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Mission Statement:

To be a vibrant resource, strengthening our diverse community by educating present and future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i. We do this through relevant programming, meaningful community service and innovative partnerships that enhance the understanding and celebration of our heritage, culture and love of the land. To guide us in this work we draw from the values found in our Japanese American traditions and the spirit of Aloha.

NEW EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS "GREEN" EFFORTS IN JAPAN, HAWAI'I

new Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i exhibit titled For our Children, For our Planet: Going Green in Japan and Hawai'i opened in the Cultural Center Community Gallery on April 22. Connected thematically to this year's Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/Going Green festival, the exhibition looks at recycling and other sustainability practices in Japan and Hawai'i.







River; Bottom: Recycling facility in Ikeda.



The Japan portion of the exhibition features the work of renowned Hawai'i photographer Brian Y.

Sato, who has produced a photo essay of Japanese recycling and sustainability practices (see page 3 for more on Sato and his trip to Japan). His photographs, most of which were taken in the Kansai area, feature images of large municipal recycling centers in Kameoka, Kobe and Miyako, along with images of Japanese recycling bins, trash sorting, trash/recycling trucks, and other aspects illustrating Japan's longtime



commitment to sustainable practices. On the Hawai'i side, the recent resurgence of interest in recycling will be highlighted in displays of practices in the various counties here.

The display also includes sustainable practices that have been part of local Japanese culture since the days of the Issei.

"When you think about it, the furoshiki is an example of recycling that is a part of Japanese culture," said Takamune. "One of the most important cultural values the Issei and Nisei taught us was the concept of mottainai or not being wasteful—which really is recycling and sustainability."

For our Children, For our Planet is sponsored by the Sekiya of Fukuoka Hawai'i Endowment Fund, Fujifilm Hawai'i, Wally and Elaine Teramoto, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Matsuyama, and anonymous donors. The exhibition will run through July 17.

- Brian Niiya, Director of Program Development



Dear Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i 'Ohana,

Today's Thought: "This Topsy-Turvy World"

A reader asks "How can we live in this topsy-turvy world?" The world pours in upon us with its tragic news and confused events. If we do not take care of our inner life and renew our resources, we may become the victims of fatal futility. We may even "go to pieces." The need of the hour is faith—the power to face all that the world brings us and remain calm and confident.

—The Reverend Paul S. Osumi

We are indeed in the midst of challenging times. Reverend Osumi wrote the above during another tough time for Hawai'i and the nation. We weathered prior storms, as we will this one. Our Cultural Center has experienced the effects of the current turbulent times with declines in our investment portfolio, reduced donations and grants, and lower levels of sponsorships for our community programs. We are so very grateful to each of you—individuals, businesses, and agencies who have continued to support our Cultural Center with donations and grants and gifts, even as your resources have also been adversely affected. We are very fortunate that even through these rough waters, our Cultural Center remains financially sound, and we strive to maintain the level and quality of programming you've grown to expect.

To be sure, we have kept a close watch on our operations and have acted judiciously to ensure we continue to manage efficiently and make the most productive use of our resources. To that end, effective March 1st, we have reorganized to allow us to more effectively manage the activities of the Cultural Center and enhance the delivery of our many programs and services with a team of three Directors (Allicyn Hikida Tasaka, Caroline Okihara, and Brian Niiya) leading three areas: Development and Communication, Finance and Administration, and Program Development respectively, with Lenny's efforts focused on marketing and development. In lieu of hiring a full time Programs Director, we have contracted Waynele Yu to coordinate the *Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/Going Green* and *Celebration of Leadership and Achievement Dinner* (CLAD). We also welcomed Jayne Hirata Epstein as a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to manage our volunteer program. You can read more on Jayne and Waynele on page 6 and 13 respectively.

Certainly, in the spirit of our *issei* and *nisei* forefathers, we continue to push forward and challenge ourselves to do more with less, striving to ensure that the programs and activities of the Cultural Center remain relevant and meaningful for our members and community at large. Our gala CLAD event in October will be held at the Manoa Grand Ballroom on the Cultural Center grounds, with the theme of *"Ganbare! Generations of Success"* a term (persevere) which is consistent with what we all must do to overcome today's challenges. We will be honoring multi-generational businesses from each island.

Rest assured, we are managing for the times and remain prepared for future growth. Please support our staff, volunteers and members' great efforts during these turbulent times by visiting our upcoming exhibit For our Children, For our Planet: Going Green in Japan and Hawai'i and bring your family to our Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/Going Green event in May. We hope to see you there!

