A ceremony in the zendo on Sunday, July 3, will begin at 11 a.m., followed by remarks by the Ven. Shunan Noritake Roshi, abbot of Reiun-in at Myoshin-ji, Japan. Renowned D. T. Suzuki scholar Richard Jaffe will present “Dr. Suzuki’s Approach to Zen Practice.” This July marks the 50th anniversary of D. T. Suzuki’s passing. Professor Jaffe will also be available for a book signing of his just-published Selected Works of D. T. Suzuki.

Our keynote speaker will be David Loy, author of the 2015 book A New Buddhist Path: Enlightenment, Evolution, and Ethics in the Modern World. His essays and books have been translated into many languages; he is a teacher in the Sanbo Kyodan tradition of Japanese Zen Buddhism. He, too, will be available for a book signing.

Shakuhachi Grand Master Nyogetsu Ronnie Seldin will perform, as will the Aikawa Jazz Duo and guitarist Anthony Bez.

A festive dinner created by Seppo Ed Farrey, who was tenzo for many years at DBZ and wrote Three Bowls: Vegetarian Recipes from an American Zen Buddhist Monastery, will be served at 4:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome to stay overnight for a dawn walk on July 4 to the stupa where the ashes of Nyogen Senzaki and Soen Nakagawa Roshi, honorary founder of DBZ, are interred. The walk will continue around Beecher Lake, named after the family of Harriet Beecher Stowe, former owners of the DBZ property. It will be followed by an informal breakfast.

We look forward to your participation in this joyful celebration, which is a true milestone in American Zen. It is an opportunity to express our gratitude, and to ensure that Dai Bosatsu Zendo and the Zen Studies Society will continue to offer you and future generations of spiritual seekers a place to practice for forty, fifty, and sixty years many times over!

Namu Dai Bosatsu

Gassho,

Shinge Roko Sherry Chayat