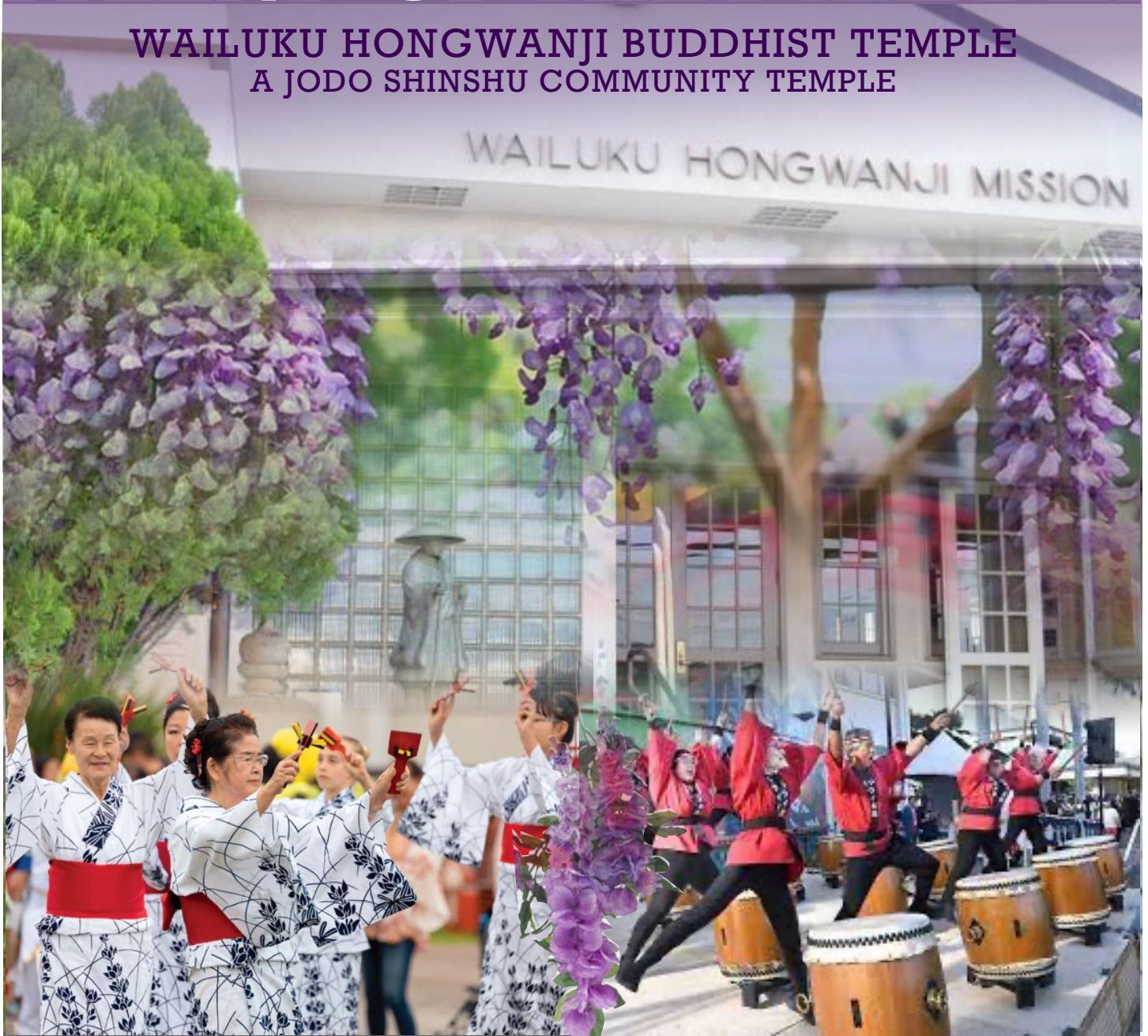




# FRIEND OF THE DHARMA

WAILUKU HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
A JODO SHINSHU COMMUNITY TEMPLE



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## TEACHINGS FROM THE REVEREND

## Happy Mother's Day

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namo Amida Butsu

While growing up, we had tremendous and excellent opportunities to meet several people and learn many important things about our lives. So, even if I say, "Those people are one of the biggest influences in our lives," I think this statement is not an overstatement. Some of you have great memories with them, and you still contact those wonderful people to maintain a good friendship. Why? Because you appreciate their guidance, kindness, and sincere heart, which you received from them.

One of the Jodo Shin Buddhism terms is calling these people "Zen-Jishiki." This term means "A good friend or teacher who leads one to the Buddhist way, being humble and compassionate." And I think many of you have been strongly influenced by people around you. I firmly believe that person is Mother.

We all have or had a mother, and most of you received your mother's wonderful blessings, love, wisdom, and compassionate heart. So, Mother's memories are always precious to many of us and remain in our hearts as her unique gifts or our beautiful treasures.

I came to Hawaii as a Hongwanji minister on December 1, 1985. The day before I left Japan, my family gathered at one of the restaurants for my farewell dinner. On the next day, we all went to Haneda airport. While talking with my wife at Haneda airport, my sister told me I should go to the gate because they announced that my flight's boarding would start soon. So, before I went to the TSA checkpoint, I hugged my mother and told her, "I am going and will do my best." Then she gave me an envelope and told me to read it whenever possible. In those days, the TSA checkpoint was much easier than today and didn't take much time to go through. When I completed the TSA checkpoint, I headed to the gate. On the way to the gate, I could see the people who were seeing me off at the airport because there was a huge window where we could see each other and say goodbye to the people. I waved my hand to them. Then, I saw that my mother was saying something. I couldn't hear what she said, but I could read her lips, and she said to me as follows, "Genkide-ne. Well, take care of your health." When I saw her eyes, they were full of tears. So, I felt so sad for leaving her. So, I bowed to her and continued to walk to the gate. I truly felt her kindness and compassion.

Our mother temple in Japan provided me with a business class ticket; it was a very comfortable ride on the airplane. As you may know, Japan Airlines offers high-quality services, so I enjoyed my trip to Hawaii with a business-class seat. The cabin attendants were so polite, and their services were excellent. After I left Haneda

airport, they asked me for drinks, so I ordered one of the famous scotch whiskeys. Wow, it was so smooth and tasty. So, I enjoyed their excellent services. While drinking scotch whiskey, I remembered the envelope my mother gave me at the airport. I know she gave me money, but it was not only the money, but also a few pages of a letter were together with it. When I started reading it, tears flowed out of my eyes. I sincerely appreciated her unconditional love and compassion through her message.

The mother is a great person to the children, an excellent teacher and friend, and always cares for and embraces her children unconditionally, regardless of who they are. Mother's love is much higher than any mountain and much deeper than any ocean.

I want to share a warm feeling about the story with you. John is 65 years old and lives with his mother. When he was 35 years old, his father passed away. John is the only child there, so he has felt a strong responsibility to take care of his mother since then. His mother did all the housework. Twenty-five years later, his mother started forgetting many things. She failed to lock the door, buying the same items repeatedly. It was a typical symptom of the early part of Alzheimer's disease. When she fell on the lanai, she broke her hip bone, and after that incident, she couldn't move much, so she was bedridden most of the time and needed more intensive care. Whenever they went outside, John put her into the wheelchair. She loved to go to the park and walk the riverbank path. So, from time to time, she enjoyed receiving fresh air, seeing the beautiful blooming flowers, and hearing the birds singing.

