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Because of the large number of tea sessions happening around the world, we are going to post about them on our website from now on and use this section to discuss news happening around the world. If you have any news, like a wedding, birth or tea happening, let us know and we'll write about it here. Our new app (coming soon) will connect you to each other and tea sessions around the world! Stay tea-tuned for community news.

The 2016 Light Meets Life Fundraiser is selling out fast, with one tea already gone. We have two amazing old-growth sheng teas this year, a Five Element shou, an amazing dian hong from Big Snow Mt. and another surprise as well!

We have a new page for Wu De's teaching events around the world. Many of you are always asking for updates, so we thought it was about time to share them: http://www.globalteahut.org/wudeteachings.

We have started broadcasting live videos at the beginning of every month on our Facebook page. This is a great way to connect with us, learn together and ask any and all questions. Check it out!

We are now offering free Light Meets Life cakes to authors whose submissions are accepted in Global Tea Hut. Let us know if you are interested in future topics or if you have a great idea for a tea-related article and we'd be happy to take a look at your work.

Don't forget that we have a tremendous amount of supplementary material online: articles in Further Readings, blog posts from the community, and past issues of this magazine as well as a ton of videos on many subjects that we have covered over the years of sharing tea wisdom.

I am cheerful.

December Affirmation

The holidays are a chance to celebrate all my friends and loved ones, even when challenged. (Especially then!) Can I help to bring heartfelt cheer, celebration and love to any gathering? Can I show up more, rather than less, when challenged? Wu De will be in Bali in late January with a stop in New Zealand to serve tea at the Wanderlust Festival. Then Wu De and Sam will be traveling in New Zealand and Australia some time in March. Check the website for details.

We have a goal to reach two thousand members. We have 10,000 Instagram followers and 5,000 Facebook likes, so it is possible. The world needs a free tea center for education: classes and courses taught in the spirit of tea, hospitality, love and self-cultivation. We envision a future in which every December enevelope comes with a catalogue of the next year's courses on a variety of tea topics...

Center News

Before you visit, check out the Center's website (<u>www.teasagehut.org</u>) to read about the schedule, food, what you should bring, etc. Wu will be traveling a lot in 2017, so check his schedule on the site if you are interested in seeing him while you are here at the Center.

We are looking for help with farming, photography, video and web design. If any of you have experience in these things and are interested in staying at the Center to learn Cha Dao, with free room and board, contact us!

It is now winter time, which means Fridays are hot spring days at the Center. Every Friday morning, we steep some shou tea and head to the nearby hot springs for a winter tradition of a few hours of soaking. (If you were looking for an excuse to visit in the winter, you got it!)

We are thinking of hosting some ten-day tea courses at the Center in 2017. Let us know if you are interested in attending.