



Plantation Village News

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Preserving Our Plantation Past

Hawaii's Plantation Village **30th Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, September 10, 2022

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**GAMES & PRIZES
FOR CHILDREN**

**PLANTATION
CRAFT STORE**

FOOD VENDORS

**FREE CARTOON
ARTWORK**



**ETHNIC
MUSIC & DANCE**

GENEALOGY

**SPECIAL EXHIBITS
& DISPLAYS**

**FREE TOUR OF
PLANTATION
HOUSES**

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

Hawaii's Plantation Village has been serving the community since 1992, preserving and sharing the cultural legacy of the Hawaii sugar plantation workers. Come celebrate our 30th anniversary by visiting our outdoor plantation houses and buildings to learn about the ethnic groups that lived on our plantations over a hundred years ago. You can get a free doodle by Hawaii Fishing News cartoonist Allen Tsukamoto. Volunteers will help you with your genealogy search. Festive music and dance by Hawaiian, Puerto Rican, Portuguese, Japanese, Okinawan, Korean, and Filipino groups plus Chinese lion dance. Emcee will be Hikariyama Torao. Hot malassadas and other food and cold beverages will be available.



2022

As Hawaii's Plantation Village looks forward to celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year we want to reflect on the past years as to how it all started, beginning even before the museum was dedicated in 1992. This is the last of a series of articles that highlights the eight ethnic groups represented here plus others who contributed to the sugar plantation contract experience.

Other contract laborers who immigrated to Hawaii

The last few newsletters covered the host culture (Hawaiians) and seven ethnic groups who immigrated to Hawaii to work on the sugar plantations and represented at Hawaii's Plantation Village. This article talks about some of the other groups who also worked on the plantations.

In the 1870's about 1,200 South Sea Islanders were contracted as plantation laborers. Most were made up of families. To ensure fair treatment, King Kalakaua appointed Reverend Hiram Bingham to make inspections of the South Sea islanders working on plantations and investigate their complaints and make sure contracts were enforced.

In 1897 and 1898 several immigrants arrived from Germany and Poland. Some of the Germans were recruited by plantation managers of German descent, especially on the island of Kauai. Most like other Europeans came as families.

In 1880 about 630 Norwegians were recruited by Captain Christian L'Orange, who acted as Agent for Castle and Cooke. His son Hans L'Orange would later become the Manager of Oahu Sugar Co. in Waipahu from 1937 to 1957. Before he became the Manager, Hans built "Waipahu Park." After the park was transferred to the City & County of Honolulu the park was named in honor of the person who built it, Hans L'Orange.

In 1900 about 200 Black Americans were recruited from Tennessee. In one of the U.S. Census' prior to 1920 there was a Alabama Camp on the Island of Maui. There were other efforts to recruit these people, however, many Southerners were opposed to this recruitment because they would lose experienced farmers.

9,000+ Spaniards started arriving in 1907; some riding the same ships as the Portuguese. By 1920 many moved on to the Mainland for the opportunity to own land.

In 1909 the first of 1,300 Russians started their immigration to Hawaii from Harbin, China. They had been promised by recruiters high wages, better housing, and a share of land. Disappointed, hundreds of Russians saved enough money to flee Hawaii for California by the end of 1910. Many returned to Russia. The remaining few eventually assimilated, but there is hardly a trace of them today.

This is not all inclusive as many other individuals came to Hawaii and worked on the sugar plantations. The ethnic groups that stayed in Hawaii played a large role in shaping the culture of Hawaii today as they adapted, adopted and contributed to life here.

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Give Hawaii Program

During the month of September, make a donation to Hawaii's Plantation Village at any Foodland or Sack N Save checkout, and Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will make a donation to our organization too!

Hawaii's Plantation Village
Our code is: 79102

How to donate:

- 1) Shop at Foodland or Sack N Save.
- 2) Show your Maika'i card to the cashier or enter your phone number at checkout.
- 3) Tell the cashier our code and the amount of your donation (up to \$249).
- 4) Review your receipt to confirm the following appears:
 - » Our organization name
 - » Your donation amount
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Thank you for supporting Hawaii's Plantation Village!