When she was 95, her Alzheimer's disease became more severe. One morning, when she woke up, she told her son: "Who are you?" "Where am I?" John replied to her kindly and said, "I am your son, and this is your

home." He kindly and patiently explained, but she couldn't remember anything about him. However, her appetite was so good that he fixed her meals three times daily, and she enjoyed eating her son's food.

On May 5, it was boys' day. John took his mother to the riverbank. There were hundreds of flying carp displayed in the sky. Mother was so happy to see many of Koinobori, the flying carps in the sky, and she put her hands together in Gassho and said to him, "Arigato John, Thank you, John." She was able to recall her son. John was so happy and said to her, "Arigato, Okaasan. Thank you, Mom." Mother had never forgotten her son.

Even if your mother passed away some time ago, her beautiful memories and guidance are cherishing you and will never fade from your heart. Those memories are always guiding you on the path of truth.

Shinran Shonin sincerely appreciated the passage by his master Tao-Cho of China, who said, "Those who have been born first guide those who come later, and those who are born later follow the path of those who were born before." Maybe your mother had passed away, but she joined the Buddhahood and became a Buddha, still guiding everyone on the path of truth with her great wisdom and compassion.

Growing up, you came to the temple with your parents. Mother and Father held your hands and walked the path to the temple. Young parents, "Now, it's your turn to hold your children's hands and guide them on the path to the temple." Temple is where we can learn and rejoice in the joy and happiness of others.

Mother's Day is truly for all of us to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our mothers for their outstanding and selfless dedication, regardless of whether they are with us or not.

Namo Amida Butsu

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Join Our Temple Community Today!

Join us at Wailuku Hongwanji and become a cherished member of our temple community! We embrace diversity and welcome individuals and families from all backgrounds with open arms.

**Membership:** Support our shared spiritual journey by becoming a regular gojikai member through annual dues; your contribution ensures the vitality of our community.

**Financial Support:** Everyone's circumstances are unique. If dues present a challenge, reach out to discuss a rate that works for you. Your presence matters most, and we're happy to accommodate.

**Ohana:** Joining our ohana enriches your spiritual journey. Attend services, events, or activities to experience our vibrant community firsthand.

**Membership Benefits:** Enjoy special rates for temple programs, facility rentals, and a voice in decision-making at meetings. Embrace the warmth of community and join us today!

# THANK YOU

*Thank you for your time, effort, and monetary donations. We are so fortunate to have your support! Through your donations, we continue to service multiple temple programs and work towards securing our future by accomplishing many goals in our 2030 Modernization Strategy. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations towards helping our congregation and advancing our community-minded efforts.*



*Pamela Miyagawa & Sharon Higa*

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Anonymous Donation	Gail Kushiyama
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Jeffrey Matsui  
Kim Mukai-Otani - *In memory of Shiro & Miriam Mukai, and Jack & Fumiyo Hamasaki*  
Alan Sato

## KYODAN

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## NOKOTSUDO

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Toshiko Sugiki  
Mary Tokumaru  
Raymond & Betty Toyama  
Elaine Yokoyama

## HO'ONKO SERVICE

Gary Murai

## SOCIAL CONCERN

Carolyn Hozaki

## MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Plastic straws, Brown paper bags, Assorted produce bags, Newspaper, Newspaper end rolls*  
Richard & Amy Blue – *Yard maintenance*  
Cubs – *Temple yard, campus cleanup*  
Dharma Strummers – *Sunday service music*  
Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *Altar flowers*  
Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – *Altar flowers*  
Sandy Hirata - *Gallon size Ziploc Bags, peanut butter*  
Sandy Hirata and her volunteers - *"Second Chance" Sale*  
Margaret Honda – *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support*  
HOSHA Gang – *Temple cleaning*  
Cathy Ikeuchi - *Ti leaf lei*  
Kahului Carpet (Michael Shimoda) - *Kitchen broom closet*  
Calvin & Teri Kaneda – *Altar flowers, Meyer Lemons*

Janet Kubota – *Aluminum foil*  
Carol Mae Kurisu – *Altar flowers*  
Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flower & arrangements, office support, ti leaf lei*  
Gary & Jackie Murai - *Paper towels*  
Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*  
Mike Nishimoto – *Yard maintenance, bougainvillea hedge trimming*  
Celeste Rabang – *Office support*  
Nancy Shimoda – *Nokotsudo, flower cleaning, office support*  
Dale Sugiki – *Sunday service organist*  
Toshiko Sugiki - *Office Support*  
Ed & Joan Tamori – *Altar flowers & yard maintenance*  
Mary Tokumaru – *Office Support, ti leaf lei*  
Laurie & Jeffery Tsai - *Disposable gloves & Compostable spoons*  
Linda Ann Unemori – *Office support*  
James & Sharon Uno – *Masking tape, Luncheon napkins, brown paper bags*

## Lahaina Buddhist Temples' Disaster Relief

*Luly Unemori*

For anyone wishing to make a dana contribution to support the three historic Buddhist temples in Lahaina that were destroyed by the recent Maui wildfires: Lahaina Shingon Mission (established 1902), Lahaina Hongwanji Mission (established 1904), and Lahaina Jodo Mission (established 1912), please see the donation instruction below, or visit the HAIB Maui support webpage at <https://www.hawaiibuddhists.org/news/support-maui>. Donations will support the Buddhist temples, their resident ministers and families, and temple members.

### Lahaina Shingon Mission Hokoji

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/6317428c>
- Checks to "Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii" memo "Lahaina relief"  
Send to: Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, 457 Manono Street Hilo, HI 96720
- For further information please contact by email [hikoybof@gmail.com](mailto:hikoybof@gmail.com)

### Lahaina Jodo Mission

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/df1b0cf2>
- Checks to "Jodo Mission" with memo "Maui fire relief fund"  
Send to: Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814

### Lahaina Hongwanji Mission

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
- Checks to "HHMH" with memo "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief"  
Send to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813
- Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)

If you would like to donate to any services or programs, please make checks payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793.

If you would like to volunteer time on any of the upcoming or ongoing projects, please contact the office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

EDUCATION



# WAILUKU HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

144 Kaniela Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 \* Phone: (808) 244-9545  
 Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com) \* Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Jody Vinoray

## Congratulations to the Budding Careers of Our Class of 2024!

As we bid farewell to another wonderful class of our Buddhist Preschool, we can't help but feel immense pride in the bright futures that lie ahead for each of our graduates. With dreams as diverse as the petals of a lotus, our young learners have shared their aspirations for the paths they wish to tread. Here's a glimpse into the aspirations of our Class of 2024:

- Adam, son of Rose & Erano, aims to serve his community as a Police Officer.
- Alexis, daughter of Kayla and Alex, dreams of healing as a Doctor.
- Axton, son of Sierra & Akoni, seeks to unlock the mysteries of science as a Scientist.
- Colton, son of Sharla & Derrick, is determined to uphold justice as a Police Officer.
- Darien, son of Rashana & Allan, sets his sights on the stars as an Astronaut.
- Eve, daughter of Kelly & Jordan, nurtures dreams of caring for our furry friends as a Veterinarian.
- Henry, son of Amber & Jonathan, envisions himself as a Sergeant in the Police Department.
- Julian, son of Krestina & Allen, aspires to soar the skies with Hawaiian Airlines.
- Kaikana, son of Malia & Moses, shares Eve's passion for animal care, aspiring to be a Veterinarian.
- Kian, son of Kristina & Lee, plans to brave the flames as a Fire Fighter.
- Ku`u, daughter of Jolene & Duke, dreams of taking flight as a Pilot.
- Luca, son of Leslie & Jayson, also aspires to command the skies as a Pilot.
- Lyla Jean, daughter of Anuenenani & Kenworth, finds her calling in providing healing touch as a Nurse.
- Olenapolanilaunaole, daughter of Sarah & Andrew, envisions bright smiles as a Dentist.
- Owen, son of Courtney & Miguel, shares Alexis's dream of healing as a Doctor.
- Taizen, son of Jahmarran & Justin, stands ready to fight fires as a Firefighter.
- Zoe, daughter of Samantha and Edgar, is prepared to provide urgent care as a Paramedic.
- Zoey Mendonsa, daughter of Jessica and David, echoes Eve and Kaikana's love for animals, aspiring to be a Veterinarian.

