



# Plantation Village News

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April 2024

## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Obon Celebration

Saturday, June 1, 2024

4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

(Food Sales: 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Celebrate the start of the 2024 bon season with Hawaii's Plantation Village. Join us for a night of dancing under the stars while enjoying local ono favorites and tasty treats such as andagi, shave ice and waffle dogs. Shop in our gift shop, country store and pop-up plant sales tent and visit our Historical Exhibition Room to learn about plantation life, the Honouliuli Internment Camp and our Looking Through Our Grandparent' Closet exhibit now on display.

This year's event will once again feature 10 bon dance groups from all over Oahu.

The 10 groups are ...

Ewa Fukushima Bon Dance Club

Halciwa Bon Dance Club

Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai

Hawaii Shin Kobukai

Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai

Koolau Sakura Odori Kai

Oahu District Bon Dance Club

Senwa Kai

Wahiawa Hongwanji Bon Dance Team

Waipahu Soto Mission Bon Dance Class

The celebration will also feature special performances by emcee and singer Hikariyama Torao and taiko performances by Waipahu Taiyoji Taiko and Ryugen Taiko.

Parking and free shuttle service will be available at Waipahu Elementary School and Hawaii Tech Academy between 3:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Limited handicap parking available on site.

For more information, call 808-677-0110 or visit our FaceBook page and website.

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## **Summer Fun in the Village**

Schools are almost out for the summer and that means HPV will be gearing up for the return of our summer program Summer Fun in the Village. We welcome organizations working with children to participate in our 2-hour long program which runs from June 2 – July 30 that includes a walk through 2-3 plantation structures with a choice of plantation or cultural activities such as ...

- Relay games
- Plantation toys and games (i.e. buzzsaw, horse shoes)
- Cultural activities and games (i.e. origami, tuho and siato)

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 808-677-0110 or email [waipahu.hpv@gmail.com](mailto:waipahu.hpv@gmail.com)

## **Mahalo!**

Thank you for your generous donations which help us maintain our property and provide for our various programs and activities at Hawaii's Plantation Village.

Donors From The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024 (January 1 – March 31, 2024)

Daniel L & Donna Darling  
Debbie Dwyer-Oshiro  
Barbara B Green  
Christina Hwang  
LBE Hawaii LLC

Fred Nakuguma  
Lorene Ono  
Frances A Serikaku  
Raymond & Ethel Shiroma  
Florence M Wasai

We would also like to acknowledge the following for their support of Hawaii's Plantation Village.

BC Construction (Kara Borges) for repairs to our golf cart  
Midtown Radio Disco Mart for our new fridge

## **What's Blooming in the Village: Coffee (Coffea)**



Coffee was first introduced to Hawai'i in 1825 by High Chief Boki. The fruits of the coffee plant are called coffee cherries. The seeds are known as the coffee beans. Ripe red coffee cherries are edible. It is recommended to remove the skin first as it adds a bitter taste if it is left on when you eat it. The taste of a ripe cherry is sweet and reminiscent of the lychee fruit.

Early Puerto Rican immigrants that came to Hawai'i to work on the sugar plantations, came from coffee farming areas. In the Puerto Rican area of the village, there are two coffee trees. In the Puerto Rican kitchen, there is a large wooden piló or mortar and pestle that was used to mash the ripe red coffee cherries to get the coffee beans. On the wall of the kitchen above the piló is a coffee bean grinder. Near the table is a ladle made of la'amia, that was used to dole out coffee into each person's cup. Sugar from the sugar plantation where the Puerto Ricans worked was used to sweeten the coffee.

# Ringling in the Year of the Dragon

Hawaii's Plantation Village would like to thank everyone that helped make the 2024 New Year Celebration a success. The village was bustling with visitors wanting to start the Year of the Dragon filled with good luck and fortune. We would like to wish everyone the very best for 2024!

Mahalo to all of our entertainers and vendors from ...

- Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts
- Huihe'e's Halau
- Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii
- KC Waffle Dog
- Kela's Paleo'onalani Polenekia Halau
- Kona Ice
- Konko Mission of Waipahu
- Portuguese Genealogical Society
- Lung Kung Physical Culture Club
- Somei Taiko
- Tekniqlingz
- Waipahu High School Glee Club



## Pond Beautification



Hawaii's Plantation Village welcomed members from Hope Center Ministries on Saturday, April 6 to help us with removing vegetation from our large pond. Members spent the morning removing the grass, lilies, and other pond vegetation to help the clear pond.

