

Plantation Village News



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Fall 2010

3rd Annual

Plantation Legacy Awards Dinner & Fundraiser

Honoring:

photo by Mary Ann Chang



Chef Alan Wong



Steven Pang,
Marjorie & Ah Sui
"Joe" Pang & Family



Barbara Kawakami



Mildred & Melvin
Makii

September 25, 2010, Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Honolulu Country Club

Since 2008, Hawaii's Plantation Village has been awarding our Plantation Legacy Awards to those individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to honor and perpetuate the legacy of Hawaii's Sugar Plantation communities and values. This year's honorees are a diverse group whose work continues to shape our understanding of plantation culture and history.

Please join us for our favorite event of the year. Good food, fun, and fellowship, our **famous silent auction**, and a special musical performance by **Mike Keale**.

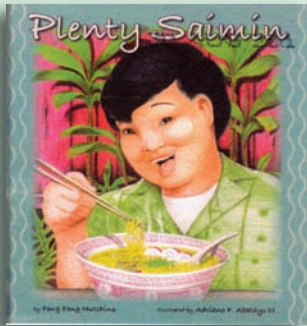
\$100 per seat / \$1,000 per table (Visa, Mastercard, cash, check accepted)

R.S.V.P. by September 18th (call 808-677-0110 for reservations and/or more information)

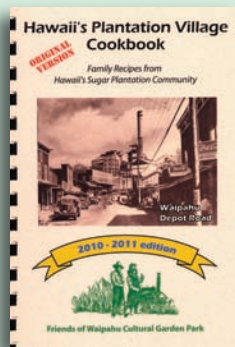
Every year is a sell-out, so book early to reserve your seat!



Plantation Books in the News



Plenty Saimin, a new offering by Island Paradise Publishing, is set to launch on September 25th, from 10:30 am - 1:00 in our own Plantation Store in the Village! A charming story of a boy with more friends than saimin and how he manages to feed everyone, is sure to bring a smile to any local's face. A portion of all sales during the launch will be donated back to HPV! Come meet the author and illustrator of this children's tale and receive the **discounted price of \$12.00!**



Just in time for early Christmas shoppers, our **Original Hawaii's Plantation Village Cookbook** is back in stock! Arranged by ethnic group, this is our most popular cookbook and every year we sell out around the holidays, so drop by and **get yours now for \$15.00 before we run out!**

Eh, you somebody, yeah?



Who is this celebrity being dressed properly in her yukata by Sensei Betty Dela Cuesta?

Look good. Still don't know who this young woman is? Then be on the look out for the membership letters that will soon be arriving in your mailbox. Membership is a vital source of funds for our organization, and every year, we at Hawaii's Plantation Village rely on your financial support to continue providing cultural programs and educational opportunities to schools and the general public.

This year, in addition to the usual renewal forms, we have included the answer to our mystery photo on the left. So find those letters, renew your membership, and learn the identity of yet another person learning about their own culture from Hawaii's Plantation Village!

An example of the kind of letters that we receive from the 13,000 students who come to visit Hawaii's Plantation Village annually. Your membership helps underwrite the costs associated with our educational programs and makes sure we can offer the Village as a resource for all of Hawaii's schools.



Mahalo to our Sustainers!

Donations are the lifeblood of any non-profit organization, and Hawaii's Plantation Village would like to thank the following individuals and organizations:

- Mr. & Mrs. Roy J. Okada
- Dr. Austin Dias
- Domingo Los Banos
- Yaeko Ono
- K's Bento-ya
- Yoshiko & James Yamauchi
- Steven Pang
- Donation in memory of Fumiko Higa
- Donation in memory of Soyo and Shigeru Serikaku
- Glen Harcq
- Sally Watanabe
- Tsune Watanabe
- Rachel Fukuda
- Jean Bona
- Kazue Weitzel
- Wai'anae Hongwanji

Also, thanks to **Dan Nelson** and **Rose Bernardo** for the donation of paper shredders!

HPV Kicks off the 2010 Obon Season



Young bon dancers await the start of the next song.

Bon dance fans, young and old, descended upon Waipahu to kick off the 2010 Obon season. For the past 20 years, Hawaii's Plantation Village has hosted a bon dance on the first Saturday of June, and this year was no exception. A Buddhist Sangha Obon Service started things off at 4:00pm under HPV's bodhi tree, a new tradition here at the village. Food booths opened up afterward, with Korean BBQ beef plates and charsiu chicken plates selling briskly, along with old favorites such as bentos, Chinese noodles, fried rice, spam musubi, and sushi of all types.

As they do every year, the **Waipahu Honwanji** started off the dancing at 6:15 pm, followed by live Okinawan music from **Hawaii Eisa Shinyuukai**, always a crowd pleaser. Traditional favorites from **Mililani Hongwanji** and the **Iwakuni Dance Group** brought the crowds to their feet, and **Hawaii Shin Kobukai** introduced a few new songs this year. In between, dancers refueled themselves with snacks and ono baked items from our Bake Sale, children bought light-up toys and candy from our keiki vendor, and adults purchased items from a Japanese-themed crafter. As is tradition, **Aiea Taiheiji Yagura Gumi** closed the night with their energetic live music and taiko drums.



photo by Gail Ifuku

In Memorium



Michael Tatsuso Yamamoto

Hawaii's Plantation Village was saddened to learn of the passing of author and inventor Mike Yamamoto. Mike, along with his wife Karen (pictured) and co-author Nina Yuriko (Ota) Sylva, authored the history, *Waipahu...Recollections from a Sugar Plantation Community in Hawaii*. Mike was a generous supporter to the Plantation Village, donating a portion of his book sales to us.

Mike was a modern day "Renaissance Man" with a wide range of interests from secondary education, basic science, machine tools, oil painting, writing, history, and business. One of his true passions was science education and the education of children. Waipahu and Hawaii's Plantation Village owes much to Mike for his preservation efforts and his desire to see history and knowledge passed down to future generations.

2010 Events Calendar

September 21st, Tuesday
12:00 noon
Executive Committee Meeting

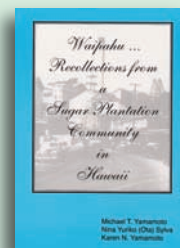
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Village Plantation Store

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September 30th, Thursday
12:00 noon
Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2010
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Annual Keiki Festival
FREE Family Event!

DISCOUNT COUPON



In celebration of Michael Yamamoto's life & work, we are offering this coupon to receive a 15% discount off the price of *Waipahu... Recollections from a Sugar Plantation Community in Hawaii*.

~~\$25.00~~
now **\$21.25**

not valid with other discounts
expires 12/31/2010

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**Hawaii's
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Friends of Waipahu
Cultural Garden Park
94-695 Waipahu Street
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Love “talking story” about “before time?”

Do your family and friends call you **Aunty (or Uncle) Wala’au?** Then do we have an opportunity for you!

Hawaii’s Plantation Village is always in need of docents who love to talk to people! Come volunteer one tour per week (approximately 2.5 hours) and tell the story of Hawaii’s Plantation past to school children, locals, or visitors from all over the world.

We provide all of the training materials, you just need to bring your aloha, your “small kid time” stories, and a comfortable pair of shoes. We often get letters from people who say the best part of their stay in Hawaii was the time they were able to spend with an HPV docent.

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like further information, please call **Jeff** at 677-0110 or email at hpv.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net



Volunteer docents socialize while awaiting the arrival of school children and visitors.(from left to right) Docent Melvin Makii, Author & Docent Charlie Ishikawa, Canine Companion Tomo, and Docent Ken Yanamura

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