As these young minds embark on their journeys, may they carry with them the wisdom, compassion, and resilience cultivated during their time at our preschool. We wish them all the success and fulfillment as they pursue their dreams and make a positive impact on the world around them. Congratulations, Class of 2024!

## PRESCHOOL HIRING: Preschool Teacher

**Contact:**  
 Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com).

**Working Hours:**  
 Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm

- Requirements:**
- AS Degree in ECE/CDA
  - 6-12 months classroom experience working with children ages 3-5 years old
  - Creativity & Flexibility
  - Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification

## REGISTRATION

<b>Regular Session:</b>	<b>Summer Session:</b>
August to May	June to July

Closed during public school holidays and breaks, except teachers' institute day and teachers' end-of-semester day

**Contact Information:**  
 Phone: (808) 244-9545  
 Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com)  
 Site: <https://www.wailukuhongwanji.org/index.php/preschool>



Standing (L-R): Julian, Alexis, Axton, Henry, Lyla Jean, Zoe, Ku`u, Taizen ,Zoey and Adam. Sitting (L-R): Luca,Colton, Kian, Eve, Kaikana, Darien and Owen. (Missing: 'Olena, who was not in school this day)

EDUCATION

# 2024 Graduate Banquet

Shelley Quipota

Graduate Royce Guzman-Tejero with parents Cipriano & Mayjoy and Rev. Murakami. He currently attends Baldwin High. His future plans include studying criminal justice at UHMC.



Graduate Rachel and Cheryl Takamiya with sensei. Rachel currently attends Baldwin High School. She plans on attending Lewis & Clark College to study Health Sciences to become a nurse. Then she plans to study abroad in Fukuoka, Japan.



Graduate Zach Kuraoka with M.C. Gary Murai and Mike Munekiyo, who gave a talk to the graduating seniors. Zach currently attends Baldwin High. He wants to enroll at Seattle University or Oregon State University and pursue a career in the medical field.



Macie Nakahashi poses with sensei for a picture. She was the keynote speaker for the night and is currently a Lihikai School elementary school teacher.



(L-R): Krista, and Jai Kuraoka, Danny Topp, Jason Kuraoka and Frank Hamasaki are among the guests at the graduate's banquet.



(L-R): Lori Munekiyo, Jackie and Gary Murai and Mike Munekiyo waiting for the program to begin.

EDUCATION

# Slurp & Savor: Elevating Chopstick Proficiency with Somen Nagashi

Eri Nomura

On March 27, the Gakuen students got to experience a tasty Japanese tradition “Somen Nagashi” while exercising their hashi (chopstick) use mastery.

Somen is a thin Japanese wheat noodle popularly enjoyed during hot summers. The noodles are boiled briefly, then chilled in icy cold water. Cooked somen is then served with mentsuyu (a dipping sauce made from soy sauce, mirin, and dashi). It’s known for its delicate texture, light taste, and is commonly garnished with toppings like negi (green onions) and nori (seaweed). It’s popular for a refreshing, low-calorie meal during Japan’s heat.

One of the most fun and interactive ways to enjoy somen is somen nagashi (nagashi meaning “flow” in Japanese). A long tube is positioned at an angle from high to low to create a “waterslide” where the noodles make their way down a stream of flowing water. Students used their agile hashi skills to “catch” those slippery noodles as they slide past in the flowing cold water. Students had to act quick, or they would miss the next bite! Chaos and laughter erupted as students plunged their hashi into the stream, hoping to capture their meal.

Somen nagashi is a unique culinary experience that both adults and children love to enjoy. Because of the challenging nature jostling with others, somen nagashi is seen as a fun group activity and even a school festival activity, making a perfect occasion for our Gakuen students as well!

With just a month and a half left of the school year, the students at Gakuen have been soaking up a ton of knowledge this year. This communal experience was not just about slurping somen, but also about having fun and building connections, allowing students to unwind. As they gear up to wrap up another school year, moments like these will stick with them as some of the coolest memories of their time at Gakuen.



# Save the Date!



## WHAT: Dharma School Enlightenment Game

Answer questions with your group to “ESCAPE” from Location to Location!

**WHEN:**  
**Sunday,**  
**MAY 5,**  
**2024**

After Service  
and  
Refreshments!

**WHERE:**  
Locations  
around WHM  
campus!

**WHO: It's INTERGENERATIONAL!**

Participants needed:

- ✓ Adult temple members
- ✓ Senior adult 65 years or older
- ✓ Moms and dads 25 years or older
- ✓ Dharma School students

**Prizes!**

EDUCATION

# Flowers and Eggs at WHM's Hanamatsuri Day

Joan Tamori

Dharma school students gathered for WHM's Hanamatsuri Sunday Service to celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha. Sophia, Sam Marie, and Tate arrived early to help decorate the Hanamido (baby Buddha's altar) which houses the baby Buddha standing in an ornate metal bowl filled with sweet tea. The finished product was beautifully decorated with flowers and greens collected from around their homes. Aunty Faith shared some golden proteas and Cooper added more flowers when he arrived.



Tate, Sam, and Sophia decorate the hanamido.



Tate pours sweet tea on the baby Buddha.



Sam, Tate, Sophia, and Rev. Murakami stand around the beautifully decorated hanamido.

After refreshments, students proceeded to Rev. Murakami's back yard and the adjacent lawn area to participate in the DS Hanamatsuri Egg Hunt. Nearly 200 eggs filled with candies and some with money had been hidden earlier by dharma school fathers. One special egg with a picture of Shinran Shonin and another with a picture of Shakyamuni Buddha were hidden in two separate areas (one for olders and one for youngers). Winners of \$10 Target gift cards were Risa, 4th grader, and Cooper, preschool. It was a delightful day to celebrate Hanamatsuri!



Students hunting for eggs!



We found all 200 of them!



Students looking inside of their eggs; two special eggs await!

*Like music?*  
*Like to sing?*

Join us as our **CHOIR** starts up again!  
Relax...nothing too fancy, just come and sing gathas and songs we know!  
New members welcome!

**June 15, Saturday**  
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Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Compassion  
 Say pure & beautiful words  
 Caring  
 Kindness  
 Gratitude  
 Do pure & beautiful deeds  
 Listening



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Please contact **Debbie Kubota** ([dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)) if any questions arise.

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**YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

# Sakura 4-H Clubs ~ The Clover Report

*Sammy Takamura*

This April the Sakura 4-H clubs participated in the annual 4-H Teach-in held at UH Maui. Starting off our Teach-in report are the Aloha Girls who worked diligently in preparing for teach-in. They hosted a teach-in practice at the Social Hall for the Sakura 4-H groups and had 3 participants at the teach-in. Each girl did an impressive job reading a poem of choice.

For some of the Lōkahi Girls this was their second year at Teach-in while oth-

ers had their first experience presenting in front of an audience of their peers, other 4-Hers and families. The brave girls tried their best to work through any jitters that comes with public speaking and are already thinking of ideas for next year.

