



Plantation Village News

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November 2020

We're reopening! Nov. 16, 2020

After 8 months of being shut down as a result of Covid 19, we are finally reopening the village to the public with our first tours beginning on Monday, November 16. We have been busy these past few months making our museum, buildings and grounds safer for visitors, volunteers and staff during the pandemic.

Many changes have taken place during this time to comply with City and County mandates, and we thank everyone in advance for your support and kokua for following the new rules and protocols that we have instituted so that we can stay open and continue our mission of educating the public about the history and culture of the sugar plantation immigrants.

Masks will be required at all times on our premises, indoors and outdoors. Six feet distancing between all persons will be strictly enforced. For now, groups will be limited to 5 persons; therefore, our village tour maximum will be 4 guests and 1 docent tour guide. All tours must be reserved beforehand.

Entry into the main Okada Building lobby, gift shop and museum area will be limited in order to maintain social distancing. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have large group meetings at the village until restrictions are lifted.

Hand sanitizing stations and information signs have been installed throughout the village to remind visitors of the new restrictions.

We look forward to seeing everyone again. Please let your family and friends know that we are open for business. The gift shop is stocked, just in time for the holidays. In December, the plantation houses will be decorated for Christmas, so please schedule a tour to see how immigrants celebrated the season.

Our staff and volunteers are eager to begin planning activities and events for the future. However, everything is dependent upon the status of Covid 19 cases and orders from the Mayor.



Portuguese house

To keep abreast of upcoming activities, please frequently check out our website at <http://hawaiiplantationvillage.org> or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/plantationvillage.

Additionally, you may contact our office by email at Waipahu.hpv@gmail.com or call us at (808) 677-0110. Please sign up to be on our email and/or mailing list.

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Early Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season

Our Gift Shop is stocked with gifts lovingly made by our Wednesday Village Crafters. When shopping this holiday, please visit us and check out what we have to offer. All the money generated from the sales helps sustain the museum and it's programs. Below are a few of our offerings.

If you prefer items shipped to you, please go our Ebay.com site and search: Hawaii's Plantation Village Crafters. Items on Ebay are higher due to fees, taxes, handling and shipping costs. We also have a small amount of gifts available at Ben Franklin Mapunapuna Locker #72 that include tax and vendor charges. Please email Lorene at Waipahu.hpv@gmail.com if you can't find these items; she can email photos of availability at our Gift Shop, and inform you of item price, shipping and handling, or place on hold for local pick up. Many other items are available in our Gift Shop.



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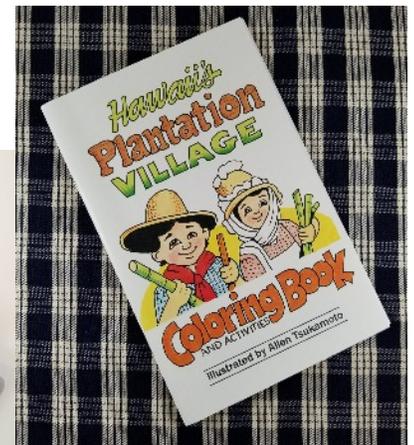
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Happenings

HTA: (Hawaii Technology Academy) a K-12 public charter school located in Waipahu, has been collaborating with us to help with much needed technological expertise. In turn, we are in the works of adding to their school curriculum the history, culture and legacy of the sugar plantation life in Hawaii, and we look forward to them having some classes in the village during the school year. HTA students are helping us update our website to accept tour reservations, schedule, order and make payment online, providing practical skills to the students. We are grateful to HTA for coming to our aid.

BEAUTIFICATION: We had outdoor cleanups in July and August, with a lot of volunteers coming out to help. Our staff employees Revinia, Steve, Larry and Hilario have been working hard to keep the village in tiptop condition. Volunteers Wainani and Chanel have been maintaining the upkeep of the Hawaiian gardens. Thank you to all the above for their diligence and hard work. We are looking for individuals or groups to “adopt” a house to maintain. We can always use your help, so do not hesitate to call our office to volunteer.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES: On September 24, docents volunteered to walk through the village to decide where signs should be placed and what areas would be restricted entry to ensure that visitors comply with the City’s health and safety requirements. ED Evelyn is pictured with Ken, Take, volunteer Solomon & Robert. Board president Deanna pictured with Carol, Lorene and Lance.

What grows in the village



Dragon Fruit

Dragon fruit grows on the Hylocereus cactus, also known as the Honolulu queen, whose flowers only open at night.

It goes by many names, including pitaya, pitahaya, and strawberry pear.

The two most common types have bright red skin with green scales that resemble a dragon — hence the name.

The most widely available variety has white pulp with black seeds. A less common type with red pulp and black seeds exists as well.

Another variety — referred to as yellow dragon fruit — has yellow skin and white pulp with black seeds.

Its taste has been described as a slightly sweet cross between a kiwi and a pear. Fruit bearing season is mid summer to mid fall, so enjoy dragon fruit while it’s here. Fruit pulp can be frozen for later use.

Dragon Fruit Jam

Makes 1 cup jam:

mashed dragon fruit pulp (one large fruit = 1 ½ cup)
½ c sugar
Simmer 25 min, stir until thickens. Remove scum.
Add 2 tsp lemon juice, cook 1 min. Cool. Refrigerate.

Dragon Fruit Smoothie

Makes 5 cups:

2 sliced frozen bananas
2 - 3 frozen dragon fruit pulp
1 small can crushed or chunk pineapple with juice
½ cup milk
1 cup sherbet
some ice cubes
Place all ingredients in blender, pulp for about 3-5 min.
Serve immediately. Freeze leftovers to make ice cakes.

2020 school tours update

Our school coordinator, Michi Lacar along with volunteers Yoshiko Yamauchi, Clair Kozaki and her daughter Jessica, have been spending many hours creating a virtual program for schools to access during the distance learning and cancellation of school tours. This online visit will include a tour of the village, cultural and historical lessons and activities. We are in the final stages of the project, and will be debuting it soon.

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 98-695 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

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