



Plantation Village News

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New Year's 2012

Happy Year of the Dragon!



Come join Hawaii's Plantation Village as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon, Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, on the grounds of the Village. As usual, admission will be free that day and we will feature a variety of different entertainers, including: Keiki Hula performances by Halau hula o Hokulani and Ulumaihihieoeokalani, Taiko performance by Honbushin, Traditional Lion Dance by Kung Siu Lum Pai, Portuguese fado singing by Josephine Carreira, Traditional Filipino Dance by The Young Once, and modern Filipino dance by the Tekniqlingz Crew.

February 4, 2012 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (rain or shine)

FREE Admission • FREE Parking

Keiki games and prizes

Free New Year's food tasting throughout the Village

New Year's blessings by Rev. Amano of Izumo Taisha Mission

Homemade *gau* and *jai* for sale

Special Chinese plate lunch for sale

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Okada Center Roof Repair



The trailer that will serve as HPV's Administrative Offices

If you've been to the Plantation Village recently, you may have noticed the trailer that is parked in the grass near the banyan tree. This trailer will be HPV's administrative home while the roof of the Okada Educational Center is being replaced. We have been told by the City and County of Honolulu that we can expect to be out of the Center for 8-12 months.

The roof has been a problem for the Okada Center for over eight years, and we are happy that **Department of Parks and Recreation** was able to secure enough funds to re-roof and upgrade our Air Conditioning units. In addition, new energy efficient light fixtures will be installed.

Unfortunately, Hawaii's Plantation Village must vacate the Okada Building completely, which means everything in the building will have to be moved out. Much of our program supplies for the schools (Chinese Lion Heads, Korean and Okinawan drums, Plantation games, Hawaiian implements, etc...) will be moved to locked storage containers on our grounds. Our plantation photo and documents archives and critical artifacts will be stored offsite in a climate controlled storage facility, at a reduced rate courtesy of **Hawaii Self-Storage**.

The upcoming construction only affects the Okada Building itself, so normal operations, including daily tours, group tours, school tours, and festivals, will continue as normal. Please continue to support Hawaii's Plantation Village with your donations, visits, and recommendations as we persevere during this challenging time.

New in the Plantation Gift Shop

30% OFF

For a limited time, all handicraft merchandise in the Plantation Village Gift Shop is now 30% off. Quilts and all handmade items are 30% off. In addition, members also receive an additional 10% off! Now's the time to find that special gift for a loved one.

Now in-stock at the Plantation Gift Shop:

We have just gotten in a new item for all the plantation kitchens: A graduated one-cup measuring cup in high-impact plastic. Sporting the HPV logo, this cup is perfect for quick measuring of dog food or those bulk items from Sam's or Costco!



You Can Help with the Move!

Hawaii's Plantation Village needs assistance in three major areas:

1. Financial Donations: Storing our prodigious collection of plantation photos, documents, and artifacts offsite in a climate controlled storage facility is quite expensive, even at a reduced rate. Every cash donation, no matter how small, will help us to continue our mission of preserving the plantation era.

2. Temporary Trailers: We are still looking for temporary trailers (20' or 40') that can accommodate electricity and air conditioning, similar to temporary offices for construction sites. If you are aware of someone who could loan us a trailer for a year, please have them contact Jeffrey Higa at 677-0110, or hvp.higa@yahoo.com



3. Temporary Bathroom Facilities: The closure of the Okada Center means that restrooms and hand washing facilities in the Center will be closed during the duration of construction. As we have nearly 14,000 students visit us annually, bathroom facilities are a major concern for the students and teachers. Porta-potties, or waterless portable units, are an inadequate alternative for our students. If you are aware of an affordable solution, possibly involving a trailer-type set-up with hand washing stations, please have them contact Jeffrey Higa at 677-0110, or hvp.higa@yahoo.com

Not So Happy New Year



Our Historic Garage was site of the theft

Thieves broke in to Hawaii's Plantation Village during the early morning hours of December 31, 2011 and made off with over \$2,500 in valuable goods and merchandise.

"They broke into our garage and stole grounds maintenance equipment by cutting the locks and chains on the doors," said Jeff Higa, HPV Executive Director. "Specifically, an expensive Husqvarna lawn mower, a Shindaiwa professional grade line trimmer (weed whacker) and a full set of tools and wrenches. The thieves tried to steal our electric golf cart and our gas golf cart by jamming a fork into the ignition and destroying the electrical system, but, luckily, they weren't able to move the cart."

Thieves dragged the lawn mower through the kalo lo'i (taro fields) on their way out. The equipment that was stolen will have to be replaced immediately.

Many Thanks to our Generous Donors!

Hawaii's Plantation Village is blessed to have the support of the community, especially in times of great need. Local media, such as **KHON2's Manolo Morales** and the **Star-Advertiser and Midweek**, picked up our plight and publicized our need to the community. In turn, the community responded with open arms, and so HPV would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations:

Dr. Austin Dias
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Cynthia Josserand
Dorothy Hazam
Glen Harq
Katherine Yokoyama
Thomas & Sally Fitzgerald
Evelyn Gallagher
Cecelia Ryan
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We would also like to recognize, the following individuals for their especially generous donations:

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Thomas & Marie Wascoe

And lastly, two donors whose donations not only restored all of the equipment that was stolen, but upgraded much of it as well:

Randall Y.M. & Lynne Zane
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Anonymous

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**Member's
Meeting
Postponed
(see below)**

Membership Meeting Postponed till 2nd quarter

As a result of needing to move everything out of the Okada Center and subsequent displacement, the Board of Directors of the Friends of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park has decided to postpone the annual Membership Meeting until sometime in the 2nd Quarter. As much of our resources and volunteer efforts will be dedicated to the move and stabilizing our operations afterward, it was decided that focusing on the move in the 1st Quarter would result in a more informative report for the members in the 2nd quarter.

In the meantime, all Board Members and Officers have agreed to continue serving until new elections are held during the rescheduled Membership Meeting.

At this time, a new meeting date has not been set, however, a 2011 Annual Report will be issued to the membership via mail before the rescheduled date of the Membership Meeting. Please watch for this report and the rescheduled meeting date to arrive in your mailbox. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email our administrative offices and your message will be passed on to the Board of Directors. Thank you for your understanding.

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