The Malama Dolphins showed up strong. Cara and Ava demonstrated how to make spicy tuna rolls while Karisa and Janie demonstrated how to make homemade pop tarts. The girls researched and

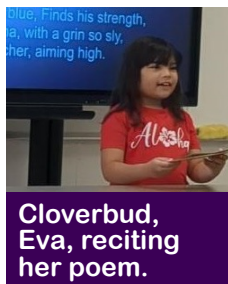
learned a lot about the different ingredients we used for each of our recipes. They worked together to create their own slideshow to accompany the live demonstration.

The day's event ended with all 4Hers making doggy toys using cotton shirts to be donated to the Human Society. The day's events ended with the judges awarding ribbons and giving feedback for all presenters. The best part about Teach-in, everyone agrees, was taste testing all of the 'ono food samples!

**Other happenings:**

**Lōkahi Girls:** The Lōkahi Girls had a hands-on experience at Chang Farms this past month. Chang Farms was started in 2020 by Natasha and Deashia Chang. The land was originally purchased in the 1800's by Natasha's great grandparents Ying 'A'ana Chang and Hattie Kukahiko. The unassuming farm is in a prime resort area in Mākena. Despite everything around being developed, the farm retains its humble charm and local feel. The girls and parents enjoyed an invigorating tour of the farm and property which spans an impressive 6 acres. They were fortunate to have the opportunity to make kalo poke and pound pa'i'ai from locally grown kalo. Chang Farms using regenerative farming techniques by utilizing mulch to keep the lands cool and worm stations throughout their farm as natural fertilization for their soil. The girls are grateful for the experience that helped expand their knowledge on their chosen project of Food, Health, and Nutrition.

**Malama Dolphins:** In March, the Dolphins camped for 2 nights at the Waihe'e Refuge and enjoyed making s'mores and popcorn over the campfire. During the daytime, they hiked to the Waihe'e Stream and swam and at night went sand crab hunting and hung out in our tents.



**Cloverbud, Eva, reciting her poem.**



**Left: Kora sharing her blue ribbon for her poem about butterflies.**



**Malama Dolphins enjoying a meal at Waihe'e Refuge.**



**Ava & Cara smiling after receiving blue ribbons for their sushi demo.**



**Sakura 4-H County Teach-in participants**

**The Clover Corner:**

**Aloha Girls: Grades 1-2**  
Leader: Farron Cabral

**Lōkahi Girls: Grades 3-4**  
Leaders: Sammy Takamura & Farron Cabral

**Malama Dolphins: Grade 5**  
Leaders: Emi Orikasa & Jill Maki`i

**Interested in learning more about 4H?**  
email: WHMSakura4H@gmail.com



**Lōkahi Girls visit Chang Farm.**



**Janie and Karisa demonstrating homemade pop tarts.**

**YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

**Troop 40 Supports Hanamatsuri & Learns Fire Skills**

*Celeste Rabang*



Leone starting his fire



Kellen starting his fire



Asst. Scoutmaster Chad showing the boys how to make char cloth

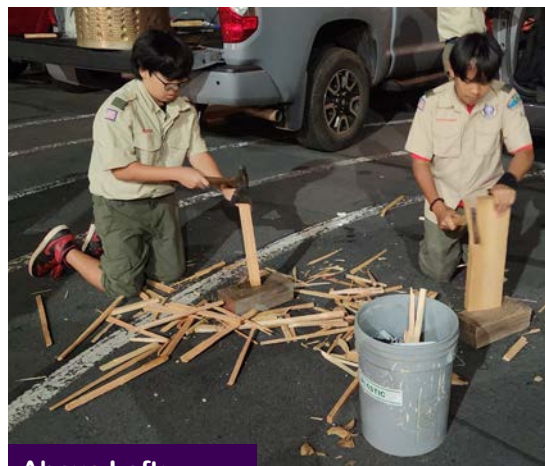
**PACK & TROOP CHILD REGISTRATION**

**Registration Requirements:**

- Pack Reg: Boys & Girls ages 6-10
- Troop Reg: Boys & Girls starting at age 11
- Registration fee, Uniform,
- Handbook: About \$108 upon joining
- Annual dues \$15 (due in January)

**Contact Information:**

- Pack Registration:  
(808) 280-1299 or  
[cubpack40@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com)
- Troop Registration:  
(808) 250-1891 or  
[msdel7@hotmail.com](mailto:msdel7@hotmail.com)



Above Left: Leone and Trenton making kindling

Troop 40 manned the first aid tent for this year's Hanamatsuri. They also helped church members with their food and drinks.

The boys got to learn all about fire starting at their last meeting. They used their flint and steel to get the fire started. They loved it!



Bottom Right: Benjamin, Caden and Aaron ready to help with first aid kits.



ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

# Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) News

Gwen Hiraga

BWA members were very active with various activities, events and services last month with attendance and participation in the following:



Wailuku Hongwanji's Esshinni & Kakushinni Service



Wailuku Hongwanji's Hanamatsuri Service on April 14, 2024.



Accompanied Rev. Murakami to the Spring Visitations at Hale Makua (Wailuku) and Roselani Place on April 8, 2024.



BWA members helping with the vintage items for the Second Chance Sale.



Central Maui Hanamatsuri on April 7, 2024.



BWA, Lahaina Hongwanji, and Lahaina Jodo Mission assisted with sorting and pricing items for the Second Chance Sale. Thank you to all!

Happy Birthday to BWA members born in May: Grace Hamasaki, Sandy Hirata, Mary Tokumaru, and our advisor, Rev. Murakami.

## Chicken Tortilla Soup Courtesy of Tamara Manley



- 1 - 15oz can of corn
- 1 - 15oz can of black beans
- 1 can of sliced olives
- Sour cream

- 1 - 15oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1 - 15oz can of enchilada sauce
- 1 can of chicken breast
- Shredded cheese

- 1 - 15oz can of chicken broth
- 1 - 15oz can of pinto beans
- 1 package taco seasoning
- Bag of Tortilla chips\*\*

**Directions:**

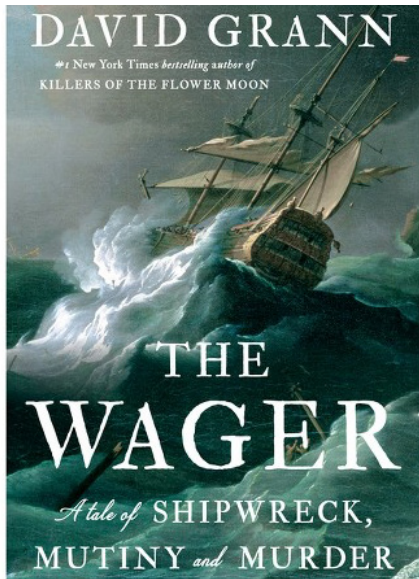
Open all cans and drain fluid from all, including chicken breast, then empty into pot, except for beans. Drain fluid from beans, then rinse with water until clear. Make sure all water is drained from beans, then add to pot. Add taco seasoning and stir well. Heat over low flame for 15-20 minutes, or until heated to your desire. While soup is warming up, crush tortilla chips. When soup is ready, dish up into bowl. Add shredded cheese, tortilla chips, and top of with a little (or a lot) of sour cream.

\*\*You can also make your own chips using corn tortillas by slicing them up and baking them or putting them in an air fryer.

RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

# Buddha Reads: *The Wager* by David Grann

Danny Topp



At the heart of “The Wager” lies the gripping saga of the alleged mutiny aboard His Majesty’s Ship, lost amidst the tumultuous seas off Patagonia’s coast in 1740. Marooned for months, the crew’s harrowing journey of survival, spanning over 3,000 storm-laden miles, unfurls a narrative of resilience and human drama. Yet, six months later, the arrival of another battered craft bearing three castaways introduces a contrasting tale, stirring the depths of intrigue.

Reflecting on Grann’s narrative prowess, our members found themselves immersed in a realm where fact seamlessly intertwines with fiction. The rich tapestry of 18th-century British naval life, meticulously woven with historical nuances, elicited admiration. Quotations from the book, elucidating naval jargon and customs, evoked fascination, underscoring the enduring legacy of maritime lore.

Joan’s poignant observation spotlighted the fragile veneer of civilization, shattered amidst the chaos of the Wager’s ordeal, echoing resonances of conflicts and societal upheaval. Gary echoed this sentiment, shedding light on the façade of the court-martial, a mere charade to preserve the illusion of British naval discipline. Bob’s wry remark on the “very British” whitewashing of the court-

martial underscored the pervasive themes of deceit and self-preservation.

“The Wager” resonated with thematic echoes of past literary explorations. The indomitable human spirit, epitomized by tales such as “The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of a Donner Party Bride,” paralleled the crew’s struggle for survival. However, amidst adversity, Grann’s narrative also lays bare the darker undercurrents of colonialism and prejudice. Instances of maltreatment towards indigenous peoples and lingering attitudes of superiority illuminate stark parallels with past readings, underscoring perennial themes of injustice and cultural clash.

Concluding our discussion, the consensus was unanimous: “The Wager” merits a fervent recommendation. As we eagerly anticipate our next literary odyssey, navigating the pages of “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride, we stand poised to embark on yet another enriching journey of exploration and enlightenment.

In the coming days, a new ballot will be circulated, ushering in the democratic process as we select our next trio of literary treasures. Join us as we continue to traverse the boundless realms of literature, guided by the timeless wisdom of the Buddha.

Gathering virtually on April 7th, the Buddha Reads Book Club delved into the captivating pages of “The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder” penned by David Grann. Marking our 30th literary voyage, the discussion was enriched by the diverse perspectives of our members: Bob, Linda, Danny, Joan, and Gary.

DHARMA TALK

# Florence Tanaka Japanese Culture from “We Japanese”

Bobbie Parr



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Help Wanted*

*Frank Hamasaki*

Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple needs a volunteer to provide an hour of dana each week. Duties include:

- Taking trash bags (including floral waste) to the trash bin. Bags are about 10-35 lbs and the office generates about 5-10 bags a week.
- Since the trash company picks up the waste on Monday, we would like the waste removed on Friday. The bags could be taken out on Saturday or even Sunday, but the office prefers Friday because someone will be available in the office to ensure the doors are open.

The office prefers a high school student seeking a community-service project that they can use on their college applications.

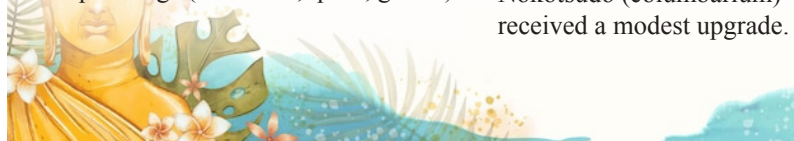
If you are available and willing to help, please call the office at (808) 244-0406 during business hours: M-F, 8:00am - 12:00pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Temple Wish List*

We kindly request your support in contributing to our temple's wish list, which includes essential items to enhance our space and activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Aluminum Foil
- 12 Cups and larger coffee filters
- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags (No Flex Tech)
- 18 Gal. Kitchen Trash bag w/ draw string (No Flex Tech)
- Paper Towels
- Hashi (chop sticks)
- 7" Dessert Plates
- 12oz Bowls
- Napkins
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Clear Carton Packing Tapes
- Duct Tape
- 15# Bag rice
- 9" Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups
- General Use Masking Tapes (1")
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Broom Closet in Kitchen Gets New Floor*



**BEFORE:** Spilled varnish cleaned off of floor.

Thanks to the support of Michael Shimoda (Nancy Shimoda's son) of Kahului Carpet & Drapery Products, the broom closet in the kitchen has new floorings and baseboards.



**AFTER:** Vinyl floor and baseboard installed in the kitchen broom closet.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Bougainvillea Gets New Look by Mike Nishimoto*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Nokotsudo Gets New Look*

Thanks to all of our dedicated donors, the Wailuku Hongwanji Nokotsudo (columbarium) received a modest upgrade.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Second Chance Sale: Thank You!

*Sandy Hirata*

**Julie Petro, Elizabeth Toba,  
& Donna Ikeuchi cleared the  
table of ladies tops.**



**Cathy Ikeuchi, Phyllis Sato,  
Michael Munekiyo & Danny  
Topp clear the glasses.**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your enthusiastic participation in the successful 2024 Second Chance Sale! Your dedication, time, and efforts have made this event truly remarkable.

Special thanks to the committee members, Sharon Higa, Eric Ikeuchi, Janet Kubota, Sandy Matsuda, and Gwen Hiraga, whose hard work and commitment ensured the smooth running of the sale. Also, a special shout out to Mr. Franklin Hamasaki for all the expertise he shared with us! We are immensely grateful to our valuable friends for their support throughout the planning and execution process.

To our generous donors, we express our deepest appreciation for your contributions, which have made a significant impact on our cause. And to our supportive customers, thank you for your patronage and for making this event a success.

As the saying goes, "Teamwork is how everyday people achieve remarkable goals." Together, we have achieved something truly remarkable, and we are filled with gratitude for each and every one of you.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## A Heartfelt Thank You to Sandy Hirata

*Sharon Higa*

On behalf of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, we extend our sincerest gratitude to Sandy Hirata for her unwavering dedication and leadership in spearheading our annual rummage sale, now fondly known as the "Second Chance Sale".

For many years, Sandy has fearlessly taken on the challenge of organizing this significant fundraiser, pouring her heart and soul into ensuring its success. Her tireless efforts and meticulous planning have played a pivotal role in making this event a cornerstone of our temple's fundraising initiatives.

Sandy's commitment to our temple community is truly commendable. Her passion, perseverance, and unwavering support have not only helped raise vital funds but have also fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie among our members.

We are deeply grateful for Sandy's invaluable contributions and the countless hours she has devoted to making the Second Chance Sale a resounding success year after year. Her leadership serves as an inspiration to us all, and we are fortunate to have her guiding our efforts.

Thank you, Sandy Hirata, for your steadfast dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are profoundly grateful for your continued support.

## BODHI PROJECTS

## Planning for New Multi-Purpose Building Underway

*Michael Munekiyo*

Over the past two (2) years, Wailuku Hongwanji Mission has undertaken a planning process to determine how best to manage the upgrading of our campus facilities. The focus of this effort has been to answer the question, "what should we do with the Old Language School/Judo Dojo building?" We began this journey with a strategic planning session facilitated by Ms. Cindy Alm in June 2022. Representatives from WHM's Board of Directors and affiliate organizations explored ways to create a safe and functional campus that would contribute to the growth of Wailuku Hongwanji as a Community Temple.

Following the session, the Board decided that replacing the Old Language School and Judo Dojo with a new Multi-Purpose Building would be the optimal solution. A new facility would address the requirements of WHM's martial arts programs, religious education initiatives, and affiliate organization activities, all while extending a warm welcome to our wider island community.

