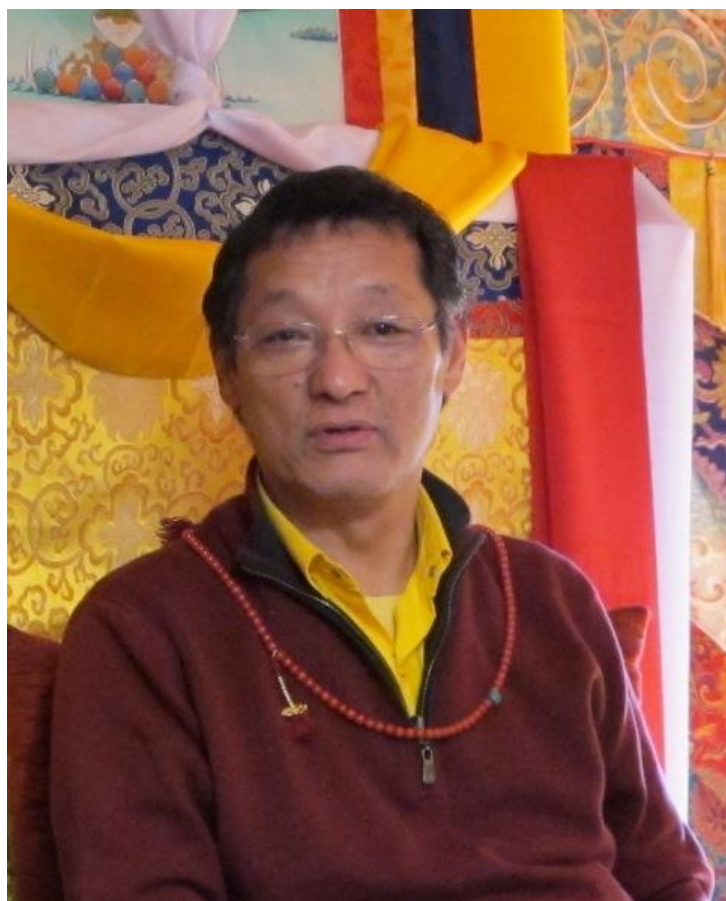

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NEWSLETTER FOR YESHE KHORLO USA
APRIL 2011

Greetings friends of Yeshe Khorlo USA! We are happy to announce that Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche will be visiting the United States this summer. He will be offering empowerments and teachings in Boulder and Crestone, as well as travelling to New York and Los Angeles. In addition to Rinpoche's visit, Yeshe Khorlo USA is preparing for the arrival of our new resident Lama, Khenpo Tenzin Thinley.



Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche's North American Visit, Summer 2011

Rinpoche's tour will begin in Boulder with a public teaching on Dzogchen on Friday, August 12th and will be followed by an empowerment of Lama Norbu Gyatso on Saturday, August 13th. This event is open to the public. Rinpoche requests students participating in the online shedra make an effort to receive this empowerment, as it is an integral aspect of the first year of study. Further details on times and location will be announced closer to the date of the event.

Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche's North American Schedule

- **Thursday, August 11:** Arrive in Denver
- **Friday, August 12:** Public teaching on Dzogchen at Yeshe Khorlo Boulder Center
- **Saturday, August 13:** Lama Norbu Gyatso Empowerment at YK Boulder Center (all day)
- **Monday, August 15:** Arrive in Crestone
- **Tuesday, August 16—Thursday, September 1:** Kunzang Gongdu Tögyal and Bardo Teachings
- **Friday, September 2—Sunday, September 4:** Public teaching and empowerment in Crestone (Program to be announced at a later date.)
- **Monday, September 5:** Travel to New York City
- **Tuesday, September 6-10:** Program to be announced
- Travel to Los Angeles: Dates and program to be announced



Beginning August 16th, Rinpoche will offer the Tögyal and Bardo sections of the Kunzang Gongdu retreat to students who have taken the Trekchö section of the teachings in previous years. This restricted retreat will be held through September 1st at Chöying Dzong in Crestone. Participants may register online through www.yeshekhlorlo.org. A limited number of Yeshe Khorlo retreat cabins are available for sharing at \$10/night per person, and camping is free. Students with additional questions about accommodations in Crestone should contact Ace Chaite at info@yeshekhlorlo.org.

Rinpoche will close his Colorado visit with a public teaching and empowerment at Chöying Dzong over Labor Day weekend before departing for programs in New York City and Los Angeles.

Yeshe Khorlo is very fortunate to be able to host Rinpoche for two years in a row. As a more detailed program develops, we will share it with the Sangha.