VFW Scholarship Programs

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is offering students a chance to compete for scholarships and incentives.

• **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY** theme: "Why Is The Veteran Important?" is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline. Submit an original 3-5 minute audio essay along with a typed essay with your entry form. Grand prize is \$30,000 award.

• **PATRIOT'S PEN** theme: "My Pledge to Our Veterans" is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline. This is a youth essay competition that gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on a patriotic theme. Grand prize is \$5,000 award.

For more information and entry form, please contact Frederic Chang at 1214 Puu Poni Street, Pearl City, HI 96782. Email: fchang217@gmail.com. C (808) 366-0537



What's blooming in the garden:

Awapuhi kuahiwi is native to India and related to ginger.

This plant is common in damp, open forests forming a continuous ground cover. As the flower stalks mature, the flower color changes from green to orange-red and they fill with gel. In late summer, early Hawaiians used the sudsy, slimy juice of the flower head for shampooing or quenching their thirst. To extract the liquid, squeeze the flower head until the liquid comes out. The awapuhi flower was also used to scent tapa in storage.

Stems were infused and applied for stomach ache. Salt added to the infusion was rubbed on the portion of the head that was painful. The root was used for headaches, tooth aches and stomach aches.

Ashes of the awapuhi root were used to treat cuts and sores.

On your next tour of our village, please check out this very interesting and versatile plant in our medicinal garden.



Recipe: Dragon fruit cheesecake topping

It's dragon fruit season and the fruit is abundant until about October. The red pulp variety makes a pretty topping on your favorite cheesecake recipe.

Peel dragon fruit and puree in a blender. Put through a sieve. Add ½ Tablespoon Knox gelatin powder to 1 ½ Tablespoon water to dissolve. Let sit 10 minutes, then put into a double boiler with 1 cup of dragon fruit puree.

Stir over medium heat until the mixture dissolves and puree thickens. Pour over cooled, baked 8" cheesecake.

Refrigerate for 6 hours or more.



THE BARDEN PARTY

The Barden Party, a professional Shakespearean theater group from New Zealand, held two performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on July 6 and 7 on the new stage in the village. Pictured are the performers and our volunteers and staff.

Highlights of Obon 2022 Celebration



Bon dance workshop held on May 28, 2022.



Packaging snack donations.



Cherry Blossom Festival Court



Blessing for "Plantation Beginnings... a journey in time" museum exhibit.

Mahalo to our 32nd Obon Celebration Sponsors and Donors

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Thank you to the following organizations and countless volunteers who participated in the Obon festivities held on June 4, 2022. As the first Obon celebration of the season, the event was enjoyed by all.

70th Cherry Blossom Festival Court

FCC Pacific

Hawaii Tech Academy

Honolulu Japanese Jr. Chamber of Commerce

Oahu Civil Defense

Sakura Alumni Association

Volunteers, Staff, Family and Friends of Hawaii's Plantation Village

A gift of Aloha: A visitor's story of RUDY the gecko

In April, my family and I flew from Washington D.C. to visit my grandfather. My husband and I decided to take a family trip to the Hawaii Plantation Village.

I was amazed at how well history is preserved throughout the village while our four children looked upon each building and museum in amazement.

After we visited the museum, our son Joseph's eyes were glistening at a hand-made gecko. Before purchasing the gecko, he had already given it the name "Rudy." The following day, we visited my grandfather. While my kids were bombarding him with questions regarding his and their great-grandmother's upbringing in Hawaii, Joseph told his great-grandfather about his new friend, Rudy. Rudy accompanied us everywhere for the remainder of our time in Hawaii. He even went star gazing with us on the Big Island and back. Sadly, the day before we left, Joseph could not find Rudy. Unfortunately, Rudy was lost. Joseph cried because we had to leave the island without Rudy.