Eric K. Martinson Chairman, Board of Directors Lenny Yajima Andrew President/Executive Director



Dear Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i 'Ohana,

The end of the 2009 fiscal year marks the completion of my two-year term as Chairman and my

six-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. Having participated on the Committee to Save the Center in 2002–'03 and served on the Board of Directors since, I am overwhelmed by the progress that the Cultural Center has made and am confident that a firm foundation is now set to allow the Cultural Center to continue to thrive. As we enter the new fiscal year on July 1, please join me in welcoming my successor to the chairmanship, Susan Yamada, whose vibrant leadership will no doubt steer our Cultural Center toward great accomplishments.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. I would like to recognize and give special thanks to the Cultural Center's staff and volunteers, members of the Board of Governors and of course, fellow members of the Board of Directors for their tremendous contributions to strengthen our organization and its place in the Islands. We are always so fortunate to have such outstanding volunteers who contribute their time, knowledge and experience for the benefit of our organization and our community. Of course, our collective work would not be possible without the tremendous support of our members, donors and community partners for which we are all thankful.

When I began my chairmanship two years ago, the Board of Directors set specific goals to further our mission of sharing the history, heritage and culture of the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i. It has been with great pride that I've participated in the Cultural Center's progress and development and look forward to its continued success.

Serving the community and especially the loyal members of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i has truly been a special experience. I am steadfast in my commitment to continue to find ways to preserve and to give life to the history, culture and values of Japanese and Japanese American traditions and culture in Hawai'i.

Mahalo and Okage Sama De,

Eric K. Martinson

Chairman, Board of Directors 2007-2009

A Snapshot of Brian Y. Sato's Experience Photographing Recycling Practices in Japan

The Cultural Center exhibit, For our Children, For our Planet: Going Green in Japan and Hawai'i, features photographs from Brian Y. Sato. Sato traveled to Japan to create the exhibit's photo essay on Japanese recycling and sustainability practices.

Thanks to the coordination efforts of Haruyoshi Asano, and former Cultural Center volunteer Mihoko Uno, Sato was able to



access and photograph three city recycling facilities from the inside out, in addition to several recycling/ecology education institutions and one corporation to learn about the company's recycling philosophy.

Legacies interviewed Brian Y. Sato about his experience in Japan. Please note that Sato is not an expert at recycling. The following is merely Sato's opinions and observations.

Tell us your impressions of recycling efforts in Japan.

"The statement that was reiterated by those I spoke to in Japan about the topic is that recycling is something that Japan has to do. Sorely lacking in natural resources and land area, Japan cannot afford not to recycle and reuse.

Recycling bins are omnipresent in Japan—at the convenience store, supermarket, train station, airport, public bath, next to vending machines, etc. In Japan, recycling programs are administered by the city governments, and no two programs or cities are exactly alike. Despite the recycling rules and guidelines being very complicated and often times confusing, everyone complies and does his or her part.

I have been trying to figure out how the Japanese are able to comply with these convoluted and demanding recycling regimens without protest? I believe the reasons run deep into the core of the Japanese philosophical, social and cultural make-up. Peer pressure and dedication to the group is central to the Japanese citizens' willingness to participate. How one is viewed by others is a very strong underlying concern with the Japanese. I was told by several Japanese that they were fearful of being reprimanded by the neighborhood garbage captain and worried about the gossip among the neighbors if an incident did occur. And we all know that the Japanese is a

group-based society, where not being a team-player and watching out for number one is frowned upon. Whereas, in the United States, individualism is highly regarded and encouraged—many Americans don't appreciate being told what to do and when to do it. Oversimplified though it may seem, I think that it is not an inaccurate comparison of the two cultures in relation to why I think recycling regimens taken to the level practiced in Japan will not work here in Hawai'i until we change our attitude and realize that we all have to make sacrifices, for the benefit of everyone."

Can you recall a memorable story or experience from your trip?

"While I was viewing the cafeteria of Ricoh Corporation in Ikeda, Osaka, my Japanese coordinator pointed to a trash can, turned to me and asked, 'What do you call that?' I answered, 'A trash can.' He said, 'No, here, they call it a recycling center.' With astonished looks on our faces, we stared at each other for a few seconds. Okay, now I get it. This is where they are coming from. We have a long way to go."

Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/Going Green

Sunday, May 3 • 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Teruya Courtyard and Fifth Floor • FREE ADMISSION

Kodomo ni Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/ Going Green

On Sunday, May 3, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i will celebrate both Children's Day and Earth Day with Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/ Going Green.

- Children's crafts and games based on Japanese traditions
- Recycled goods product fair
- Displays on recycling and sustainability
- Food and drink
- Bring your used eyeglasses and batteries for recycling and receive a special prize!

Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/Going Green is made possible in large part through a generous grant from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority - City and County of Honolulu County Product Enrichment Program.





Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest/Going Green

Kimono Dressing Application Form

Kimono Dressing by Masako Formals Photography by King Digital Imaging Center

When: Sunday, May 3, 2009

Where: Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Mānoa Grand Ballroom, Fifth Floor

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$56 per JCCH Member*

\$70 per non-member

*Individual Members receive a 20% discount - one \$56 slot; Family Members receive two \$56 slots.

Fee includes dressing by Masako Formals staff, use of kimono and accessories and the portrait sitting fee with King Digital Photo.

Fee does NOT include hair and makeup.

Photos are a separate cost. Packages range from \$20 to \$60 and up.

Cancellation prior to 72 hours notice will be reimbursed in full.

Parking: \$3 with validation Registration deadline: Friday, May 1, 2009

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Resource Center

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espite some dicey weather, an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 300 people took part in the *Honouliuli Day* of *Remembrance* on March 2, 2009 at the University of Hawai'i Architecture Auditorium.

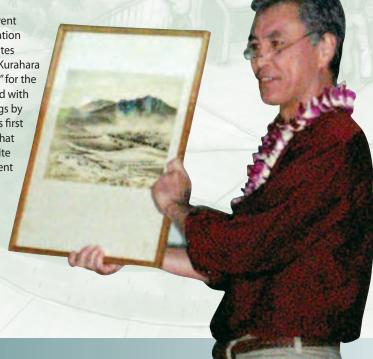
The various speakers brought out the significance of remembering the history of the Honouliuli site and about the Hawai'i internment story in general as well as the latest developments in the preservation of the site.

Speakers at the event included Dr. Warren Nishimoto, Director of the Center for Oral History at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Senator Will Espero (Senate District 20, State of Hawai'i); Dr. Fred Perlak, Vice President, Research and Business Operations, Monsanto, Hawai'i; Jeff Burton, lead archeologist of the Honouliuli archeological survey (more on page 5) and Kathy Kawaguchi, the project leader of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's Hawai'i World War II Internees/ Education through Cultural and Historical Organizations project. Kevin Chang and Uncle Stanley Tibayan provided rousing pre-event entertainment, while Susan Arnett and I served as emcees.

After the completion of the formal part of the program and a break for refreshments, a series of breakout sessions included a workshop on searching for internee records led by Ron Chung, an oral history station staffed by Florence Sugimoto and Sheila Chun, an internee Ohana booth with Jane Kurahara, the *Dark Clouds Over Paradise* traveling exhibit with exhibit guides Shige Yoshitake and Kathy Kiyabu, and seven talk story sessions with

But the highlight of the event for many was the presentation by Hawai'i Confinement Sites Committee co-chair Jane Kurahara of the committee's "dream" for the Honouliuli site, augmented with brand new artist renderings by local artist David Tanji. This first visual representation of what might be possible at the site provided a jolt of excitement for all those present.

From top: A capacity crowd enjoyed the program at the Honouliuli Day of Remembrance; an overlook and display on a ridge above the site of the Honouliuli detention facility is part of the ultimate dream for the site, as rendered by artist David Tanji; Dr. Warren Nishimoto, Director of the Center for Oral History at the University of Hawai'i, shows a painting of the Santa Fe, New Mexico camp during his talk on the importance of oral history.



former internees/family members/excludees Ramsay Hishinuma, Ed Honda, Tosh Hosoda, Helene Minehira, James Nakano, Doris Berg Nye, and Ella Tomita.

Betsy Young's leadership and energy as event chair was key to its success.

The event was co-sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter; the University of Hawai'i Office of Multicultural Student Services; and by the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce.



Ramsay Hishinuma, whose father was interned at Honouliuli and other sites, was among those who led talk story sessions at the March 1 event.