To gather diverse perspectives, we engaged The Shain Group to conduct stakeholder interviews, encompassing both

members and non-members of WHM. The results reinforced the foundation of support for initiating a capital campaign to fund the construction of the new Multi-Purpose Building. Detailed planning for the capital campaign will begin later this year.

Building upon these efforts, GYA Architects was enlisted to develop conceptual plans for the new facility. They have prepared a preliminary Site Plan and Floor Plan for review and consideration. These are only early concepts and much more work will be needed to advance the design of the building, including definition of interior space needs (storage, indoor plumbing, electrical, etc.), as well as building elevations and related architectural details. These details will be developed after we receive input from our affiliates and our Sangha.

Key criteria guiding the development of the Site Plan and Floor Plan include:

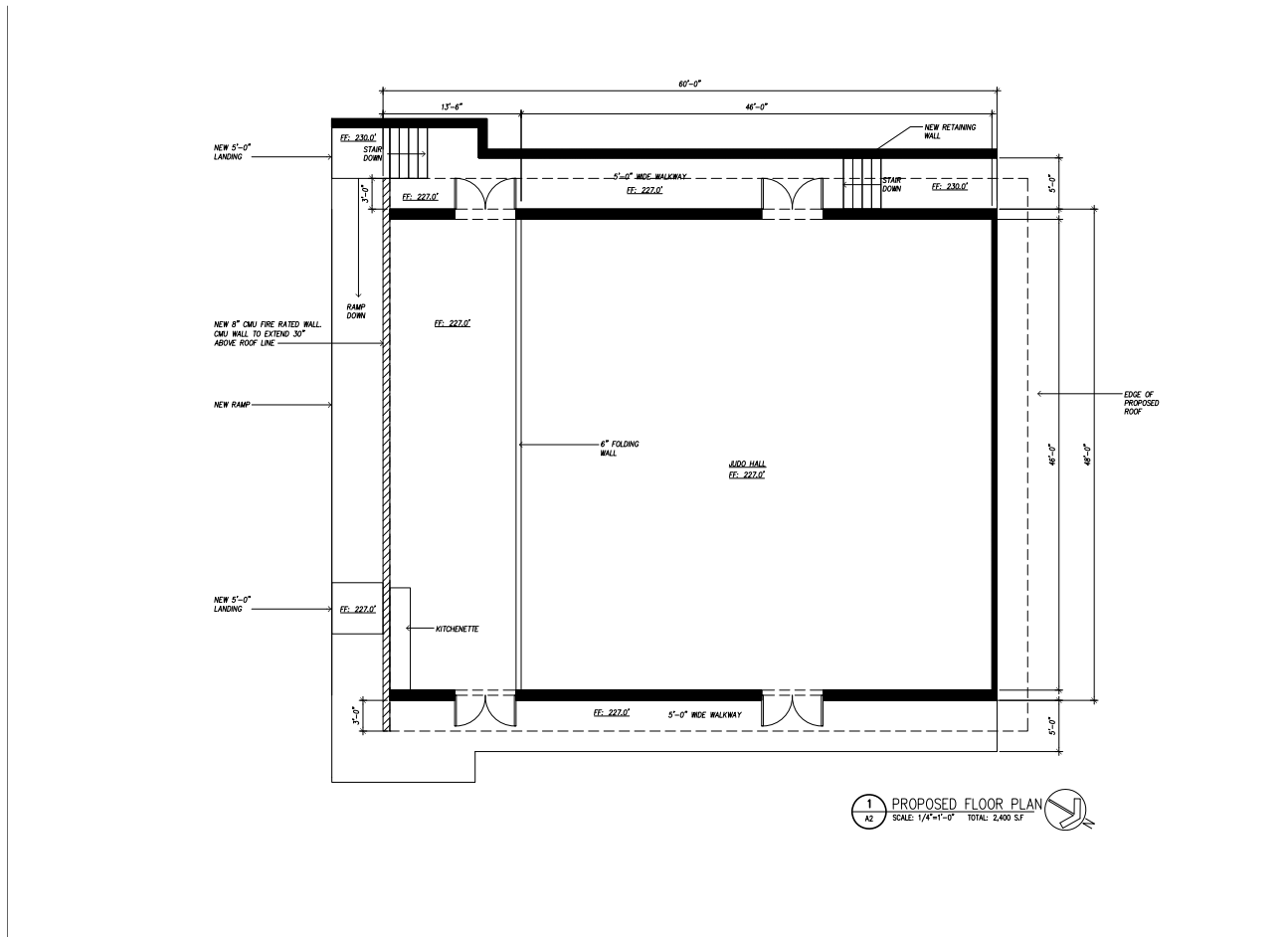
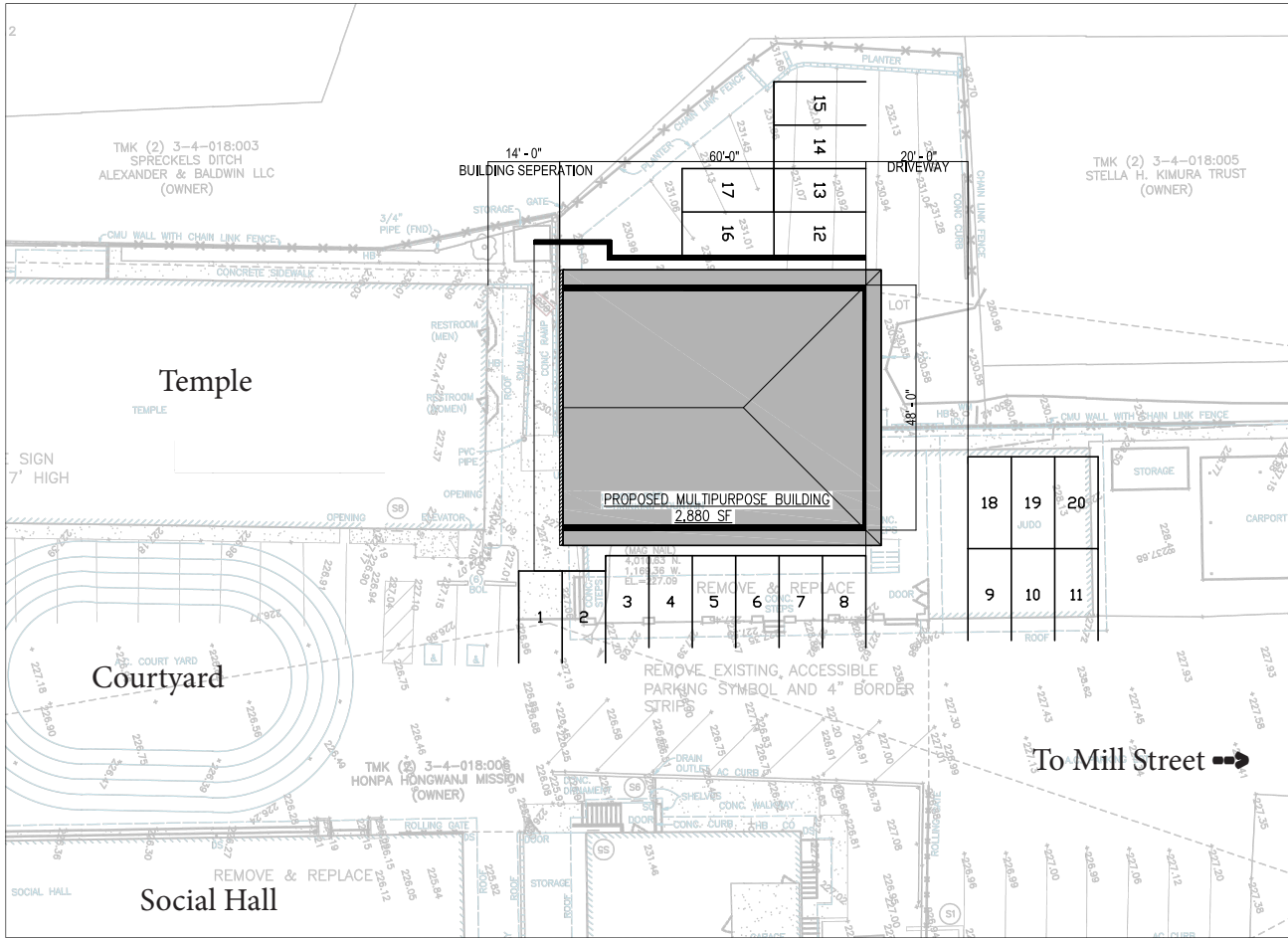
- A single-story building of approximately 2,880 square feet designed for versatility in accommodating various uses, such as martial arts training, religious programs, affiliate organization gatherings, and

