



Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, Nov. 19
Bunka No Hi
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MOTTAINAI! "no waste"

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR
CULTURAL TREASURES**

The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii is seeking nominations for Japanese cultural treasures; individuals who have made significant contribution to the preservation and perpetuation of the Japanese arts and culture in East Hawaii.

In 2009, the JCAH recognized and honored Cultural Treasures: Hisae Campbell Japanese Dance; Merrill Karma, Okinawan Dance and Sanshin; Dorothy Horita-Classical Japanese Singer; Naokichi Nozaki-Bonsai; Yoshio Obasa-Karate; and Walter Tachibana-Ka Mon.

We encourage individuals and organizations to nominate person(s) for this recognition. Nominations should be mailed to the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii at P.O. Box 1124, Hilo, Hawaii 96721 and received no later than October 15. For more information, call the JCAH office at 969-6437 or email: jcah@yahoo.com, or Tommy Goya at 989-5953.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Kenji Kawai**

How fast the time flies! It has been over eight months since assuming the position of president.

I have had the pleasure of attending New Year celebrations for all the Kenjin Kais including Kona's Community Association. On every occasion, I was received with utmost of courtesy and excellent hospitality. I thank them very much. My admiration and heartfelt congratulations go to the leaders and members of each organization for their successful effort in preserving and nurturing the cultures or their respective origins. We pledge that we will do our part in doing the same on the overall Japanese cultural perspectives. And, we look forward to cooperating and collaborating with these people in furthering our goals.

The first week of August, I was privileged to represent JCA at our sister city Ikaoh Cho, Shibukawa City in Gunma Prefecture for their annual Hawaiian Festival events. This was their fifteenth anniversary of the event and under the current situation in Japan, there was a threat that it was to be cancelled. But because of the Japanese government's encouragement and courageous decision on the part of the leader of the city and Ikaoh Tourism organization, the event was held as usual. Much to every one's delight, the total attendance exceeded that of any previous years. Of course, Hawaii was well represented by Tracy Lopes' halau who did an excellent job of promoting the art of hula and the spirit of Aloha. Luana Kawelu of the Merrie Monarch Festival should be congratulated for her choice of halau. All of us were welcomed and received with courtesy beyond our expectation. Our sister city relationship has been furthered as a result of the visit.

Now that the summer is over, it is time for us to look forward to our fall event Bunka No Hi (Japanese Culture Day in Hawaii) to be held on November 19 at the Sangha Hall! We look forward to another cultural and fun day chaired once again, by Jan Higashi and her hard working committee. Please join us at this FREE event and learn more about **MOTTAINAI!**



**SHICHI-GO-SAN
KIMONO DRESSING**
At Bunka No Hi—Nov. 19
Sangha Hall

In Japan, Shichi-Go-San is a festival commemorated by parents in November to mark the growth of their children as they turn three, five, and seven years of age.

Today, parents celebrate Shichi-Go-San when their sons turn five years of age, and their daughters turn three and seven. Boys are dressed in traditional hakama and girls don beautiful kimono and accessories. Photos are taken to mark this special time.

In Hilo, at Bunka No Hi (Japanese Culture Day) Kimono dressing will be offered. Expert kimono dressers will dress Girls 3 and 7 years of age and boys 5 years of age. Fee for dressing and photograph by an experienced photographer is \$35 for JCAH members and \$45 for non-members, and includes two 5x7" photos. For reservations, call Jean at 959-7526 or email tungj001@hawaii.rr.com or the JCAH office at 969-6437 or email: jcah@yahoo.com

By appointment only. Limited sitting.

ANNUAL IRESAI HOYO



Ireito Monument at Alae Cemetery. This impressive monument was dedicated in 1939 through the efforts of the late Senator Sanji Abe to honor deceased Japanese immigrants. The marble monument was cast in Japan and weighs around 15 tons. The round base at the top symbolizes the universal

On August 28, the Ireito Memorial Service was held. Rev. David Fujimoto of Puna Huiwangji officiated with many people representing local churches, Kenjin-ka, and other organizations. Glenn Hirata JCAH immediate past President and Ireito Memorial Committee Chairman, talked about the history of the monument.

After the chanting of the sutras by the Buddhist reverends, representatives of each organization of fered carried by United Jr. YBA members.

Hiroshi Suga, JCAH Vice President, and Char Shigemura, representing Mayor Kenoi each read messages. Art Taniuchi, Honorary Consul General of Japan of the Big Island, read a message from Japanese Consul General, Yoshihiko Kamo.