On to 2010!

andwiched around the March 1 event, archeologists Jeff Burton, Mary Farrell, and Ron Beckwith returned to Hawai'i to continue the archeological work they had begun at the Honouliuli site last year. As you may recall, their 2008 trip—funded by the Conservation Fund, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service—resulted in a wealth of new information about the site, including the discovery of an existing building from the camp administration area.

Part of their mission was to write up a nomination for Honouliuli to the National Register of Historic Places. In order to gather more information to finish up the nomination, the team returned to Honouliuli for five more days of work. This trip was largely self-funded, save for a small donation from an anonymous donor. As before, they were aided by many volunteers, including an enthusiastic group of students from the University of Hawai'i West Oahu campus. Monsanto representatives Paul Koehler and Alan Takemoto also pitched in, and provided access to the site for the group.

Jeff and his team are aiming to have the national register nomination done by July.

erecently learned that P.L. 109–441—the National Park Service managed grant program to preserve former Japanese American World War II confinement sites—has been appropriated \$1 million this fiscal year for grants. While the exact details haven't been officially announced, it is likely that grant applications could be due as early as June 1 and that grants will be awarded in August 2009. Grants must be matched on a 1:2 ratio; that is the applicant must raise one-third of the total project budget from other sources. The Hawai'i Confinement Sites Committee will be submitting an application under this program.

We also just learned that our federal Education through Cultural and Historical Organizations (ECHO) subgrant has been renewed for 2009–'10 for a total of \$44,000. This would be for educational projects tied to the Hawai'i internees story.

With a clear dream, funding sources opening up, and a growing list of community partners,

we are at a key point in the preservation and access of the Honouliuli site. We hope you can join us for what should be an exciting next few years.

 Brian Niiya, Director of Program Development



Archeologist Jeff Burton and his team returned to the Honouliuli site from February 26 to March 3 to continue their work. With the help of newly discovered photographs and maps, the team was able to uncover and identify many more features from the World War II detention camp time period.

of the Japanese cultural center of Hawai'i



VOLUNTEERS COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Aloha!

You could say it was inevitable that I would end up working at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i since so many "firsts" in my life happened here. My first birthday

baby luau was held in the hall at the then Japanese Chamber of Commerce... many, many, many decades ago. When I wanted to take a break from my first job at my dad's service station, Hirata Chevron on the corner of Isenberg and Beretania Streets, I would wander over to the Chamber to watch the koi in the pond or climb on the rocks in the garden. The first Roosevelt High School class reunion I attended was at the Chamber and my first car accident happened as I transported our beautifully decorated cake from the bakery to the reunion. The first time my daughter dressed in formal kimono was at a Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Girl's Day event and the first time my son wore plantation attire was at a Discovery Box presentation. Amazingly, both became a part of the Cultural Center history also as my daughter was featured on a Television News segment for the event and my son's photo was used in an Education Department brochure. For my youngest son, this is the first time in his life that Mommy is now a working woman and not a full-time stay-at-home Mom.

Through my own volunteer work with the 100th Infantry Battalion WWII Veterans, the 'Iolani School 'Ohana, the Hawai'i Dog Foundation and other community organizations, I have experienced the joy of working with others dedicated to a common purpose and motivated by a genuine desire to "give back." In the few weeks that I have been a part of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, I have discovered that the spirit of giving from the heart exists in each and every one of our volunteers. I have been the fortunate recipient of their generosity be it gifts of time, knowledge, experience or *onolicious* homemade baked goods! I have already learned so much from the volunteers, ranging from the meaning of a little known mysterious kanji, the correct way to fold an origami aloha shirt, a secret technique for repairing broken small kid time toys, and the somewhat questionable history of *hanafuda*. No one has said "no" to a request that went beyond the call of their normal assignments but wholeheartedly took on every task that was asked of them—even if it meant donning full kimono and posing on the sidewalk for an impromptu photo session.

I look forward to your continued support. Ganbarimasu.

Mahalo,

Jayne Hirata Epstein Volunteers Coordinator

outgoing volunteer director's Message



Aloha Volunteers!

