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## **[RODNEY SMITH] VIPASSANA RETREAT [JUNE 7 & 8] IN PORT TOWNSEND**

Buddhist teacher [Rodney Smith] will be in Port Townsend to lead a two-day non-residential Vipassana retreat the weekend of [June 7 and 8]. [Rodney is the founder and guiding teacher of the Seattle Insight Meditation Society who has brought the teachings of the Buddha to Port Townsend on many occasions. As a full time teacher he conducts classes, retreats and offers spiritual consultations.]

The retreat is based in the Vipassana tradition and consists of sitting and walking meditation, dharma talks from the teacher, and small group meetings with the teacher.

We will be in silence during the retreat. We meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to early afternoon on Sunday, depending on the teacher's schedule. The retreat will be held at the Port Townsend Yacht Club, 2503 Washington Street in Port Townsend. While the space is large enough for us, we still need to know how many people to expect. So please send an email to [Bonnie McFadden at [bonniemcfadden@gmail.com](mailto:bonniemcfadden@gmail.com)] to register for this retreat or to ask any questions. Be sure "[Rodney 2014 Retreat]" is in the subject line of any e-mail you send about the retreat.

If you can only come for one day, please let us know. If you have not received a response to your registration within two days of submitting it, please contact us again. As we get closer to the retreat time we will send driving directions to the Yacht Club and any other pertinent information.

If you are coming from out of town and need a place to stay, please let us know and we will try to find you a place with a sangha member.

As is typical practice in the Vipassana tradition, there is no charge for the teachings, but participants are encouraged to practice generosity by giving "dana" (monetary gift) to the teacher so that s/he may continue to teach the Dharma. We will also ask for a \$20 contribution for the cost of the space. If this is a problem, please let us know. We don't want to exclude anyone for financial reasons.

About [Rodney Smith]:

[Rodney has spent eight years in Buddhist monastic settings including being ordained with Mahasi Sayadaw in Burma and three years with Ajahn Buddhadasa in Thailand. He disrobed as a monk in 1983 after returning to the West and began working in hospice care and teaching Vipassana Meditation nation wide.]

Rodney is the author of an earlier book [Lessons From the Dying](#). More information about him can be found online at [www.seattleinsight.org](http://www.seattleinsight.org). Rodney offers this description of the weekend's focus:

"What is awakening? We will explore this elusive question during this weekend, and offer an explanation not only of the radical shift in perception that the word awakening connotes, but of the entire topography of the journey from beginning to end, of the multiple ways we undermine the very growth we seek, and of the awakened life that ultimately arises out of the new consciousness."

Rodney will be at Phoenix Rising the evening of Friday, June 6 to introduce and discuss his book. The evening event is not sponsored by the Port Townsend Sangha, but the weekend retreat at the Yacht Club is.]

A description of the retreat and information about the Port Townsend Sangha is on the PT Sangha website: [ptsangha.org](http://ptsangha.org).