community events.

- Flexibility facilitated by partition doors, allowing for separate spaces when needed, such as during non-training times (will require re-positioning/storage of Judo mats).
- Consideration of building placement to comply with parking regulations, vehicular access, and building setback requirements.

As noted above, while there is more detailed planning ahead, including architectural design and lengthy County permitting requirements, input from our Sangha would also be appreciated. With this in mind, may we ask that members provide comments or question you may have regarding the proposal. Comments or questions you may have may be sent to the Temple office at whm@wailukuhongwanji.org. May we ask that your thoughts be provided to us no later than May 15, 2024.

Your time and support are invaluable as we strive to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Dharma and supporting Temple and community programs at Wailuku Hongwanji.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Obon Mairi Begins June 03, 2024*** Sharon Higa

Reverend Shinkai Murakami will begin "Obon Mairi" (Obon house visitation) for Wailuku Hongwanji Kyodan members beginning on Monday, June 3. Kyodan members need to contact Reverend Murakami at 808-214-3067 or contact the office at 808-244-0406 to make arrangements for the date and time when he may visit their home.

Annually, Reverend Murakami visits temple members' homes to conduct an Obon service as part of the custom of honoring the spirits of one's ancestors. This Buddhist custom has evolved into a family reunion when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altar. The family honors their ancestors and acknowledges their gratitude for the contribution they made to their lives. They celebrate life and the sacred connection of all living beings. Members are reminded to clean their butsudan (family altar) and place fresh flowers for the service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Fujimatsuri Festival: May 19th @ MHM***

The Maui Hongwanji Council will be sponsoring the annual Fujimatsuri (Gotan-e) of Wisteria Festival on Sunday, May 19 at Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Service begins at 9:00 a.m. Games, activities, lunch, and fellowship will be part of the festivities. Bento lunch will be provided at no cost. But lunch count for adults and children is needed. The deadline to sign up is May 8. Please call the office (808-244-0406).

The Fujimatsuri Festival is held annually to celebrate the birthday of Shinran Shonin, our founder who was born on May 12, 1173. The wisteria is the flower that represents our sect and is visible as a mon (crest) in our temple and within most of our publications. The wisteria is symbolic of Jodo Shinshu in that unlike other flowers which seem to stand up straight and tall when in full blossom, the wisteria blossoms hang down, as if in humility. This teaches us that a true and real human being does not stand up in arrogance of their accomplishments, but rather realizes that they have much to be grateful for.

Monetary donations is greatly appreciated and should be made to the host temple (Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple) who will be paying the expenses for this event.

Carpooling to Makawao Hongwanji is highly encouraged.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Triple Celebration: Sept. 7-8, 2024***

Join us for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Triple Celebration on September 7 & 8, 2024, at Ala Moana Hotel. Registration is open until July 31, 2024. Early registration costs \$250. Late registration after July 31, 2024, is \$300. Youth (25 yrs or younger) registration is \$150 until July 31, 2024. Registration includes meals, services, workshops, and a \$200 subsidy for neighbor island participants. Submit forms to your temple office. For inquiries, contact [triple.celebration@honpahi.org](mailto:triple.celebration@honpahi.org) or H.Q.

**Update:** Early registration flyer and form attached. Share in your digital newsletter and Sunday services. Special hotel rates at Ala Moana Hotel until August 6, 2024: Kona Tower: \$194, Waikiki Tower: \$224. No resort fees. Reserve online: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50708991>. Phone reservations: (800) 367-6025 or (808) 955-4811. Mention Honpa Hongwanji Triple Celebration.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Calling All Keirokai Members***

Join us on October 20, 2024, for our 125th Anniversary luncheon! Keirokai members aged 80 or older in 2024, share your details with the church office at (808) 244-0406 to be part of this unforgettable celebration!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****2024 YBICSE***

We're excited to announce the return of the YBICSE this summer. The Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange program is coordinated by Honzan, our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan. Through this program, young students from BCA, Canada, South America, and Hawaii Kyodans assemble in Kyoto, Japan, to participate in various exciting and educational programs to experience the joy of being Jodo Shinshu Buddhists today. Honzan's YBICSE program will be held on July 4-9, 2024. More detailed information about the program, application, and itinerary, including the Hawaii Kyodan's original program, will be distributed to the temples later. We encourage our youth to consider attending this meaningful program.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Boy Scouts to Hold Mother's Day Brunch*** Sharon Higa

Boy Scouts of Troop 40 will be hosting the Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 12, immediately after Sunday Service. The service begins at 9:00 a.m. Scoutmaster Celeste Rabang cordially invites temple members to attend the special brunch.

Kyodan president Michael Munekiyo reminds members that May 12th is Mother's Day and encourages everyone to bring their spouse, mothers, grandmothers, children, grandchildren, and relatives to the service and brunch. He would like to express his gratitude to the Boy Scouts of Troop 40 for preparing the brunch for the membership.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Gotan-e Guest Speaker*** Sharon Higa

Reverend Kojun Hashimoto, Resident Minister at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission will be the guest speaker at the Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin, our founder's birthday) and Mother's day Service, which will be held on Sunday, May 12, beginning at 9 a.m.

Gotan-e celebrates the birth of the father of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin. He founded the Jodo Shinshu or Pure Land Buddhism for the ordinary people. Buddhism has been in existence in Japan since it was first introduced in the middle of the 6th century. At that time, Buddhism was somewhat of an aristocratic religion. The Buddhism monasteries were restricted to the noble people and isolated from the ordinary people. Shinran Shonin founded the religion for ordinary people.

Gotan-e means "coming down birthday gathering." Another name for this occasion is Fujimatsuri (wisteria festival). The double-wisteria crest is the temple crest of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission. The pendant of wisteria blossoms suggests humility and sincere reverence to Amida.





# Triple Celebration Deadline Extended to April 30, 2024!

The early registration fee and  
youth fee is still available !

\$250 per person for registrations received by April 30, 2024

\$300 per person for registrations received by July 31, 2024

\$150 per youth registration (25 years old or younger)



Registration Link:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration/>

Refunds will be issued in full for refund requests received on or before August 6, 2024.

After August 6, 2024, no refunds will be issued. Regarding the Hotel reservation, please see more detailed information at the website.