We are well into Spring and closing in on Summer—that means that one fourth of the year has already come and gone! There have been many

exciting changes at the Cultural Center in 2009. One of those changes involves the roles and responsibilities for the staff. Up until March, I was responsible for the volunteers and the Educational Outreach Programs. Since the middle of March, the Cultural Center hired Jayne Hirata Epstein to oversee and develop our Volunteer Program so that I can focus more on expanding and broadening our educational services and our public programs, which include our neighbor island outreaches. Jayne currently volunteers for the 100th Infantry Battalion WWII Veterans Association, where for the past five years she has been the organization's Technical Editor and also oversees its blog site. To ensure a smooth transition, Jayne and I will be working together for the next month or so. Should you have any questions regarding your volunteer services here, please see Jayne or myself and we will be glad to help you.

It has been a great pleasure getting to know each and every one of you over the past nine years. You've all shared so much with me and I've learned so much from being your Volunteer Director. Though my area of responsibility will change, and I may not spend as much time as I used to with you all, I'll still be around to help you whenever I can. Please show Jayne the same kindness and support you have shown me. Thank you all for your generous and continuous support for the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. Without volunteers like you, the Cultural Center wouldn't be the same.

Otsukaresamadeshita! Makoto ni dōmo arigatō gozaimasu (Thank you very much)!

With much appreciation and aloha,

Tevail Sunta

Derrick Iwata

Education Specialist

Up-Close and Enlightening

On March 16, a group of Cultural Center volunteers visited the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa East-West Center Gallery to check out the Mirror & Mirage: Japanese Noh & Kyogen Exhibit. Noh mask maker, musician and Japanese Arts Specialist, Chizuko Endo, gave the group a special presentation on the unique masks on display.

By Betsy Young, Staff Emeritus/ Resource Center Volunteer

The walk-through of the East-West Center Gallery exhibit was up-close and enlightening. We could see every detail on the masks—from the number of strands of hair to the unexplainable blemishes, as well as the artistically designed and personalized insides of the masks.

According to Chizuko Endo, noh and kyogen, collectively known as nohgaku, have grown from simple shrine and temple entertainment for commoners nearly 700 years ago to elegant, yet subtle art forms which continue to develop. The refined poetry and music of noh portray the psychological journey of the main character. Kyogen is often on the same program with its exaggerated portrayals of everyday human foibles.

Chizuko spent about ten years in Japan studying the art and creating *noh* masks, each of which took her about a year to complete. We learned how Chizuko meticulously, artistically, and tirelessly fashioned *noh* masks beginning with a solid block of Japanese



Mask Maker Chizuko Endo explains the art and creativity behind noh masks to a group of Cultural Center volunteers.

cypress. In keeping with the traditionalists, she used only chisels to shape and form the masks from the start through the end until they were smooth and polished. As a *noh* mask maker of today, Chizuko discussed the complex techniques of painting and drying to give her new masks an antique quality. They mirror the traditional masks in every minute detail.

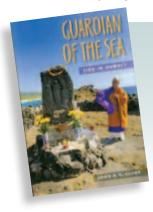
Chizuko demonstrated and explained that the mask, although static, is brought to life by the artistry of the performer with very subtle movements. For example, when the performer raises or lowers his gaze, the mask actually appears to change expressions such as joy or sadness, to evoke the emotions of the viewers.

In *noh*, men performers wear masks to portray women characters, gods, demons, old men, young

boys, animals and spirits. To our amusement we learned that only masks of jealous women have horns that grow longer and longer with the intensity of their jealousy.

Undoubtedly *noh* masks have great artistic value. Centuries old masks are still being used by *noh* performers today and are treasured possessions.

We extend our *kansha* to Chizuko for her presentation. We all gained a better understanding and deeper appreciation for *noh* masks and the *noh* theatre. Dōmo arigatō to Cultural Center Education Specialist Derrick Iwata for working with Eric Chang from the University of Hawai'i East-West Center Gallery to arrange the volunteer excursion.



This past February, author John R.K. Clark came to speak at the monthly English Docent and Gallery Greeters meeting. Clark discussed his book, *Guardian of the Sea: Jizo in Hawai'i*. Cultural Center Volunteer, Elaine Okazaki, wrote about what she learned that day. Domō Arigatō to John Clark for taking the time to share his knowledge with the Cultural Center volunteers.

GUARDIAN OF THE SEA: JIZO IN HAWAI'I

Report by Elaine Okazaki, Volunteer English Docent Head

John R.K. Clark is a firm believer in letting those people who actually lived the events tell the story of past events. For the sake of credibility, only the people who lived through an era or crisis can justifiably tell it in their own words. Paraphrasing and interpretation is not his style and this is evident in his latest book, *Guardian of the Sea: Jizo in Hawai'i.** In this way we are able to understand the culture of the Japanese immigrants, capture the treacherous shorelines of our State and even see the relationship to basic fishing techniques! It is truly amazing how he is able to wield the ocean currents with Japanese immigration, Buddhism, fishing techniques, and yet capture the readers' interests.

