



Plantation Village News

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On March 19, 2020, due to the COVID 19 pandemic stay at home policy ordered by Mayor Caldwell, Hawaii's Plantation Village was forced to close its doors to the public until further notice.

Although our gates have been closed to public entry, our essential workers have been on the job ensuring that daily business operations, yard and building maintenance have continued to be up kept. Our main concern during the initial shut down was for the health and safety of our employees, assuring that we obtained proper cleaning and sanitizing equipment and supplies for those workers and those who need to come in contact with them.

Our Board of Directors has been meeting regularly via ZOOM online to prepare and plan for the eventual reopening of the village, which will not happen until we can make it safe for visitors as well as our staff, docents, volunteers and community organizations that use our facilities.

We are working on protocol, policies and guidelines so that the general public and Hawaii's schools can resume their visits to Hawaii's Plantation Village.

Because we have suffered a loss of income due to cancellation of our annual Obon Festival and other fundraising events, in addition to daily tours and gift shop sales, the Board is also assessing innovative ideas and directions we need to follow to sustain the museum. We are working on revising future school tours as well as regular daily tours. Also, we are looking at ways to continue future events to incorporate social distancing.

We will be reopening as soon as possible, and we look forward to your continued support. We will post our reopening date on our website at hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

Message from Executive Director Evelyn Ahlo

Aloha,

I hope that you and your family are safe and healthy during this challenging time. The Village had to close its doors in March with a few staff trying to keep up the maintenance of the grounds.

Right now we are in the process of prepping the Village to make sure our staff and guests will be safe in addition to enjoying themselves.

It saddens us that our 2 fund raisers were canceled – Obon and Legacy Luncheon. We are looking into other options of doing future fund raisers. You can check our website for any updates.

Keep yourselves healthy until we can soon see each other.

Mahalo,
Evelyn Ahlo
Executive Director

"Tough times never last, but tough people do"

Robert H. Schiuller

For your health as well as ours, please wear a face mask when coming to the village. Thank you.

Request for Donations

The Mission of Hawaii's Plantation Village:

To ensure that the experiences, lifestyles, struggles, sacrifices, innovations and contributions of our plantation fore-bearers are known, acknowledged, and visible as the cornerstones of Hawaii's successful multicultural society.

Due to the COVID 19 shut down and stay at home order by our State and City governments, businesses and non profits have been hit hard financially. At Hawaii's Plantation Village, our museum depends on Hawaii's schools, tourists and the general public to come to our facility in order to generate income. We depend solely on grants, fund raisers, donations and revenue income to sustain our programs, buildings, grounds and indoor and outdoor museum. We have a small staff of paid workers and are grateful for our volunteers who help to keep the cost of operations down to a bare minimum. It will take a long time to recover our losses. As our Board of Directors meet to plan future activities and fundraising events, we ask you to help us out financially to ensure that we can keep our programs going. We know you strongly believe in our mission of telling the story of our sugar plantation history and want to continue to keep the legacy alive for future generations to enjoy.

You can send a tax-deductible donation payable to Hawaii's Plantation Village, 98-695 Waipahu Street, Waipahu HI 96797. There is no minimum or limit to your gift. A tax receipt will be provided to all donors. Mahalo for your continued support of Hawaii's Plantation Village.



Gift Shop goes online

The Village Crafters are a dedicated group of senior volunteers who had been meeting on Wednesdays to create beautiful and useful one of a kind items for sale in our museum gift shop. Sales revenue from our Village Crafters have been valuable to our operations. However, with the closure of the museum, and our slow return to normalcy, we found that we needed to look for innovative and new ways to sell our items to the public at zero to no additional cost. The answer was to take our merchandise online and for it to be operated as a volunteer effort.

Look for our items by searching Hawaii's Plantation Village Crafters on **ebay.com**, a popular retail website. The online shop will operate independently of our local Waipahu museum location. All items posted online will include shipping and handling fees (U.S. sales only for now). Selling on **ebay.com** will enable us to reach a broader market and hopefully increase sales for our gift shop. Hawaii's Plantation Village will continue to sell at regular retail prices to walk-in customers and we encourage locals to come to the museum to make their purchases.

So please tell your friends and relatives who are not able to visit our museum to look for our craft items on **ebay.com**. All profits from **ebay.com** sales go to Hawaii's Plantation Village.

Volunteers needed

Is the three months stay at home order driving you to get some fresh air and do some community service at the same time? We urgently need volunteers to help spruce up the buildings and gardens in our outdoor museum area. The village area is large enough that social distancing is no problem. Although we are not currently opened to the public, our essential workers are here, so you can set your own hours during that time.

Of course we would love for you to continue on after we reopen. There is always plenty to do, and your time and service is deeply appreciated.

We are also looking for individuals or groups who would like to "adopt-a-house" and can volunteer their services on a regular scheduled basis.

If you or your group is interested, please contact our office at (808) 677-0110, or email us at hpv.waipahu@hawaiiintel.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

2020 Board of Directors

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On a gorgeous day on May 23, 2020, Hawaii Technology Academy (HTA) celebrated the Class of 2020 graduation with a drive-thru ceremony in our parking lot. The event started at the HTA campus and wove it's way down Waipahu Street into our parking lot. Decorated cars and trucks carrying the graduate observed social distancing protocol as the elated seniors received their diplomas from HTA staff and continued on out of the parking lot. We congratulate the graduates and HTA for their continued collaborative efforts with Hawaii's Plantation Village.

What's blooming in the village



Okinawan Sweet Potato

We have 3 varieties of sweet potato growing and flourishing year round in the gardens of the Okinawan, Korean and Filipino houses at Hawaii's Plantation Village. Sweet potatoes were first introduced to the Philippines during the Spanish colonial period (1521-1598). They were introduced to the Ryukyu Kingdom (Okinawa) in the early 1600s by the Portuguese, and introduced to Korea in 1764.

Their leaves are edible and can be prepared like spinach or turnip greens. Of course the favorite part is the tuber, usually steamed, baked, boiled, fried...and even distilled to make a type of soju. What a versatile vegetable.

Sweet Potato Tempura

2 ½ cups flour	½ cup sugar
1 tsp salt	1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp ajinomoto (opt.)	2 eggs
1 ⅓ cups milk	Canola or vegetable oil for frying

Measure and mix together all dry ingredients, add eggs and milk and mix. Spoon some batter into smaller container and dip vegetables such as kabocha, sweet potato, mix veggies of julienne carrots, string beans, onions and fry until browned. This tempura is nice even served cold, it is delicious.

Can use for shrimp or fish.

Recipe from Hawaii's Plantation Village 25th Anniversary Cookbook

2020 SCHOOL TOURS

School tours are the core of our mission at Hawaii's Plantation Village to educate the public about the Sugar Plantation Days and the immigration of the people who make up our multi-ethnic culture in Hawaii. Our school tours were abruptly curtailed with the advent of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Through a grant from Waipahu Community Foundation, our school coordinator Michi Lacar and committee members are working with HTA, school administrators and teachers on innovative ways of doing virtual tours for the upcoming school year.

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 (\$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

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