

Plantation Village News

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Spring 2010

Join us for Puerto Rican Day on the Plantation!

FREE



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Traditional Puerto Rican dance and music performances will be part of the entertainment.

Puerto Ricans were recruited as families and emigrated to Hawaii expecting to establish a new community when their own sugar industry was devastated by two hurricanes and the demand for sugar from Hawaii was on the rise. Starting in 1878 until about 1913, approximately 5,200 Puerto Ricans came to Hawaii to work on the 30+ sugar plantations throughout the Islands.

In celebration of the contributions that the Puerto Ricans have made to local culture, Hawaii's Plantation Village is hosting "Puerto Rican Day on the Plantation" a **FREE Family-Friendly event!**

April 10, 2010, Saturday • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at Hawaii's Plantation Village

Authentic Puerto Rican Food for sale: Pastele and Gandule Rice Plates

Tour of *La Casita* and other ethnic plantation houses

Puerto Rican Country Store will sell books, handicrafts, and plants

Free Genealogy Workshop in the Social Hall

Games for Keiki

Puerto Rican Music and Dance

2010 Board of Directors

Elections were held at our General Membership Meeting on January 24, 2010. Many thanks to the following individuals for serving this year.

Executive Committee

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Jeffrey Ventura

Yoshiko Yamauchi

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New Hawaiian Hale Exhibit Needs Loulu



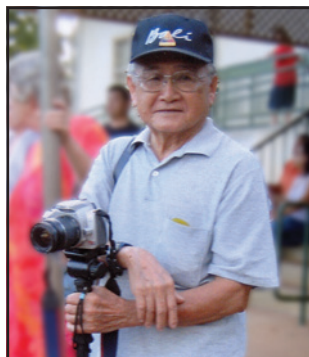
Longtime volunteer, Uncle Moke (*Moses Pakaki*), has been leading an intrepid crew of volunteers in rebuilding the *Hale Moe* (sleeping house), on the site of its former location. With funds appropriated from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and donations from **Alan Wong**, *ohi'a* from the Big Island was brought in to form the main supports, strawberry guava from nearby Waiawa Correctional Facility were used as purlins, and loulu palm leaves from Farrington Highway were used as coverings for the exterior. While work continues toward completion, Uncle Moke reports that he is in need of more loulu leaves.

The Loulu palm is a native plant to the islands, and is characterized by its large, single piece, fan palm leaves. In the past we have accepted donations of leaves from golf courses, shopping centers, and other landscaped areas. If you are in contact with a good source for these leaves, please feel free to call or email us here at the Village. We can even arrange pickup of cut leaves if needed.



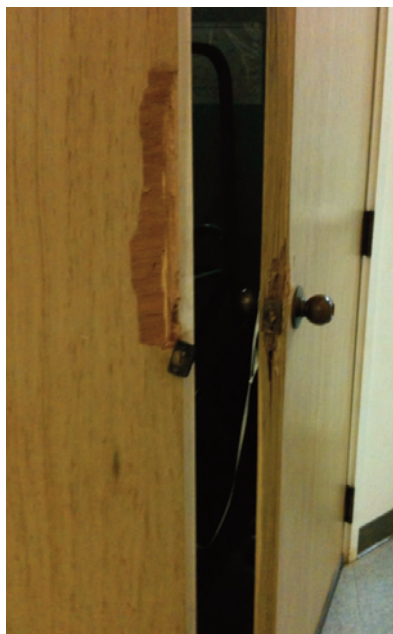
In Memorium

Pedro "Pete" Arenasa Bahasa



Hawaii's Plantation Village was saddened to learn of the passing of Waipahu historian, longtime docent, and HPV's *de facto* photographer Pete Bahasa. Pete was a hard-working volunteer for the Village and often documented our many cultural events with his camera. He contributed immeasurably with his energy, his time, and prodigious knowledge of old Waipahu. He will be sorely missed.

Burglars hit Okada Educational Center



*Interior door damage to the
Artifacts & Archive Room.*

Monday evening, January 25, 2010, burglars ransacked the Major Okada Educational Center causing substantial property damage as well as theft of artifacts, electronic equipment, and tools.