Clark is a graduate of Punahou School, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a degree in Hawaiian Studies, an avid surfer, and a recent retiree as Deputy Fire Chief with the Honolulu Fire Department. This man has a true love for the ocean. He has written seven other books, all about the beaches of our State.

*Autographed copies of the book *Guardian of the Sea: Jizo in Hawai'i* are available for purchase at the Cultural Center Gift Shop.

Volunteers are welcome to attend the monthly English Docents and Gallery Greeters meetings. The meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month in the Cultural Center's First Floor Conference Room from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For an updated listing of topics, please contact Jayne Hirata Epstein at epstein@jcch.com or call (808) 945-7633.

People in Japan have turned to Jizo to ease their suffering...over the years, he (Jizo) has taken on many roles, including those of guardian, protector, and savior. Today he is most often described as a quardian of children and travelers.

— John R.K. Clark

In Memoriam

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i sends its deepest sympathy to the families of TOMMY HIRANO, **GLADYS OMIYA** and RUBY OKAFUJI. Tommy served on the Cultural Center's Board of Directors and was **Honorary Counsel** General of Japan in Hilo. Both Gladys and Ruby volunteered in the Gift Shop. They will be truly missed by our Cultural Center Ohana.



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Idaho's World War II Kooskia Internment Camp: The Hawai'i Connection

Friday, April 24 • 10:30 a.m. JCCH Gallery Theater Free admission

Join the Cultural Center for Idaho's World War II Kooskia Internment Camp: The Hawai'i Connection, a talk by Priscilla Wegars, curator of the University of Idaho Asian American Comparative Collection. The Kooskia (KOOS-key) Internment Camp is an obscure and virtually forgotten World War II detention facility that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) operated for the Justice Department between May 1943 and May 1945. The camp held about 265 so-called "enemy aliens" of Japanese ancestry. They came from numerous states; from the then-territories of Alaska and Hawai'i; and even from Mexico, Panama, and Peru.

Based on documentary research in the National Archives and elsewhere that has produced INS, Forest Service, and Border Patrol photographs and other records along with internee and employee oral and written interviews, the presentation will illuminate the internees' experiences, emphasizing the perspectives of the men detained at the Kooskia Internment Camp.



Nisei Memories: My Parents Talk About the War Years

Saturday, April 25 • 1:30 p.m. JCCH Gallery Theater Free admission

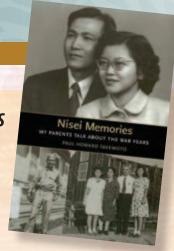
Nisei Memories: My Parents Talk about the War Years, a talk by Paul Howard Takemoto. Saturday, April 25, 1:30 p.m., JCCH Gallery Theater.

Takemoto is a Sansei who lives and works in Washington, D.C. He interviewed his father, Kaname (Ken)
Takemoto of Kapa'a, Kaua'i and mother, Alice Imamoto Takemoto of Los Angeles, California. Their stories illustrate the contradictions faced by Japanese Americans in World War II: Kaname as a 442nd enlistee who fought for the same country that incarcerated Alice and her family at Jerome, Arkansas.

This program is presented by the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, and the University of Hawai'i Center for Oral History.

Funding is provided by the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities and the "We the People" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Copies of Takemoto's book of the same name published by the University of Washington Press will be available for sale after the talk.



Asian Settler Colonialism Forum

Saturday, May 23 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. JCCH Fifth Floor Lounge Free admission

Come join us for a public forum on a groundbreaking and controversial book that examines the impact that Japanese and other Asian communities in Hawai'i have on Hawaiians struggling for self-determination. Released by the University of Hawai'i Press last fall, Asian Settler Colonialism: From Local Governance to the Habits of Everyday Life in Hawai'i examines issues ranging from Japanese, Korean, and Filipino settlement of Hawai'i to accounts of Asian settler practices in the legislature, the prison industrial complex, and the U.S. military to critiques of Asian settlers' claims to Hawai'i in literature and the visual arts. The speakers will include editors Candace Fujikane and Jonathan Y. Okamura, Haunani-Kay Trask, Momiala Kamahele, Healani Sonoda, Eiko Kosasa, Ida Yoshinaga, and Kyle Kajihiro.

