Get ready for our 24th Annual Bon Dance!

Dedicated to the memory of Calvin Kazuo “Cal” Kawamoto

Saturday, June 14, 2014
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Buddhist Sangwa Ceremony begins at 4:00 pm
Food Booths open at 5:00 pm • Dancing begins at 6:00 pm

Performances by:
Mililani Hongwanji • Aiea Taiheiji Yagura Gumi • Waipahu Hongwanji • Hawaii Eisa Shinyuukai

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE TO THE 2nd SATURDAY in JUNE!
Hawaii’s Plantation Village will be holding its Bon Dance in the Village again this year!
We will be hosting the Bon Dance in the meadow near the outdoor stage of the Plantation Village.
Food booths will be located nearby with all of the favorites that you have come to expect:

K’s Bento • Korean BBQ Beef Plate • Kalua Pork & Cabbage • Hamburger Curry Rice • Gandule Rice & Chorizo
Spam Musubi • Shave Ice • Cold Drinks • Lots of ono snacks, mochi, & baked goods

Light-up toys and craft and plant sale!
Seating may be limited this year, so bring your own chairs & mats!
In Memoriam: Calvin “Cal” Kawamoto

Few individuals were more instrumental to the creation of Hawaii’s Plantation Village than Cal Kawamoto. As the first Executive Director, Cal worked closely with the various Board Members to raise the three million dollars needed to construct the Village and also the Okada Building. He was a tenacious and effective fund-raiser, and not only helped raise the capital to build the structures, but provided leadership on how to keep the organization operating through the years.

He never lost his connection to Hawaii’s Plantation Village and could often be seen at all our important functions and celebrations. It is for his pivotal role in HPV’s early development that we honor Cal Kawamoto at this year’s O-bon Celebration. There will be a small display at the Plantation Manager’s Office in the Village which is also dedicated to Cal.

Inari Shrine Preservation Committee
Wins Prestigious Conservation Award

On Friday, May 30th, the Historic Hawaii Foundation will present the Inari Shrine Preservation Committee a Preservation Award for its efforts to replace the roof and restore the Wakamiya Inari Shrine. In less than a year, the committee was able to raise enough funds through HPV members, interested community individuals, and a generous grant from the Freeman Foundation to not only re-roof the jinja, but also replace the missing roof elements that were removed when the structure was originally moved from its prior home in Moiliili. Through the guidance of architect Lorraine Minatoishi, AIA, everything was completed in an authentic and historically accurate manner necessary for the Shrine to remain on the Federal and State Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations to the hard-working members of the Inari Shrine Preservation Committee for your hard work and dedication. Many more generations will be able to enjoy the history and culture of the Wakamiya Inari Shrine!
WHY?
Why did you change the date of the Bon Dance?

Hawaii’s Plantation Village’s O-bon Celebration has always been held the first Saturday in June until this year. Why would we mess with tradition, disrupt the calendar of our loyal dancers, and disturb the order of the season that we have launched for 24 years?

O-bon has been a labor of love for the volunteers of the Plantation Village. Nearly all the volunteers are mobilized during this time, and as you can imagine, is a logistical and organizational challenge. Not only do we host, feed, and ensure the well-being of over 600 people during this event but we also endeavor to provide an authentic and varied plantation experience that is unlike any other O-bon event in Hawaii.

As with any event of this size, manpower and leadership are key. Unfortunately, the first weekend in June this year conflicted with the obligations of a number of key volunteers and staff. The O-bon Committee decided to move the date of the O-bon to the second Saturday in June in order to continue providing a high-quality event.

We apologize to the dancers and participants that are saddened and inconvenienced by this change. We value your loyalty and understand your disappointment. We ask your indulgence this year as we hold the event later than usual with the promise that next year we will be back on schedule!

New for Obon - Plantation Towels

New for 2014’s O-Bon Celebration is a brand new Plantation towel! 100% cotton and made in Japan, these towels are sure to be the hit of the season. Great for your collection as this is the only towel that sports a palaka design. Only on sale during our Bon Dance, be sure to come by and grab yours before we run out!

$10 donation
One Day only at our O-bon Celebration!

In Memoriam: Faith Patricia Evans

Hawaii’s Plantation Village was the beneficiary of Faith P. Evans’ experience and leadership for many years. As a Puerto Rican-Portuguese girl of the islands, she cared deeply about the ethnic cultures of our islands and the well-being of Hawaii’s Plantation Village. At the time of her death, she was still active on the Board of Directors as President and our defacto liaison with the politicians and City and County Administration.

Besides her public service to Hawaii’s Plantation Village, she was active as founder of the Puerto Rican Heritage Society, and a leader in the Portuguese cultural community. She led an ambitious and trailblazing life full of achievement. In her younger years, she was a Registered Nurse who heard the call for public service and served as a Representative in the Hawaii State House. She later qualified and was appointed by Ronald Reagan as a United States Marshal. Faith holds the distinction for being the FIRST female U.S. Marshal in history.

A sense of fairness, justice, and compassion characterized her leadership style, and her voice and vision will be missed by many in the community. We were blessed to be graced by her presence, her contributions, and her fearless example.
Get Ready for Obon!
Saturday, June 14th

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