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*Visions of Buddhist Life: Photographs by Don Farber*  
Opens at the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History March 7, 2004

Inspired by Buddhism early in his career as a professional freelance photographer, Don Farber became a disciple of the late Vietnamese Zen master and scholar Venerable Dr. Thich Thien-An, and in 1977 began photographing at the Vietnamese Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles. The resulting book, *Taking Refuge in L.A.*, was published by Aperture in 1987. Thus began Farber's ongoing, now 27-year odyssey of photographing Buddhist communities around the world.

Farber has taken photographs in eight Asian countries and the United States. 'Visions of Buddhist Life: Photographs by Don Farber' offers a selection of forty-two images from those journeys — including colorful rituals from Tibetan communities, magnificent architectural scenes, revealing portraits of spiritual leaders and ordinary practitioners, and a beautiful black-and-white series on Japanese monastic life — and will be on display at the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History from March 7 through May 30, 2004.

Santa Monica-based Farber has made numerous trips to Asia to create his visual record of Buddhist life, in an effort to give people a better understanding of Buddhism and Buddhist culture. He resided in Japan for more than one year, and spent most of 1997 on a Fulbright grant in India and Nepal photographing Tibetan Buddhist life. In 2002, the University of California Press published *Visions of Buddhist Life*, a retrospective of his photography, and a new book, *Tibetan Buddhist Life*, was recently issued by DK Publishing.

'Visions of Buddhist Life' will be on view in the Fowler Museum's Goldenberg Galleria, which has been recently renovated for display of such intimate exhibitions of two-dimensional works. The Fowler is open Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.; and on Thursdays, noon until 8 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The Fowler Museum, part of UCLA's School of the Arts and Architecture, is located in the north part of the UCLA campus. Admission is free. Parking is available for \$7 in Lot 4. For more information, the public may call (310) 825-4361.

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