“The break-in occurred at about 7:00 pm,” said Hawaii’s Plantation Village’s Executive Director, Jeffrey Higa, “and was a professional job, as the phone lines were cut and the alarm system smashed before they entered the building.” Losses and damage are estimated between \$12,000-\$15,000, and repairs will include replacing and fortifying doors and upgrading the security system. “The cost for repairs will set us back quite a bit,” continued Higa, “but luckily, most of the artifacts were untouched. Almost all of the plantation period artifacts are donations from families and as such, are irreplaceable.”

Thanks to support from the community and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation, Hawaii’s Plantation Village was open to the

public the following day and has resumed its normal schedule. “Thanks to the muscle and good spirits of our loyal and caring volunteers,” says Higa, “we were able to recover with only a modicum of disruption.”

Don Quijote Donates New Digital Camera

Herb Gushikuma, General Manager of the Don Quijote stores in Hawaii, contacted Hawaii’s Plantation Village shortly after the break-in and offered to replace the digital camera that had been stolen. The camera was an indispensable piece of equipment used by our curators to document our collections. Its loss hampered our operations, forcing us to rely on a volunteer’s camera. Thanks to **Jan Lee**, manager of the Don Quijote in Waipahu, we are now in possession of a brand new 12 megapixel Olympus FE-26, and our curatorial staff couldn’t be happier. Next time you are in Don Quijote, please thank them for their support and generosity toward Hawaii’s Plantation Village!

A Big Mahalo to the Following Donors:

After reports of the break-in were reported in the local media, individuals in the community made generous donations to help us recover. Many thanks to:

Vincent R. Shigekuni, Pedro Dugay, Charlotte H. Kaneshiro, Randolph Palisoc, Take Hanyu, Katherine Yokoyama, Carol Mae Takahashi, Carol S. Abe, Grace A. Gusman, Yoshiyuki Brian Muraoka, Charlene Cuaresma, Richard M. Watanabe, Faith P. Evans, Loretta Pang, Deanna Espinas, Goro Arakawa, Thomas & Sally Fitzgerald, Edgar A. Hamasu, Clifford K. Nishimura, Tsune Watanabe, Helen T. Nakano, Winnie Nakamura, Jeff & Mary Bitterman, Michael & Renee Ako, and Muriel Uyema.

Special thanks to **Glenn K. Okada**, longtime friend of HPV, for an especially generous donation.

2010 Events Calendar

April 1, Saturday

6:00 pm

Pabasa Lecture (FREE)
by Ric Trimillos

April 2, Saturday

8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Pabasa (FREE)

April 10, 2010

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Puerto Rican Day
on the Plantation (FREE)

June 5, Saturday

Obon Celebration (FREE)

4:00 pm

Oahu Buddhist Sangha
Obon Service

5:00 pm

Food sales begin

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Dancing begins

September 25, Saturday

3rd Annual

Plantation Legacy Awards
Save the date! Details to follow!

Executive Committee
& Board Meetings

(Noon @ HPV)

June 15th, Tuesday

Executive Committee Meeting

June 24th, Thursday

Board of Directors Meeting

September 21st, Tuesday

Executive Committee Meeting

September 30th, Thursday

Board of Directors Meeting

December 7th, Tuesday

Executive Committee Meeting

December 16th, Thursday

Board of Directors Meeting

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Cultural Garden Park
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Thanks to your membership...

During these tough economic times, your membership and donations are the life blood of our organization. Because of your support, HPV has been able to avoid staff layoffs and continue our important work with Hawaii's school children. 14,000 students continue to visit HPV annually, to learn of their past.



Elementary school students learning a Portuguese dance.

Please check your address label to see if your membership has expired. If so, please renew by contacting Rechie at 677-0110 or email at hpv.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net. Remember, HPV members are entitled to:

- * Receive newsletters
- * Free Guided Village Tours
- * Special Events and openings
- * Advance notice on Gift Shop Specials
- * 10% discounts at the Plantation Gift Shop

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