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Monk to lead weekend talk about Tibetan astrology

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OCEANFRONT Tibetan monk Khempo Ngawang Dorjee, founder and director of the Tashi Choling Buddhist Center in Charlottesville, will visit The Heritage Center Friday and Saturday.

Director of programs Cindy Mills said the center has offered something for local practitioners of Buddhism for 20 years.

"We don't have a Buddhist temple locally, so we've been bringing in monks from other places," she said.

Dorjee was born in Eastern Tibet and ordained as a Buddhist monk at a young age. His studies include Tibetan grammar, poetry, astrology, the five key scriptures of exoteric Buddhism, and four classes of esoteric Buddhism and arts.

Since 2006, he has worked in the Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library at the University of Virginia. The visiting monk is also an editor of Tibetan writings and teacher of Tibetan at the school. He founded the center in May to teach Buddhist principles and Tibetan culture and language.

He will focus on Tibetan astrology during his Virginia Beach visit.

Interpreter Slava Komarovsk worked with Mills to bring Dorjee here. He will interpret during the sessions.

"He knows a little bit of English, but I have interpreted for him other times," said Komarovsk, a Beach resident.

"This is his first visit here."

Komarovsk said The Heritage Center was chosen for the visit because it "does such a good job with providing a place to teach different religions."

He and Mills hope those interested in astrology will attend.

Going?
What Khempo Ngawang Dorjee will talk about is Tibetan astrology.

Where: The Heritage Center, 344 Lakeside Road

When: 7 to 9 p.m. Friday or 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

Cost: Suggested donation is \$15 for Friday or \$25 for Saturday. www.410-411.com, 4200, for reservations

It's a spiritual event. But also with the teaching of Tibetan astrology, we have local astrologers will be drawn to the sessions," she said. "It's kind of a new tradition with a local interest for our community."

Mills said she embraced Buddhist teachings because of the lama who first taught at The Heritage Center.

"They have an incredible demeanor and are so positive and inspirational when they come," said Mills.

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