A few months later, I received news that my grandfather passed. My husband and I returned to Hawaii and vowed to take another tour of the Hawaii Plantation Village and buy a new Rudy. Unfortunately, the geckos were sold out. After sharing our son's Rudy story with Ms. Mil, I was overjoyed that she went out of her way to acquire four geckos. We surprised Joseph with four hand-made geckos. Now we have Rudy #2, #3, #4, and #5 that he takes everywhere. This would not have been possible without the exceptional customer service and family-like feel from Ms. Mil. Mahalo and Aloha!

Very Respectfully, Chelsea Haynes



Editor's note: Mil Holliday is HPV's office manager. She often gets calls from past visitors asking if certain gift shop items are still available for sale. After receiving the inquiry from Mrs. Haynes, she contacted crafter Lynn Gok who had crocheted the geckos. Within two days, Lynn made 4 geckos and brought them to our weekly Wednesday Village Crafters meeting.

Hawaii's Plantation Village Gift Shop

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Regular store hours: Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

and
Country Store

New items in the Country Store



If you missed a chance in purchasing a genuine antique Ukiyoe print earlier this year, we just received a new batch of woodblock prints, generously donated to us, and priced from \$250-\$300. Ukiyoe was a very popular art form during the Edo Period, when art could be produced for mass consumption. Ukiyoe translates to “pictures of the floating world”. These designs were minimalistic with simple line work and finished with bold colors. The artist painted the original art, then other craftsmen would carve the woodblocks and print the different colors. Ukiyoe was a big influencer for contemporary art with it’s poster like quality. Don’t miss your chance to own one.



Vintage footstool \$125.
Japanese display cabinet \$75.



...and in the Gift shop

Our mammee apple tree is producing a lot of fruit, so come in and purchase a limited supply of dehydrated mammee apple. \$2.

Who can resist a loveable golf club cover?

Available: lion, tiger, pig, gopher, rabbit and white tiger. \$15.

Various styles of necklaces and bracelets with Chinese coin detail. (Pictured) \$25.

Assorted colors hedgehogs \$8.

Assorted colors owl clothespin bag \$15.



Assorted colors slipper luggage ties \$3.





Exclusive HPV T-shirt: “Preserving Our Past”

Thank you very much to Grant Kagimoto of Cane Haul Road for designing and printing our newest t-shirt, “Preserving Our Past”.

Cane Haul Road is the epitome of local style humor, capturing the essence of our island heritage. We are excited to be collaborating with Grant to create a tee shirt that will be fun to wear.

Buy a tee shirt at our 30th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 10th, or check our web-site to see when they become available in our gift shop.

30th Anniversary Cookbook

“Preserving 30 Years: 1992-2022”



Our new recipe book will be available for pre-sale at the September 10th Event. A cookbook chock full of recipes of local favorites for pickling vegetables and fruits.

Collected from volunteers, docents, staff, and friends and family of our Ohana. Who can resist takuwan, pickled onions, kim chee and other lip smacking preserves?

Immigrants practiced sustainability and frugality by preserving excess produce. Each culture had their specialties. These preserves are an excellent accompaniment to our island cuisine.

Call for Volunteers

If you are the type of individual who enjoys sharing your multiethnic background with the many visitors that flock to the village ... then you are the one we need! Help preserve Hawaii's heritage – volunteer docents and operations personnel are needed on an ongoing basis. No experience is necessary, all are welcome, and HPV will provide you with the training you need. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to us via email to waipahu.hpv@gmail.com or mail to:

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I'm Interested in Volunteering!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Days available: M T W Th F Sa

Times available: _____

I'm interested in:

- _____ Docent/Tour guide
- _____ Educational/Outreach presenter
- _____ Administrative assistant
- _____ Landscape/Maintenance

You can also join our volunteer crafters who meet every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to make items for our gift shop. Call (808) 677-0110 for information.

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

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.

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