The Japanese in Hawai'i have fought long and hard for civil rights. Some people believe it's time to rethink who we are and where we are going. Hawaiians have a unique political status as the indigenous peoples of Hawai'i, and at this critical moment in history, they are fighting for their lands and nation. As settlers, Japanese and other Asian communities are beginning to discuss what our responsibilities to Hawaiians are. The speakers will open up the discussion by addressing the past and present roles of Japanese and other Asian peoples in Hawai'i as settlers who have both obstructed justice and spoken out for justice. In what ways do our everyday habits uphold U.S. colonialism in Hawai'i? What can we do as Asian settlers to support Hawaiians in their struggle for justice? Please join us for a thought-provoking and transformative discussion of these issues. This event is co-sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Hawai'i People's Fund and the American Friends Service Committee Hawai'i Area Program.

JCCH GALLERY AND GIFT SHOP HOURS: TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10-a.m. - 4 p.m.

JCCH TRAVELING EXHIBIT OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY, MAY 24 GOKURŌSAMA AT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i exhibit Gokurōsama: Contemporary Photographs of the Nisei in Hawai'i featuring the work of Honolulu photographer Brian Y. Sato is on display at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles,

California.



Inspired by the hard work and sacrifice of the *Nisei*, or second generation of Japanese in Hawai'i, Sato was determined to capture this slowly disappearing group—who are nearing eighty-five years old or older—on black and white film. This exhibit is made possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from Liam and Lori Tomoyasu McGee in honor of their Nisei parents, Maxine and the late Mervin Tomoyasu.

The Japanese American National Museum is located at 369 East First Street, Los Angeles California. JANM hours are Thursday, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

* JCCH members receive free admission to JANM and 10% off select items in the JANM Gift Shop with proof of a valid JCCH membership card.

Rewind

OUT OF THE BOX WORKSHOP

group of artists and artists-at-heart gathered in the Cultural Center Community Gallery for a special workshop, Out of the Box: A Make and Take Learning Experience by Mary Mitsuda and James Kuroda. Mitsuda and Kuroda, whose paintings were featured in the Cultural Center Gallery exhibit Dialogues of Abstraction, helped participants learn the thinking that goes behind basic abstract concepts, applied through use of painting boxes with acrylic paint.



NEW ITEM AT THE CULTURAL CENTER GIFT SHOP

ome visit the Gift Shop at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i! You can find jewelry, ceramic pieces, books and unique items on consignment, like these beautiful locally made scarves, the newest item for sale at the Gift Shop. Local designer Elizabeth Kent hand sews each scarf using vintage kimono and obi she finds in Hawai'i and Japan. Each scarf is one of a kind and only available for a limited time at the Cultural Center Gift Shop. Price: \$20-\$40 (JCCH members receive 10% discount).



Gift Shop Manager Barbara Ishida models a scarf from Vested Interest Hawai'i made from vintage kimono fabric. Now available at the Cultural Center Gift Shop.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT:

Preserve your Family's Legacy with a Portrait by Gokurōsama Photographer

As a special benefit to Cultural Center members, renowned Gokurōsama photographer Brian Y. Sato has graciously offered his services at a discounted price to those interested in purchasing a portrait of their loved one. The \$175 discounted fee (regular price is \$200) includes a one-hour portrait sitting at your home, as well as one 8" x 10" black and white photo. Additional sizes and prints are available at an added cost. For more information, contact Brian Sato at (808) 271-3491 or email at imagequest@ hawaii.rr.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATION OF LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENT DINNER Ganbare! Generations of Success

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 3
5 p.m. Cocktails and Registration
6 p.m. Dinner Program

Mānoa Grand Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural Center

oin the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i at its annual gala event that will honor community businesses who have persevered and grown throughout the years, becoming household names for many families in the Islands. This year's event, themed Ganbare! Generations of Success, will feature multigenerational family businesses that through passion, determination and hard work, successfully grew their businesses from scratch over generations. This year's honorees are Diamond Bakery, Tasaka Guri-Guri Shop, M. Miura Store, KTA Super Stores, and Marians Catering/Dots Restaurant.

