



Plantation Village News

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January 2025

New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 1, 2025

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Celebrating the Year of the Snake and the
125th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration

Cultural
Activities

Crafts and
Plants

Pet Blessing

Cultural
Entertainment



Omamori
Sales

Keiki Games
and Prizes

Food Booths

Genealogy
Information

Free parking at Waipahu Elementary School
with shuttle service to and from event

For more information, call 677-0110, visit our website at hawaiiplantation.org or
our FaceBook page at facebook.com/plantationvillage

2024-2025
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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Hawaii’s Plantation Village,

My journey to Hawaii’s Plantation Village has been in the making for over 50 years. As a college student, I was a community organizer in Oakland Chinatown and developed programs for youth empowerment and social services. Last summer, I was hired as the HPV Executive Director which has been a true honor. To preserve the past and to educate the future about the past is a truly unique and meaningful opportunity.

The core of a museum such as Hawaii’s Plantation Village is its members, volunteers and staff. In order to help sustain our efforts, I encourage you to consider joining HPV as a member and/or as a volunteer. As a member you will have access to a wide range of benefits, including networking, professional development, archival resources, curating museum exhibits, and most important the opportunity to constructively contribute to the community. HPV is made up of a community of individuals who are passionate about sharing their own history, and preserving Hawaii’s diverse cultures.

During the year 2024, the HPV staff and Board of Directors has been making an effort to have some form of programing each month. For example, this past October, local poet Wing Tek Lum read excerpts and signed books from his recently published, ***The Old Timers*** which centered on life in Honolulu Chinatown. In November, Cheryl Chee Tsutsumi discussed and signed her new book, ***The Hawaii Book of Rice Volume Two***.

I invite you to come visit us for a guided tour throughout the village, visit our indoor museum in the Hideo “Major” Okada Education Center, and even purchase items made by our volunteer crafters from our country store.

See you at our next events,

Greg Mark
Executive Director

Upcoming Events

New Year Celebration

Celebrating the Year of the Snake and the 125th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration
Saturday, February 1, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Reflections of Our Journey to Hong Kong & Zhongshan: Home of Hawaii’s early Chinese plantation workers

Saturday, March 15, 2025
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Japanese and Filipino Women’s Pregnancy and Childbirth Ways, Early 20th Century Hawaii

Saturday, April 19, 2025
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Harvest Moon Festival Highlights

The 2nd Annual Harvest Moon Festival was held on September 7, 2024. The event featured Stargazers of Hawaii who provided the public an opportunity to view the moon, Saturn and the Milky Way. The event also included cultural entertainment, displays on how cultures from around the world gave thanks for a bountiful harvest and keiki activities.



The Oldtimers book signing

On October 19, 2024, author Wing Tek Lum provided HPV members and the public a book presentation and signing for his new book, *The Oldtimers*, in which Lum gives a voice to the forgotten pioneer generation of sojourners and settlers living far from their homeland. The event was presented by Hawaii's Plantation Village in partnership with the Chinese Community Action Coalition. HPV would like to thank the CCAC for providing the refreshments for the day.

Books are still available for sale in the gift shop for \$20 non-members and \$18 for members.



The Hawaii Book of Rice Volume Two book signing

HPV members and the public were invited to a book talk and signing with author Cheryl Chee Tsutsumi for her new book *The Hawaii Book of Rice Volume Two* on November 2, 2024. Included in the program was a musubi making demonstration which was led by HPV board member, Carol Takahashi. Everyone in who attended the signing also participated in a drawing for rice related items.

Books are still available for sale in the gift shop for \$20 non-members and \$18 for members.



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.

News from:



Hawaii's
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Friends of Waipahu
Cultural Garden Park
94-695 Waipahu Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

Country Store Finds

HPV's Country Store Hours Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Pond Clean Up Project Continues

HPV would like to thank the following organizations for taking time to come and clean our ponds.

Island Pacific Academy (October 9, 2024)
Hawaii Tech Academy (November 27, 2024)
Just Serve (December, 24, 2024)

Maintenance of the ponds not only keeps our facility clean, it also provides native wildlife with a safe environment to live in. If you belong to a group that would like to help us keep our ponds clean, please call our office at 808-677-0110.



A big MAHALO to everyone who donated to Hawaii's Plantation Village during the month of September 2024 through the Give Aloha ... Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. This was HPV's third year participating in the program and together, we were able to raise over \$530. Your contributions go directly to help fund our educational programs and events to fulfill our mission.

If you missed the Give Aloha program and would like to still make a donation to Hawaii's Plantation Village, please call us at 808-677-0110 or stop by the main office Monday-Saturday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. THANK YOU!

Mahalo to Our Donors and Supporters!

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 April 1 – December 31, 2024.

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Jocelyn Mokulehua
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