Within 30 minutes of washing up, two koloa (Hawaiian ducks) and two 'auku'u (Black crowned night heron) were in the water, giving proof that what they did matters. We would like to thank Hope Center Ministries for their volunteer support. If you belong to a group that would like to volunteer to assist us with clearing the pond, please call our office at 808-677-0110.

## Outreach

HPV would like to thank Ewa Villages Historical Society for including us in their Paint. Plant. Preserve. community work day that was held on Saturday, April 6. Board member Yoshiko Yamauchi participated in the event talking about plantation plants, in particular their significance and uses.



## **Become a member or renew today!**

If you are already a member, we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at our future events and staying in touch through our emails and newsletters. If you haven't become a member yet, now is the ideal time to join our ohana and learn about ways you can contribute to keeping the legacy of our plantation fore-bearers alive. You can call us (808) 677-0110 to charge or send your check to 94-695 Waipahu Street, Waipahu, HI 96797.

**We welcome you to our ohana!**

Become a member of Hawaii's Plantation Village! Not only does your membership help sustain the daily operations of the Village, but your participation in our events throughout the year keeps the Village a lively and vital institution in our community. Benefits for membership levels are the following:

### **Individual (\$25) or Senior (\$20)**

Free admission and guided tour for one year for one person.  
Invitations to special events, exhibits, and cultural and heritage celebrations.  
10% discount on purchases of our crafters' products

In addition to the invitations and discounts noted above, higher level memberships have the following additional admissions/tour benefits:

### **Family Plus (\$45)**

Free admission & guided tour for 2 adults & children under 18 years at your address.

### **Double Seniors (\$25)**

Free admission & guided tour for 2 guests (62 years or older)

### **Hoe Hana (\$100-\$249)**

Free admission & guided tour for 5 guests

### **Wai Hana (\$250-\$499)**

Free admission & guided tour for 6 guests

### **Luna (\$500 -749)**

Free admission & guided tour for 7 guests

## **Volunteers Needed:**

We have many opportunities for volunteer service at Hawaii's Plantation Village. We need docents to lead tours; grounds keeping and general house cleaning; computer savvy volunteers; and everyone who wants to offer their services to us.

Please call our office Monday to Friday.



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Waipahu Taiyoji Taiko and Ryugen Taiko

Free Parking and Shuttle Service to and from Waipahu Elementary School and Hawaii Tech Academy between 3:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Limited handicap parking will be available on site.

As seating is limited we recommend you bring your own chairs and/or mats.

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## Hawaii's Plantation Village

### 2024 MINI BON DANCE WORKSHOPS

Participants in the Mini Bon Dance Workshops will learn various bon dances that are done throughout Oahu. Bon dance groups will lead a 45–60-minute session covering dances that will be done at HPV's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual O-Bon Celebration on June 1, 2024. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Fee (payable to HPV): \$8 per session for non-HPV members

\$5 per session for HPV members or members of participating bon dance groups

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

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Please cut and return to: Hawaii's Plantation Village, 94-695 Waipahu St., Waipahu, HI 96797 Attn: Derrick Iwata

### **MINI BON DANCE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

I want to attend the following Saturday session(s):

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 p.m. session led by Senwa Kai

\_\_\_\_\_ 2:15 p.m. session led by the Waipahu Soto Mission Bon Dance Class

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. session led by Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai

\_\_\_\_\_ 12:30 p.m. session led by Koolau Sakura Odori Kai

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:45 p.m. session led by Hawaii Shin Kobu Kai

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 p.m. session led by the Haleiwa Bon Dance Club

\_\_\_\_\_ 2:15 p.m. session led by the Wahiawa Hongwanji Bon Dance Team

\_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 p.m. session led by the Oahu District Bon Dance Club

I would like to purchase a Hawaii's Plantation Village bon dance towel. Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8/towel)

**Total Number of Workshops Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of Payment Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

- HPV Individual or Senior members receive discount on one reservation. Family or Family Plus members receive discount on two reservations.
- Members of participating groups for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual O-Bon Celebration receive discount on one reservation.
- HPV will confirm your reservation within two weeks of receiving your payment.
- Cancellation prior to 72 hours notice will be reimbursed in full.

Are you a Hawaii's Plantation Village member?  Yes  No

Name of bon dance group I belong to (for discount): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (D) \_\_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment:  Check enclosed  
 VISA  MC

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_