase of a trunkful of breakfast drinks for Maryhouse.



## April Dana Project

*The best-looking  
pancakes  
were made  
by Sharon  
Arase.*

[Above]





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Cupertino  
*Cherry Blossom*  
41st Annual Festival  
April 26th & 27th, 2025



Shirley Johnson

Kay Freeman



Isako  
Wasano

Yukiye  
Baishiki

Not pictured: Carolyn Sawaii

## *Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival*

Pictured above are the California Kimekomi instructors who attended the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival. Florin has the most instructors with five who have earned certification.

Sensei Wasano indicated that the Florin class is now the largest among all classes.

### One Day Kimekomi Workshop

August 16, 2025

9:30 am - 4 pm

Questions or registration form =  
Isako Wasano

[nocalmataromiyabikai@gmail.com](mailto:nocalmataromiyabikai@gmail.com)

Registration form = May reply to  
BWA email.

Registration form will also be in  
the August BCF newsletter.

### Registration fee:

BC Florin member = \$45

Non Florin member = \$55

Selection of doll = \$40 - \$60



Choice 1 = \$45.00



Choice 2 = \$45.00



Choice 3 = \$69.00



Choice 4 = \$40.00

## August BWA Dana Project

The ASI Food Pantry exists to provide food and basic necessities at no cost to Sac State students facing financial hardships and limited access to food.



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## July BWA Dana Project



SACRAMENTO  
LOAVES & FISHES



## Bottled Water Drive

## June BWA Dana Project



SACRAMENTO  
LOAVES & FISHES



### TOILET PAPER DRIVE

For both  
organizations



Last month's June Oneness submission for the BWA Dana Project was incorrect. Shown was the May Dana Project. June's project is providing **toilet paper** to both Loaves & Fishes and Wellspring W. Center.



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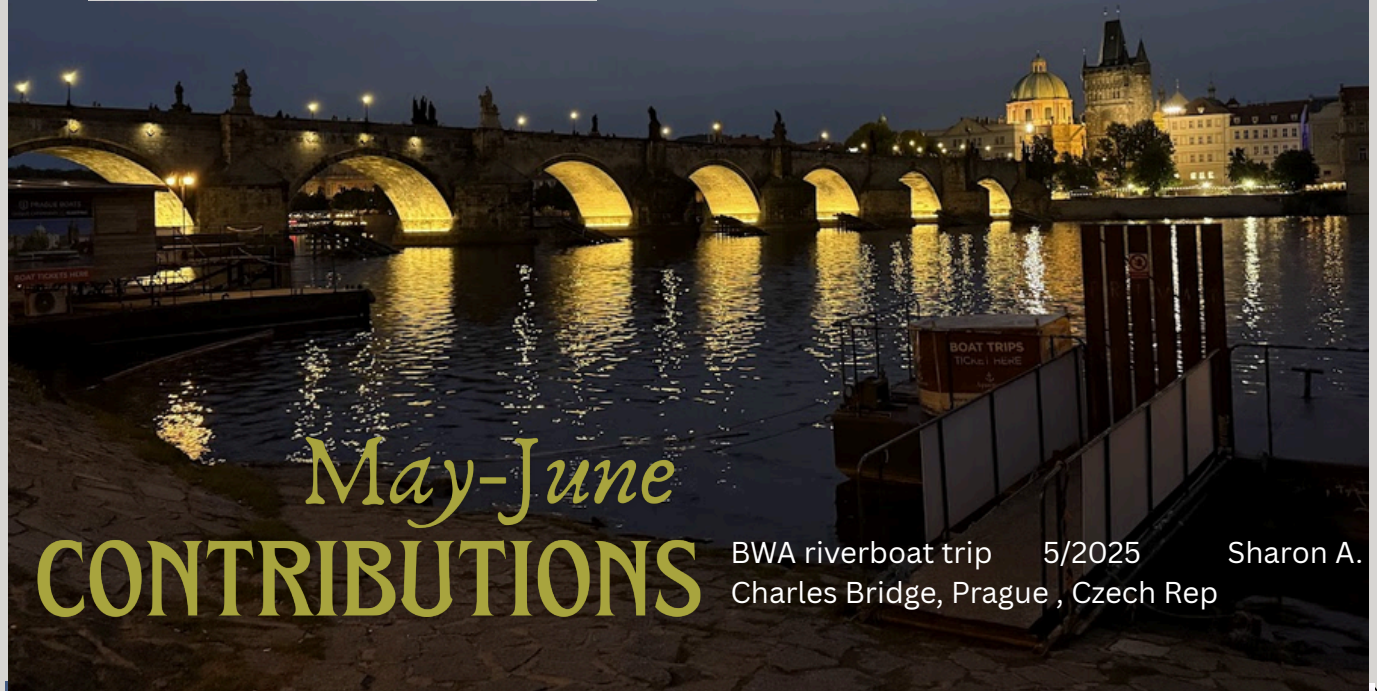
## Activities: (Dana Projects)

Lois Kashiwase (Apr-June)  
Liz Kono (May-June)  
Mary Otani (Apr-June)  
Margie Sunahara (May-June)  
Susan Takeda (May)

April	Maryhouse	Purchased breakfast drinks
May	SPCA	Sent check
June	L&F/Wellspring	Purchasing toilet paper

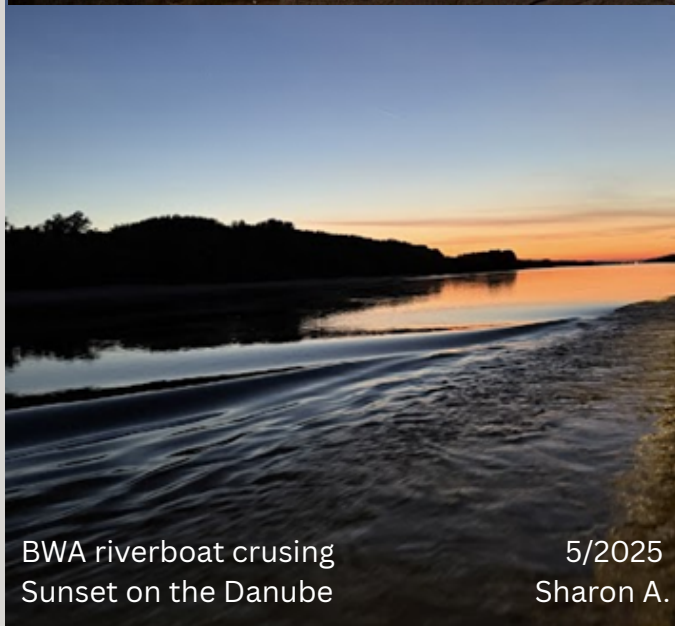
## Special:

Isako Wasano (June/Kimekomi)  
Sharon Arase (Apr/Service)



## May-June CONTRIBUTIONS

BWA riverboat trip 5/2025 Sharon A.  
Charles Bridge, Prague, Czech Rep



BWA riverboat cruising  
Sunset on the Danube

5/2025  
Sharon A.

welcome  
New Member

Jane  
Komure

# Florin BWA Upcoming Activities



Date: August 13  
(Wed. this year)

Fee: \$20/Florin BWA  
members \$25/Non members

Activities: TBA

Contact: Sandy Okuno



## Private Workshop

Goat Milk Soap Workshop

## Goat Milk Soap Making



Sept. 10, 2025 (Wed.) Contact: Sandy O.

\$60/pp 3 openings

Interested in goat milk sugar scrub?

If 8 interested, can schedule \$50/pp