Rev. Fujimoto's sermon emphasized "Wasureruna" and "Tsuatero," "Do not forget" and "Perpetuate (the appreciation and the legacy)"—lessons he learned from his father.

Welcome New Members!

Della Allison, Kathy & Alex Antonio, Young E. Branch, Maxine Cutler, Elgen & Janet Fujimoto, Gregg Hirata, David Honma, Gayle & Vernon Ito, Yoshiko Kuroda, Amie & Bill Kussman, Judy & Larry Leach, Julia Lindberg & Walter Bell, Jean Maeda, Michael Miyahira, Brian & Stacey Mukai, Seth Mura-shima, Stephanie Nagata, Momie Nari, Nyala Neil, Elizabeth & Craig Reynolds, Karen Sakoda, Shirley & Clifford Souza, Hiroko & Leslie Takayama.

JCAH IS GOING GREEN—at Bunka No Hi "MOTTAINAI"...no waste!

The theme for this year's Bunka No Hi, Japanese Culture Day is "MOTTAINAI," a Japanese word which means, "it's a shame to waste."

Do you remember when 'obachan' or 'ojichan' or your parents, would say, "Mottainai?" You were scolded for being wasteful when you didn't eat all your food or letting the water from the faucet run for no reason, etc.

Special guest will be Nobuko Miyamoto who created the MOTTAINAI PROJECT, which includes a video and a bon dance to the song "MOTTAINAI." She wants EVERYONE to know the meaning of "Mottainai" and to put it into practice.

Nobuko is a disciple of Professor Wahgari Maathai of Africa, who was the first African woman to win the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize. Professor Maathai felt that Japanese term, "Mottainai" is such a powerful word which she said she could not find an equivalent term in any other language.

Nobuko Miyamoto is the Artistic Director of Great Leap in L.A. She was a dancer on Broadway and in films such as *Flower Drum Song* and *Westside Story*, but she found her own voice in the 70's as an activist in the Asian American movement, co-creating milestone album "A Grain of Sand".

In 1978, she founded Great Leap to create theater works about the Asian American experience. After the '92 LA uprising Great Leap worked to bridge diverse communities and after 9/11, to deepen interfaith understanding. Now Nobuko is creating a series of music videos to raise awareness about the environment. **B.Y.O. CHOPSTIX and MOTTAINAI** can be seen on YouTube. (www.greatleap.org)



(More info on Bunka No Hi on page 3).

LILIUOKALANI GARDENS, NIHON GO-HEI



Kumamoto Doshi Kai, the County of Hawaii Parks & Recreation Department and JCAH have agreed to establish "Liliuokalani Gardens," a non-profit organization. The basic intent is to preserve and perpetuate the park as a Japanese garden dedicated in honor of the many Japanese immigrants who came to work in the sugar plantations.

The property was made available by Queen Liliuokalani in the early 1900's. Work began in 1907 and was originally named **Nihon Go-hei** (Japanese Park). During its initial development, Hilo residents and organizations donated many of the park's stone lanterns, pagoda, benches, plants and flowers. They provided much of the labor in converting the former fish-ponds into a garden park that blended in with the Japanese communities of Waiakoa and Shinmachi in 1917. The park was officially named Liliuokalani Gardens in honor of the Queen who passed away earlier that year.

Initial plans are to gather information on the stone lanterns and other landmarks, identify these features with historical brochures, design and construct a sign board explaining the history of the park, and organizing events to bring attention to the history and origin of the Gardens. The JCAH welcomes its members' input and ideas and will be reaching out to the various Japanese organizations in the near future. If you would like to help or have information about the Gardens, please call Tommy Goya at 989-5953 or JCAH of-

DID YOU KNOW?

- That the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii is a non-profit organizations, chartered 37 years ago?
- That the JCAH is made up of dedicated volunteers and has never had a paid staff?
- That the JCAH has never had an office, but now shares an office with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii (JCCIH)... but still is without paid staff?
- That the JCAH recently installed a phone and an email address? Phone: 969-6437 and jcah@yahoo.com?
- That the JCAH is working toward having a website?

We've come a long way baby! And...we ask that you VOLUNTEER to help with projects!

MOTTAINAI RECYCLED ART CONTEST

Kamaboko sticks?
Tofu container?
Foam food tray?
Tissue box?
Or any recycled material.

Turn it into "reCYCLED" art!

RULES:

- Max. Size of art 10"x10"x10"
- Must be made of recycled material

DEADLINE:

Nov. 10, 4:00 p.m.
Drop off art at:

JCAH office

714 Kanoehiua, Suite 202

(upstairs of Hawaii Printing)

M-F 1-4 pm between
Nov. 1-10

Display, Announcement
of Winners & Prizes
at Bunka No Hi
Nov. 19



"Bunka No Hi"

Japanese Culture Day in Hawai'i

MOTTAINAI!

