

Plantation Village News

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Get set for our 23rd Annual Bon Dance!



Saturday, June 1, 2013 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Food Booths open at 5:00 pm • Dancing begins at 6:00 pm

Performances by:

Mililani Hongwanji • Aiea Taiheiji Yagura Gumi • Waipahu Hongwanji Hawaii Eisa Shinyuukai • Iwakuni Dance Group • Hawaii Shin Kobukai

Due to the overwhleming positive response and many appreciative comments, Hawaii's Plantation Village will be holding its Bon Dance in the Village again this year! We will be hosting the Bon Dance in the meadow near the outdoor stage of the Plantation Village. Food booths will be located nearby with all of the favorites that you have come to expect:

K's Bento • Korean BBQ Beef Plate • Teriyaki Chicken Plate • Curry Rice • Saimin • Spam Musubi Shave Ice • Cold Drinks • Lots of onno snacks, mochi, & baked goods

The \$5 crafts & plants store returns!

Seating may be limited this year, so bring your own chairs & mats!

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In Memoriam: Mildred & Melvin Makii



In every volunteer organization, there are always people who seem to define and drive the culture of the organization, and for Hawaii's Plantation Village, two of those people were Mildred and Melvin Makii. Mildred and Melvin were among the earliest docents and due to their fluency in the Japanese language, were the mainstay of our Japanese tours since the village opening. Their pride in their plantation upbringing was evident in tours they gave. Once, I heard Mildred scold some Japanese students for snickering how local people spoke Japanese. She informed them that, "You should be learning from us! We speak Hawaii-*ben*! Like Kyoto-*ben*!" (*ben* meaning a distinct dialect of Japanese). The students were really respectful after that.

The Makii Family was also active participants in our annual New Year's Festival, often supplying the labor, materials, and know-how for our annual mochi pounding demonstrations. Melvin could be seen simultaneously checking the cooking of the rice as well as expertly turning the mochi in the *usu* right before the heavy *kine* (hammer) fell. We will miss both Mildred and Melvin Makii's tireless contributions to Hawaii's Plantation Village.



Happy times with (left to right): Charlie Ishikawa, Melvin & Mildred Makii, Yoshiko Yamauchi



Call 845-1616 for more information!



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> Get Ready for Obon! Saturday, June 1st

Taxes and Moving Expenses

By the time you receive this newsletter, most of you will have completed your taxes. For the first time in over a decade, HPV Accounting had to add a new budget item to their books: Moving Expenses.

The City and County of Honolulu is footing the bill for the new roof on the City-owned Major Okada Educational Center. In addition, the Department of Parks and Recreation has provided two office trailers for our temporary use. However, no additional funds were set aside to assist Hawaii's Plantation Village with moving expenses.

During this transitional time, we've had to assume additional monthly costs associated with our operation, including:

- Portable toilets
- Self-storage costs
- Security Bars for storage windows
- Utility and phone transfer costs

As you can imagine, these new costs strain our already very efficient budget. Please help us get through this challenging time with a donation of any amount. Please contact Rechie Panganiban or Jeffrey Higa at (808) 677-0110 or hpv.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net

