

## FROM OUR READERS

### APPRECIATE ARTICLES

I WANTED to let you know how much I like the newest reincarnation of our monthly magazine. Not just because it looks good, but because more and more, it's much easier to read and understand. It's less "high theory" and more basic Buddhism. Infinitely better!

I particularly appreciate three articles in the March/April issue. First, Mr. Zaitzu's article on "Untimely Death" hits home for us in New Orleans.

In the early morning hours of January 1, before most of us were getting ready for New Year's Gongyo, two of our longtime members were killed in a car crash. They were hit head on by an alleged drunk driver. Hal and Gloria also left a 14-year-old daughter.

We were all completely shocked on a day that was to be filled with happiness. I was thankful that my husband and I saw them for the last time just a few days before, when we picked up our computer from them. The memorial service was standing-room only.

The second was on the Fuji School. I've never heard of the Fuji School. I had no idea that this temple issue has been going on as long as the Daishonin's time! Very interesting, very insightful. Thanks for keeping us up on this important issue.

Third, the article on Mr. Tommie Shaw was very good. The magazine is much better than it used to be. Thanks again for making it readable and interesting.

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### ABOUT THE SPIDER WORT

Hi everyone! Did you see the beautiful flower on the cover of the March issue of *Living Buddhism*? I know that the color of this flower was purple on your magazine, however, for those of us in South Carolina, it was pink!

Do you know why? This flower is a spider wort. When it is exposed to radiation, it mutates in color from purple to pink. This flower is used by many environmentalists to detect radiation leaks from nuclear facilities throughout the world. In South Carolina we have so much high- and low-level nuclear waste in our state that even the flower on the cover of *Living Buddhism* alerted us!!!

Actually, I even planted many spider worts in my backyard and around the nuclear waste facility in our town as a monitor of any radiation leaks.

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