



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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WEST MAUI HANA MATSURI SERVICE

The West Maui Buddhist community will celebrate Buddha Day or Hana Matsuri, the Buddha's birthday on **Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Lahaina Shingon Mission.** The Shingon Mission will host this event together Lahaina Hongwanji and Lahaina Jodo Missions. Rev. Takayuki Meguro of Shingon Mission will deliver the Dharma talk, and sweet tea will be offered to the Baby Buddha in the *hanamido* flower shrine. The program includes fellowship activities and luncheon. Please join this celebration!

As we face unrest around the world, we are reminded of the importance of living in peace and harmony as one. In today's world, where no country is completely isolated from another, it is important as ever to look to the Buddha's teaching of peaceful coexistence and compassion.



KANBUTSU-E SERVICE

In celebration of Buddha Day, we will hold a *Kanbutsu-e* (service to pour sweet tea over the Baby Buddha, symbolizing the gentle rain that fell on him at his birth) at our temple.

Date: **Sunday, April 16, 2023**
Time: **9:30 a.m.**
MC: Lanny Daise
Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Our Board meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 16 at 12 noon** at the pavilion after our service and luncheon. Agenda includes reports and organizing the O-Bon committees. Please come to join a O-Bon committee!

CALLING FOR O-BON VOLUNTEERS

After a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our O-Bon Festival will return to an open celebration on **Saturday, July 1, 2023.**

We are now organizing the committees. This year, we will be coming up with new ideas for food sales. Those interested in serving on a committee, please contact Rev. Hara or a board member by April 15. Please also join us for our meeting on April 16 at noon to discuss some ideas.

MRS. HARUKO UENO PASSED

Our long-time faithful member, Mrs. Haruko Ueno, passed away peacefully on March 14 at age 96. Mrs. Ueno will be remembered for her gentle smile and warm personality. Our heartfelt Mahalo to Mrs. Ueno for her many years of dedication and support to our temple! We send our deepest condolences to Glenn, Edwin, and the Ueno family.

MARK ELLMAN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The celebration of life for our friend and generous benefactor of many years, Mark Ellman, was held on Sunday, April 2 from 4 p.m. at our park area.

Let us offer a prayer in remembrance of this great chef and restaurateur. We will fondly remember his motto "Practice Aloha" for years to come.



Photo of Mark at our Farmer's Market.

BISHOP ISHIKAWA AND KYOKU PRESIDENT MAUI VISITATION

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa and President Leonard Chow of the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions will visit Maui on April 21 and 22. They will oversee the ministry situation and concerns at each temple. Officers are asked to meet with the Bishop and President on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. at our Mission. The Bishop will also discuss the observances and projects for the 850th Anniversary of the Founding of Jodo Shu.

REV. MORITA VISITS MAUI

We are excited to host Rev. Yasuhito Morita, a young Jodo Shu minister from Nara, the ancient capital and rich cultural, historic city of Japan, at our temple for about three months. Morita sensei just completed his Master's degree at Bukkyo University in Kyoto and will be entering a PhD program there in the fall. Let us extend our warm Aloha to him!

FERMENTATION WORKSHOP

As part of a Wellness series organized at our temple, Yuko Furukawa, owner of Vegan Kimchi, will be sharing traditional Japanese fermentation techniques she learned from her Obaa-chan. For this workshop, we will be making chickpea miso and nappa cabbage pickles on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m.** in our pavilion. After the workshop, we will have a luncheon on fermented dishes. Suggested donation \$20 (\$15 for members). Please email us to reserve your space!



LJM FARMER'S MARKET

The LJM Farmer's Market will be held on **Thursday, April 13 and 27** this month from 4:00-7:00 PM. Please come support your local vendors, & community and enjoy live Hawaiian music!

APRIL CALENDAR

Apr. 2 (Sun) – Mark Ellman Celebration of Life (P)
Apr. 8 – Pavilion use, wedding celebration
Apr. 9 (Sun.) – West Maui Buddhist Buddha Day Service at Lahaina Shingon Mission, 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 13 (Thurs.) – Farmers Market, 4–7p.m.
Apr. 15 (Sat.) – Stephanie Dent baby party (P)
Apr. 16 (Sun.) – Kanbutsu-e Service, 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting, noon
Apr. 16 (Sun.) – Pavilion, Bachata dance, 4 p.m.
Apr. 21 – Sara Bill (P)
Apr. 22 (Sat.) – Fermentation Workshop, 10 a.m.
Apr. 23 (Sun.) – Maui Taiko (P)
Apr. 27 (Thurs) – Farmers Market, 4–7p.m.
**(P) Park use

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
- Mon. (4:30 pm) Marijuana Anonymous
- Tuesdays (8:30 am) Tai Chi with Juliet
- Thurs. (12 pm), Rotary Club meeting
- Sat. (1st & 3rd, 9 am), Maui Writers' Ink

WAILUKU HALE MAKUA SERVICE

Rev. Hara will conduct a Buddhist service at the Wailuku Hale Makua on **Wednesday, May 3 from 10 a.m.** Those who wish to do a visitation to Hale Makua with him, please come to the Mission by 9a.



Many from the community at large attended Mark Ellman's Celebration of Life at our Mission
