

Plantation Village News



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Summer 2010

O-Bon Celebration

Our 20th Annual Bon Dance!



Performances by:
Mililani Hongwanji
Aiea Taiheiji Yagura Gumi
Waipahu Hongwanji
Hawaii Eisa Shinyuukai
Iwakuni Dance Group
Hawaii Shin Kobukai

FREE

Join us for Fun, Food, & Dance!

June 5, 2010, Saturday • 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at Hawaii's Plantation Village

Since 1990, Hawaii's Plantation Village has been hosting an annual Bon Dance as the kickoff event for the O-Bon season. This year, our 20th, is no exception. On Saturday, June 5th, dancers from around Oahu will converge at HPV for an evening of dancing, good food, and cultural remembrance.

Food Booths & Bake Sale open at 5:00 p.m. • Blessing and Dancing begins at 6:00 p.m.

Da Grinds

K's Bento • Korean BBQ Beef Plate w/rice & Kimchi • Chinese Noodles
Char Siu Chicken Plate w/rice & Toss Salad • Fried Rice & Luncheon Meat
Sekihan w/Tsukemono • SPAM Musubi • Tuna Musubi • Ume Musubi
Tsukemono Musubi • Kimpira (Gobo) Musubi • Chorizo Musubi
Hot Dog and Kimchi Maki • Shave Ice • Cold Drinks

Lots of ono snacks, mochi, and baked goods!

Mike Keale to perform at Plantation Legacy Awards Dinner



This year's Plantation Legacy Awards Dinner will be held at Honolulu Country Club in Salt Lake. **Mike Keale** will be the headline entertainment for that evening. Mike is another embodiment of the good nature and prodigious talent of the legendary Keale family, which includes such luminaries as **Moe Keale & Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**. If you've never heard Mike perform before, be sure to save the date and purchase your tickets early when you receive our invitation to the 3rd Annual Plantation Legacy Awards Dinner!

**3rd Annual
Plantation Legacy Awards
September 25, Saturday
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Honolulu Country Club**

Got shredder?

HPV's administrative office is needing a couple of paper shredders. If you've recently upgraded and need to get rid of an old one, or would like to donate a new shredder, please let **Office Manager Rechie** know at 677-0110.

Puerto Rican Day on the Plantation



Traditionally clad dancers pause to pose with a young visitor.

Nearly 800 people visited the Plantation Village for the festival, feasting on *Pastele* and *Gandule* Rice plates and *empanadillas*. Food sales were so successful that most of it had been sold out by 12:30, a testament to the culinary skills of the Society volunteers. Food was not the only thing available for purchase, as the Country Store, located across from *La Casita* (Puerto Rican house), had many Puerto Rican items for sale. "Postcards of Old Puerto Rico are popular sellers," said Country Store manager **Noel Evans**, "as well as antiques from the plantation days."

However, the biggest draw of the day was definitely the entertainment that continued non-stop from opening till closing. A trio of Puerto Rican DJs pumped music throughout the village like a pulse, and visitors, young and old, were literally dancing in the streets. Spanish was the language of love as performers **Tyler Alai Martinez** and **Elena Chau** sang Puerto Rican songs. Similarly, **Kathy Marzen and Boricuas de Hawaii**, and **Julita de Puerto Rico**, charmed and inspired their audiences with their traditional costumes and dances. More than one Puerto Rican man was moved enough to stand up and join the ladies.

For the more historically inclined, **Dan Nelson** provided Puerto Rican genealogical information in the social hall, along with genealogists from the Hawaiian, Japanese, and Okinawan communities.



All types of traditional Puerto Rican dance graced our outdoor stage.

New Tour Includes Plantation Village



Hawaii's Plantation Village welcomes Oahu Nature Tours to its *ohana*. Oahu Nature Tours is a locally-owned tour operator that specializes in Nature and Cultural tours. Owner **Michael Walther** selected the Plantation Village for a History & Culture tour package that includes a visit to Pearl Harbor as well as other historical sites. We look forward to a long partnership with Michael and Oahu Nature Tours!

HPV works on Furlough Fridays



Yoshiko Yamauchi demonstrating juggling with plantation-style beanbags to a rapt audience.

On Friday, April 23, Board Member **Yoshiko Yamauchi** and Executive Director **Jeffrey Higa** partnered with Waipahu Public Library to create a Furlough Friday Keiki Event. Armed with craft supplies, pogs, bottlecaps, and some plantation snacks, Yoshiko and Jeffrey shared Waipahu's plantation past with about 62 people, including a dozen Headstart children.

Jeffrey guided the children in creating "Year of the Tiger" headbands, and bottlecap and string buzzsaws. Yoshiko

undertook the challenge of teaching the kids how to make their own beanbags, and then instructed them on the fine art of juggling. All of the children left the library headbanded and clutching a beanbag in each hand. Librarian **Arlene Ching** declared, "That was the most people we've ever had in the library on a Furlough Friday." As for the plantation snacks, the pickled mango and raw sugarcane were a great success while the pickled onions seemed to find a more receptive audience with the adults. Said library patron **Janna Panganiban** (age 6), "I don't eat onions."

In Memorium



Mitsuo "Mits" "Eugene" Shito

Hawaii's Plantation Village was saddened to learn of the passing of one of our Founders, Mits Shito. Mits, along with Major Okada, were the two individuals most responsible for the creation of the Plantation Village. Without Mits' vision and his indispensable political and financial ties, the Village would not have become a reality.

Mits was not only an active supporter of Hawaii's Plantation Village but of the Waipahu/Waialeale community as well. Because of Mits' love for golf, HPV held many successful and well-attended golf tournaments. Whenever Hawaii's Plantation Village faced an obstacle, we could always rely on Mits to, as he said, "make a few phone calls." The result of these calls always opened doors that had been previously closed to us. He was even working for the village right up to the end, helping to procure *loulu* leaves for our Hawaiian *hale*.

Even though Mits has passed on, his vision and compassion for all the people of Hawaii will live on through the institution he founded, Hawaii's Plantation Village.

2010 Events Calendar

June 5, Saturday
Obon Celebration (FREE)

4:00 pm
Oahu Buddhist Sangha
Obon Service
5:00 pm
Food sales begin
6:00 - 10:00 pm
Dancing begins

June 15th, Tuesday
12:00 noon
Executive Committee Meeting

June 24th, Thursday
12:00 noon
Board of Directors Meeting

September 25, Saturday
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
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Cultural Garden Park
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Thanks to your membership...

Hawaii's Plantation Village has been able to provide important cultural events to the community free of charge. This past year, despite drastic cuts from the State of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu, we have been able to continue our "Relive the Plantation Days" events such as our Keiki Festival, New Year's Celebration, and our upcoming O-Bon Celebration. It has only been through your continued membership that we have been able to offer these events and keep these vital traditions alive for our island families and young people.

Please check your address label to see if your membership has expired. If so, please renew by contacting **Rechie** at 677-0110 or email at hpv.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net. Remember, HPV members are entitled to:

- Receive newsletters
- Free Guided Village Tours
- Special Events and openings
- Advance notice on Gift Shop Specials
- 10% discounts at the Plantation Gift Shop



A young visitor enjoys the Shishimai (Okinawan Lion Dog) performance at a recent "Relive the Plantation Days" New Year's festival.

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