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Register Now for Workshop Series on Zen Buddhism

Northeast Cultural Coop (NCC) invites all interested adults, including mature teenagers, to attend one or all of the seven part series on Zen Buddhism being offered this fall as part of NCC's three year program *East by Northeast*, partially funded by The Freeman Foundation. This series will be lead by Professor Todd. T. Lewis of the department of religious studies at Holy Cross College with the help of guest instructors- David Rynick, Ming Chien Liang and Mark Lincicome. The series will run on selected Wednesday evenings beginning September 20 and running through November 8 at Southeast Regional Education Center (SERESC) 29 Commerce Way, Bedford, NH. The cost of the seven-part series is \$100 or \$15.00 for single sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call 603-464-0271 for information. "The only requirement is an open, questing, "beginner's mind."

This series is designed to meet the needs of people with various backgrounds to learn about Zen Buddhism and the many influences it has exerted upon Asian civilizations. The series begins by establishing the necessary background in Buddhism and the wider context of East Asian spirituality. We will then examine texts and monastic practices that cultivate Zen spiritual awakening. We will continue by exploring the fine arts and areas in which Zen influence has been especially significant. Finally, we will consider the depiction of Zen in Western historical imagination. A complete listing of topics by date can be found at www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org and a registration form can be printed from the site. To have a brochure sent, please send an email to ncc.blanche@adelphia.net.

Northeast Cultural Coop is co-sponsoring this series with the Content Enhancement Instructional Leadership Project (CEIL) located at SERESC which is supported by a grant from the NH Department of Education. Partners also include Plymouth State University, Manchester School Department and North Country Education Services. Teachers who attend this series will be given certificates for contact hours and 1 graduate credit is available for an additional fee from Plymouth State University. Register now, as space is limited.