Looking In Our Grandparents’ Closet

New museum exhibit opens on November 30, 2023

You are invited to attend the grand opening of our new museum exhibit, “Looking In Our Grandparents’ Closet”, on Thursday, November 30, 2023 in the Okada Building. A formal blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony will be followed by the official viewing of the displays. This event is free and open to the public; please RSVP by calling our office at 808-677-0110.

The exhibit was created and installed by Yoshiko Yamauchi and Donna Wong with the help of many of our volunteers. It includes artifacts and clothing donated and stored in our museum archives over the past 30 years. Featured are ethnic wear and clothing worn in daily life during the 1900s by Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese, Puerto Rican, Japanese, Okinawan, Korean and Filipino sugar plantation workers and their descendants.

The theme for the exhibit started with a generous donation of a spinning wheel from Mrs. Beverly Keever. On a spinning wheel, a variety of nature’s fibers were spun from cotton, pineapple, grass and silk and woven into cloth. The display showcases clothing made from these fibers. Interesting personal stories and life experiences were shared with garments donated and on loan to HPV.

Imagine yourself on the sailing ship with only a trunk of your belongings and arriving to a strange place where you know no one or have no family. See what grandma used for laundry day - aluminum tubs, water jugs, scrub boards, soap to padded wooden ironing board and heavy gas iron. Step back in time and take a peek into our grandparents’ closet.
A Warm Welcome from Our New Executive Director:

Dear Friends of Hawaii’s Plantation Village,

I am thrilled to announce that I have recently joined the Hawaii’s Plantation Village as the new Executive Director. My journey with this incredible organization began a few months ago. From the moment I stepped into the Hawaii’s Plantation Village, I felt the warmth, compassion, and dedication that define our community.

As someone deeply committed to making a difference in our community, I am excited to work beside our dedicated staff and volunteers. Together, we will continue to uphold the mission and vision set forth by those before us which is to continue to honor our legacy and preserve the history of plantation days.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all my predecessors that will continue to inspire us as we navigate the path ahead. I invite you to come visit us for a tour throughout the village, also visit our in-door museum and our Plantation store.

The Hawaii’s Plantation Village relies on volunteers to fulfill our mission. Come meet our staff and volunteers, learn more about our services, and explore volunteer opportunities.

Individuals and groups volunteer for one-day and short-term projects such as gardening, yard clean-ups, pond/taro patch clean ups, housekeeping in the village houses and much more. Come be a part of the revitalization of our ethnic village. Your continued support means the world to us!

Hope to see you soon, and thank you for being a part of our community.

Aloha,
Angie Lapa Bugarin

SAVE THIS DATE

HAWAII’S PLANTATION VILLAGE

New Years Festival
Saturday, Feb 3, 2024
9 am to 2 pm

Food Entertainment Games for Kids
Free Admission Free Parking

Executive Director: Angela Lapa Bugarin

2023 Board of Directors
President Robert Castro 1st Vice President Dan Nelson 2nd Vice-President Stephen Yuen
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Annual Membership Meeting

Entry Room at the Okada Building
Saturday, January 13, 2024
2:30 p.m.

Come join your fellow Hawaii’s Plantation Village members in an afternoon of food and fun, and learn about past and upcoming events during our annual membership meeting.

All members attending the meeting will receive a complimentary bento meal provided by the Portuguese Genealogical & Historical Society of Hawaii and all members can play BINGO to win prizes.

Please call the office at (808) 677-0110 to confirm membership status and/or to sign up to become a member and RSVP to attend this event.

Recipe:

Watercress Salad

Remove stems from 2 large bunches of watercress, tear to bite-size. Soften ¼ cup dried cranberries by adding to ¼ cup orange juice and microwave for 1 minute, let cool. Toss watercress in a balsamic vinaigrette dressing to coat. Garnish with the softened cranberries and 1 cup toasted slivered almonds. Makes 4 servings.

Watercress grows year round in the artesian spring waters in our taro lo’i. It is said to have cancer-fighting properties and provides more iron than spinach, more calcium than whole milk and more vitamin C than oranges and has amazing health benefits.

It is high in calcium, carotenes, folic acid, zinc, iron and vitamins A, B, C and E. It helps in reducing eczema and wrinkles, maintaining strong bones and protecting against stroke, heart disease and cataracts.
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 ($46)**
- 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

**Waí 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.
Our Gift Shop has unique one of a kind items made by our dedicated Village Crafters who meet each Wednesday in the Gentry Room. We continue to offer great bargains on vintage items and kimono in our Country Store. 100% of sales go to help sustain Hawaii’s Plantation Village. Shop early for gift giving or to find accessories for your holiday party.

- Ornaments
- Kokeshi Dolls
- Quilts
- Chinese dinnerware
- Wall art and vintage ware
- Tillandsia air plants
- Fabric covered composition books
- Bucket hats
- Tea sets, mug rugs/coasters & luggage tags
- Books
- Necklaces and charms
- Crislyn Tokunaga in her kimono, obi and kansashi hair ornament purchased last month in our Country Store.
- Trivets, mug rugs & potholders
- E-z jar openers
- Dishtowels, scrubbies, coasters and washboard key holder.
Mahalo to all who attended the Harvest Moon Festival and had a glimpse of the moon and Saturn, ate dinner under the stars, played games and were entertained by storytelling, hula, and other cultural activities.

Thank you to the staff and countless volunteers for making the Festival a success.

We look forward to seeing you again at our future events.

See you next year!