



## **Professor Alicia Karnes**

Alicia started at the Bushidokan Martial Arts Temple 1998 at a Tai Chi Class. After Tai Chi Class the Dan Zan Ryu Jujitsu students were warming up flying, falling, and having fun. Alicia was hooked. Alicia was helping (Now) Prof. Suki LaGue, Sensei and Prof. Leina, Sempai teach junior classes. As a brown belt Alicia helped her peers prepare for their Black Belt test. In 2001 Alicia and Suki (with guidance from Nao Nogushi, Taiko Sensei) built their first Taiko Drums for the Bushidokan Dojo. Alicia, Taiko Sensei held 7 pm to 9 pm Friday night Taiko classes for 4 years. Alicia traveled and attended many Taiko seminars taught by Taiko Masters. She did free Taiko Performances supporting the Gray Eagle, California 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and she performed for the San Francisco Cherry Blossom parade as well as the Sparks Asian Festival.

In 2004 Alicia received her 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt under Prof. Herb LaGue. In 2004 Bob and Alicia were married in an elaborate and unconventional, Tibetan, Martial Art, and Shinto Wedding held on the Bushidokan Martial Art Temple Mat. Bob and Alicia opened the Golden Sage Martial Arts Dojo outside of Reno, Nevada in 2006 in a converted carport. Bob and Alicia co-taught at the Bushidokan Dojo Monday nights for a few years. In 2021 Alicia and Bob later taught Martial Arts in Germany. Alicia holds the title of Professor 5th Degree Black Belt – Godan.