## 2024 OBON SCHEDULE

FRI	SAT	TEMPLE	SERVICE	DANCE
	JUN 01	Lahaina Shingon Mission** mail@lahainashingon.org	6:30pm	7:30pm
	JUN 08	Puunene Nichiren Mission	6:00am	7:30pm
JUN 14		Wailuku Jodo Mission	6:00am	7:00pm
	JUN 15	Wailuku Shingon Mission sorapapa@yahoo.com	6:30pm	7:30pm
	JUN 22	Kahului Jodo Mission	6:30pm	7:30pm
	JUL 06	Lahaina Jodo Mission lahainajodomission@gmail.com	6:30pm	8:00pm
	JUL 13	Mantokuji Mission of Paia info@paiamantokuji.org	6:00am	7:30pm
JUL 19	JUL 20	Kahului Hongwanji Mission kahului-hongwanji@hawaii.rr.com	6:00am	7:30pm
JUL 26	JUL 27	Makawao Hongwanji Mission makawaohongwanji@gmail.com	6:00am	7:00pm
AUG 02	AUG 03	Wailuku Hongwanji Mission whm@wailukuhongwanji.org	6:30pm	7:45pm
	AUG 10	Lahaina Hongwanji Mission** lhmkyodan@yahoo.com	6:00am	7:30pm
AUG 16	AUG 17	Paia Rinzai Mission	6:00am	7:00pm
	AUG 24	Kula Shofukuji Mission mail@lahainashingon.org	6:30pm	7:30pm
<b>WED, JUL 03</b>		<b>Obon Cemetery Services:</b> 3:00pm at Makawao Veterans' Cemetery 5:00pm at Maui Memorial Park and Lahaina Japanese Cemetery		

\*\*NOTE: Lahaina Temples' dates and locations are pending

REMINDER: Obon dance practices are held the second Wednesday of the month at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission from 5:30pm - 6:30pm until the start of Obon season.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

# May Hoji Memorial Services



### 1st YEAR MEMORIAL - 2023

**DAY NAME**

- 05 Misayo Kanemitsu (SHO KEN)
- 08 Fumie Hanada (SHO ZEN)

### 3rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 2022

**DAY NAME**

- 04 Edward Brian Apana (JO RAKU)
- 29 Earl Toshio Shimizu (BIN TOKU)

### 13th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2012

**DAY NAME**

- 10 Rose Hashiro (MYO SHO)
- 13 Melvin Kushiyama (TEI GAN)
- 14 Yoshiyuki "Pop" Imai (GI SHI)
- 28 Kenneth Kenji Nomura (KEN SHO)

### 25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2000

**DAY NAME**

- 07 Saburo Miyamoto (JYO SAN)
- 24 Miyuki Tokunaga (AN SAI)

### 33rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 1992

**DAY NAME**

- 04 Francis Hamamura (JOSHIN)
- 07 Sumie Fujitani (MYO NEN)
- 16 Hajime Tamashiro (KYODO)

### 50th YEAR MEMORIAL - 1975

**DAY NAME**

- 05 Masao Yamada (JOSHO)

To schedule your family member's memorial service, please contact the main office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

## Our Deepest Sympathies

Elenor Yonamine (CHI MYO) – Buddha's Great Light of Wisdom), age 87, of Wahiawa, passed away on February 17, 2024.

Stephen Shigeru Tsuzaki (JO SHIN – Guiding Path if the Truth), age 84, of Wailuku, passed away on February 26, 2024.

Namo Amida Butsu

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### Ofuse: Thank You for Your Compassion

Diane Tabangay - *In memory of Carol Honda Hirano & Marci Chieme Honda Hirano*

Lily Trichel - *In memory of Shiori Yamashiro*

Lucille Tsuzaki - *In memory of Stephen Shigeru Tsuzaki*



Donations in memory of our ancestors and the recent passing of our family and friends may be made payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and sent to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793. Please feel welcome to also note on the check to whose memory you are sending your donation.

REFERENCES

# Organization & Project Sign-Up Info

Interested in joining an affiliate organization, club, association, or looking to volunteer or donate to a project? Below is a list of sponsored organizations and ongoing or upcoming projects at Wailuku Hongwanji and their contact information. We look forward to seeing you and your family, and thank you in advance, for any monetary donations you make to support our efforts!

Altar Flower Donations	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Buddhist Womans Association (BWA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Building Fund Donation	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Boy Scouts	Call (808) 250-1891 or email <a href="mailto:msdell17@hotmail.com">msdell17@hotmail.com</a>
Buddha Reads Book Club	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Choir	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Cub Scouts	Call (808) 280-1299 or <a href="mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com">cubpack40@gmail.com</a>
Dharma School	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Dharma Strummers	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
4-H	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:WHMSakura4H@gmail.com">WHMSakura4H@gmail.com</a>
Gakuen (Japanese Language School)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Hosha Day Clean-up (First Thursday of Month)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Judo Club	Call (808) 244-9094 or email <a href="mailto:rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com">rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com</a>
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Preschool	Call the Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email <a href="mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com">whpreschool808@gmail.com</a>
Social Concerns Fund Drive	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Website & Facebook	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May / June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kunisaki Scholarship Due	2 8:00am HOSHA BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	3 Sanmu Mtg & Sanmu-Kanji Mtg	4 Honpa Board of Direct. Mtg
5 8am Sunday Service (DS Enlightenment Game for all to follow)	6 Central Maui Hanamatsuri Eval. Mtg @ KHM 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	7	8 5:30pm Obon Practice	9 7pm Troop mtg	10	11
12 9am Gotane & Mother's Day Service - Speaker Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Troop 40 Host Breakfast) 9:15am BWA Meeting 10:00am 4-H	13 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	14	15 BWA ACCW 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	16 7pm Troop mtg	17 PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony Gakuen Graduation & Award Night	18 10am Maui Matsuri Kodomo no hi at Kaahumanu Center Pre-school Graduation
19 9:30am Fujimatsuri @ MHBT 12pm 4-H PBA Commencement Exercise	20 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	21 Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotane) 6:30pm Cubs	22	23 7pm Troop mtg	24 Kitchen Rental - Chow fun Prep	25 12pm Chow Fun Cooking 3-9pm Maui Matsuri @ UHMC <b>(Tent.) YESS Camp 40</b>
26 8am Memorial Day Service DS Registration Day / Dedication of Altars <b>(Tent.) YESS Camp 40</b>	27 8:30am Memorial Day Service @ Makawao Veterans Cemetery <b>Memorial Day Obsv. (Office Closed)</b>	28	29	30 School Ends for Students 7pm Troop mtg	31 Social Hall Rental	1
2 8am Sunday Service	3 Obon Mairi Begins 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	4	5	6 BWA Hoshu Day 7pm Troop mtg	7	8 Puunene Nichiren Mission Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance
9 8am Jr. YBA Sunday Service 9:15am BWA Meeting	10 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	11 King Kamehameha State Holiday (Office Open)	12 5:30pm Obon Practice	13 7pm Troop mtg	14 Wailuku Jodo Mission Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance	15 10am Choir Practice Wailuku Shingon Mission Obon 6:30pm Service 7:30pm Dance
16 8am Father's Day Sunday (Dharma School Hosting)	17 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	18 6:30pm Cubs	19 Juneteenth (Office Closed) BWA ACCW 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	20 7pm Troop mtg	21	22 Kahului Jodo Mission Obon 6:30pm Service 7:30pm Dance <b>65th State Jr. YBA Conv. WHM</b>
23 8am Sunday Service <b>65th State Jr. YBA Conv. WHM</b>	24 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	25	26	27 7pm Troop mtg	28	29 Conference Room Rental
30 8am Family Service	5:30pm Dharma Strummers					