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Buddhists from Four States Come Together for the Ninth Annual Horseshoe Crab Blessing and Rescue Dharma Assembly on Pickering Beach, Delaware



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ERDG's Founder and President Glenn Gauvry aka Sangjie Tieba Rinpoche, in partnership with the Tathagata Dharma Association of Gaithersburg, Maryland and the community of Pickering Beach each spring hosts the Annual Horseshoe Crab Blessing and Rescue Dharma Assembly.



These ancient animals come ashore to spawn each spring and are often stranded up-side-down due to rough surf and spawning activity. Unable to upright themselves they suffer and die. Buddhists from dharma centers and temples in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia as well as local non-Buddhists, participate in a ceremony to bless

these living beings and dedicate the merit of their actions to all living beings who are suffering throughout the world. After the ceremony, participants walk the shoreline to help the horseshoe crabs that are stranded on the shore return to their marine habitat.



This year, in recognition of ERDG's work to protect the world's four horseshoe crab species, the Tathagata Dharma Association, presented ERDG a check for \$1,000. This generous donation will be used to further ERDG's horseshoe crab conservation initiatives throughout the four species spawning range.

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