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Saturday, November 19, 2011
Sangha Hall (424 Kilauea Avenue)
10 a.m.-2 p.m.— FREE ADMISSION

PROGRAM & ENTERTAINMENT

"MOTTAINAI" Video & Special Appearance:
Nobuko Miyamoto, Founder & Artistic Director,
Great Leap, Inc., L.A.

PUNA TAIKO

Recognition of CULTURAL TREASURES

Recognition of JCAH members 90+

Kendo & Judo—Demonstration

MOTTAINAI Bon Dance



DEMOS & DISPLAYS

Bonsai—Tea Ceremony—Mochi-tsuki—Chigiri-e
Ikebana—Kumihimo—Oshibana—Bunka Shishu
County of Hawai'i Dept. of Environmental Management

CALLIGRAPHY— Fee: \$3 & up

FOOD BOOTH—from various Regional Kenjinkais

MOTTAINAI! T-shirts will be available for purchase!



Shichi-Go-San Kimono Dressing & Picture Taking

An opportunity for girls, ages 7 & 3, to be dressed and photographed in a beautiful kimono; while boys, age 5, will be handsomely dressed in a hakama.

Fee: \$35-JCA member; \$45-non-member, includes dressing, photograph taken by an expert photographer, two 5"x7" photos.
For reservations or info, call Jean at 959-7526 or email: tungj001@hawaii.rr.com
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(upstairs of the Hawaii Printing Bldg.)
Hilo, HI 96720

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 1-31 Chigiri-e Exhibition
at Mayor Kenoi's Office
- Oct. 15 Chigiri-e Class
- Oct. 15 Deadline to nominate
Cultural Treasures
- Nov. 19 Bunka No Hi
- Jan. 21 New Year's Party
Annual Shinnenkai
JCAH's yearly get together
5:30 p.m.
Sangha Hall

HELP WANTED:

- Web designer to create a website for JCAH.
- Volunteer to create JCAH Newsletter.

Call Jan Higashi at 961-6848 or JCAH office 969-6437.

WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS SCHEDULE

Sponsored by the JCAH & Hakubi Chigiri-e Gakuin of Japan

Learn the Art of Chigiri-e from Lily Nakao, instructor, of Honolulu. Anyone can learn this unique art form

October 15— 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.—Coqui's Hideaway

January 14, 2012 place TBD

March 10, 2012 place TBD

May 12, 2012 place TBD

Class fee JCA member: \$10/Non-member: \$15

Basic Kit - \$10 each

Call JCAH at 969-6437 or jcah@yahoo.com.



"MOTTAINAI" RECYCLED ART CONTEST

What do you do with your kamaboko stick, tofu container, foam food tray, tissue box, or anything that can be recycled into something reusable?

Rules & Deadline to enter MOTTAINAI Recycled Art Contest

Size of recycled art cannot exceed 10"x10x10". Bring your recycled art to the JCAH office, between 1:00-4:00 pm Weekdays, November 1-10, 714 Kanoelehua Ave., Suite 202 (upstairs of the Hawaii Printing Building). Display of art, announcement winners and prizes at Bunka No Hi, on November 19 at the Sangha Hall. 10 am-2 pm

BUNKA NO HI (Japanese Culture Day)
COMMEMORATIVE MOTTAINAI! T-SHIRTS
Will be sold at Bunka No Hi for \$16
T-shirt color: "environmental green"

YOU CAN PRE-ORDER & SAVE!
SPECIAL PRICE: \$13 (Adult sizes only, S-XL)*
***2XL and 3XL: \$18 available only on pre-sale.**

DEADLINE TO PRE-ORDER & PAY: Friday, October 14, 4:00 p.m.
PICK UP: at Bunka No Hi, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sangha Hall



COMMEMORATIVE MOTTAINAI! T SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone/Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

SMALL Qty___
 MED: Qty___
 LARGE: Qty___
 XLARGE Qty___
 Total # of shirts_____

\$13 x _____ = \$ _____ _____ XXL _____XXXL \$18 x _____ = Total order: \$ _____

Check payable to JCAH. Mail order form and payment to: JCAH, 714 Kanoelehua Ave., Suite 202, Hilo, HI 96720 or Or drop off payment and order form to JCAH, upstairs of the Hawaii Printing Corp. Building. Mon.—Fri. between 1:00—4:00 p.m. Phone: 969-6437. DEADLINE to pre-order: October 14, 4:00 p.m.