Yeshe Khorlo Membership

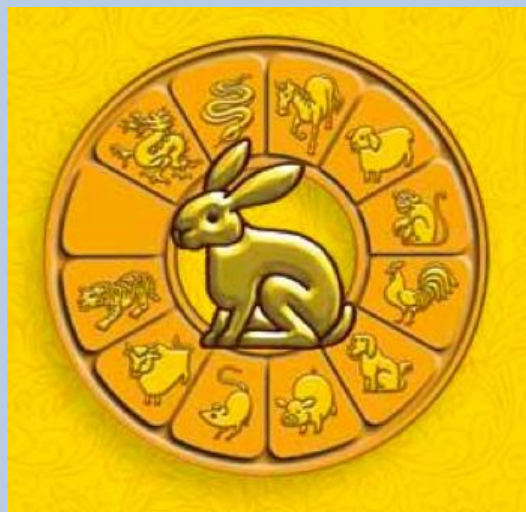
The year of the Iron Rabbit is well under way, and Yeshe Khorlo once again is making an appeal for your membership support. With the economy as it is, many people are under new levels of financial restraint, and it is easy to understand the reticence which may arise at the prospect of yet another expense. But we would like to encourage you to include your Yeshe Khorlo membership as a vital part of your yearly contributions.

With the great good fortune that we will soon have with Khenpo Tenzin Thinley arriving as resident Lama, there will be additional costs in supporting his residency. A strong member base is vital to our ability to present teaching programs both in Crestone and at other YK USA centers.

The operating expenses of Chöying Dzong are substantial, and though the rentals of our retreat cabins are of considerable help, they do not provide the monies needed for infrastructure improvements and any unanticipated occurrences.

In addition to supporting the Yeshe Khorlo operations, your membership dues also allow for a 10% discount on all programs at Chöying Dzong, including the upcoming summer retreat with Rinpoche. Donations of \$300/year, or for a family \$500/year, establish you as a Supporting Member.

To facilitate your dues payment or to simply make a one-time donation, contributions can be made online at www.yeshekhlorlo.org. Checks can also be sent to Yeshe Khorlo, PO Box 87, Crestone CO 81131. Please note “member dues” or “donation” in the memo line of your check. Your support is essential to Rinpoche’s activities in the USA. Thank you very much.





Yeshe Khorlo Sangha Meeting

Sunday, April 17
9:30-11:30 a.m. at Pat's House

This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the arrival of our new resident Lama, Khenpo Tenzin Thinley, and any other topics that Sangha members would like to discuss.

If you cannot attend and would like to have some input presented, please call or email Pat Keenan at 719-256-5808 or email him at labdron@yahoo.com.

Yeshe Khorlo Boulder Center Continues to Flourish

YKBC has been meeting bi-monthly for tsoks, and all are welcome to join.

The schedule can be found at <http://www.yeshekhlorlo.org/scheduleBoulder>.

The center recently had a New Year's celebration and raised new prayer flags.

All are looking forward to hosting Gangteng Rinpoche August 12-13 for the public teaching and Lama Norbu Gyatso empowerment.

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Sangha News



Caretaking at Chöying Dzong

As many of you may have heard, Tom and Margaret (our wonderful Chöying Dzong caretakers), after many months of planning to build a home on their land by the temple, have decided to buy a house in the Baca on Sycamore Road. This was a difficult decision for them, but they are very happy with their purchase, and we wish them the best in their new home. This is a wonderful transition for them, and we know that their participation in the Yeshe Khorlo Sangha moves forward enthusiastically.

Now it's time for them to sell their land, and they want to pass it on to someone who has a connection and affiliation with Yeshe Khorlo. Their property is at 2286 Happy Day Overlook, and it's across the road and down a little from Royallynn's house. If you are interested you can email Tom at twfox1@gmail.com to find out the details. Thank you, Tom and Margaret, for your efforts over the last two years!

Update on Sangha Member David Lindsey

On March 15th, longtime Sangha member and supporter of Yeshe Khorlo, David Lindsey lost most of his belongings when his house caught fire in Crestone. Despite the overwhelming loss of property, David is safe and healthy, and his story is not without a touch of the miraculous: although most everything in David's house was destroyed, a thanka of Vajrasattva remained intact and was extracted from the rubble. Yeshe Khorlo was able to raise over \$4,000 for David through the generous contributions of Sangha members.

David sends us this poem in response to the fire:

*Earth quakes, tsunami rolls, mind washed free of samsara's tolls.
How elegant the hanging metal roof sculpture in the living room!
By one screw, it spins in the sun.
Homage to the Three Jewels and may All beings enjoy profound brilliant glory!*



**Monthly Practices on Numbered Days
of the Lunar Calendar**
All events will start at 6 p.m.

5/15/11 Guru Rinpoche Day tsok
5/27/11 Dakini Day tsok
6/11/11 Guru Rinpoche Day tsok
6/15/11 Saga Dawa and full moon
6/26/11 Dakini Day tsok
7/10/11 Guru Rinpoche tsok
7/25/11 Dakini Day tsok
8/8/11 Guru Rinpoche's birthday

Please call the temple prior to tsoks to
confirm times.

A Final Note

Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche is currently teaching in Taiwan.
He sends his good wishes and advises his students to do lots of
Dzogchen meditation!



The *Little White Conch* is committed to enhancing communication,
supporting practice and fulfilling the wishes of Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche's
vision for his USA Sangha. If you would like to learn more about Yeshe
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please email info@yeshehorlo.org.
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Thank you for reading!
May the merit of our dharma connections flourish!