The Cultural Center will recognize our honorees with the Leadership and Achievement Award, which is presented to honorees in recognition of their contributions to the community in preserving and sharing the cultural heritage of the Japanese in Hawai'i. Other past recipients of this award have included: U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Dr. Ruth M. Ono and most recently: Jean Ariyoshi, Dr. George Suzuki, Matsuo Takabuki and corporate honorees Armstrong Produce and Island Insurance.

The event will also feature a silent auction and dinner program. Individual seats cost \$150 and table sponsorships are also available. A portion of the sponsorship is tax-deductible. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's education programs that share the history, heritage and culture of the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i.

For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Waynele Yu at (808) 945-7633, ext. 28 or email info@jcch.com.

THINKING OUT LOUD:

Talking Issues, Taking Action

New Radio Program Kicks off on Monday, June 22!

KZOO-AM 1210 MONDAYS 6:30-7:30 p.m.

atch the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i on the air! Starting this summer on Japanese Language radio station KZOO-AM 1210, the Cultural Center will present an issues-oriented weekly talk-story community forum hosted by Christine Yano, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Professor of Anthropology and George Tanabe, Professor Emeritus of Religion at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Thinking Out Loud: Talking Issues, Taking Action will explore issues of concern to the Japanese American and broader community in Hawai'i. The show's format will encourage listeners to call in with questions and comments, and the the latter portion of every show is Thinking Up the Positive, devoted to brainstorming possible solutions to problems, issues, and concerns.

The goals for the program include identifying issues of importance to Hawai'i's multicultural community and stimulating discussion of these issues; providing a means for the public to involve themselves in the discussion; and suggesting ways in which a public forum might work toward resolution of these problems and issues.

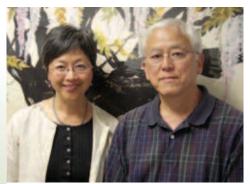
TOPICS range from the light to the serious, including:

- Keeping family businesses alive in today's economic climate
- Bon dance and its longevity: changing practices in multicultural Hawai'i
- The power of forgiveness: comparative looks at cultural concepts of peace (Hawaiian and Japanese)
- Hapa: what it means to be mixed-race, past and present
- The economics of service: how are we communicating values to young and old?
- Local humor: who has the right to be funny?
- Neighbor islands: are we still centered on Honolulu?

"The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, in partnership with KZOO-AM 1210, provides an excellent venue for accomplishing program's goals," said *Thinking Out Loud* host Christine Yano. "Both institutions are in the process of restructuring to address a more inclusive community, while not losing sight of their original base population."

Thinking Out Loud: Talking Issues, Taking Action will air every Monday from 6:30–7:30 p.m. on KZOO-AM 1210 starting June 22, 2009. Make sure to tune in!

HOSTS



Christine Yano and George Tanabe will host a new weekly talk-story community forum on KZOO AM-1210 called Thinking Out Loud: Talking Issues, Taking Action. The radio show will explore issues of concern to the Japanese American and broader community in Hawai'i.

Christine Yano has done considerable research on Japan, as well as the Japanese American community in Hawai'i. Her books include Tears of Longing: Nostalgia and the Nation in Japanese Popular Song (Harvard University), Crowning the Nice Girl: Gender, Ethnicity, and Culture in Hawaii's Cherry Blossom Pageant (University of Hawai'i Press), and Airborne Dreams: Race, Gender, and Cosmopolitanism in Postwar America (forthcoming, Duke University Press). She serves on the Board of Directors of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i.

George Tanabe has published widely on religions in Japan and Buddhism in Hawai'i. His books include Myoe the Dreamkeeper (Harvard University), Religions of Japan in Practice (Princeton University), and Practically Religious: Worldly Benefits and the Common Religion of Japan. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, and is President of BDK Hawai'i, an affiliate of the Numata Foundation in Japan. He was a 2007 recipient of the Japanese government's Foreign Minister's award for the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and America.

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ongratulations to Nicole Kikuchi (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa) and Brittany Harada (Leeward Community College) for being selected to represent the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i this summer at the Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program (NYCHP). The young women will be traveling with about 20 other students to Kobe, Japan. NYCHP, in cooperation with the Kobe YMCA Language School, will allow participants to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through Japanese language and writing classes, culture classes, and excursions exploring different parts of the Kansai region, all while having the opportunity to use and practice their Japanese language skills on a daily basis with their

homestay family. Students participating in this year's NYCHP represent the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington, and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. We are also pleased to announce that Nicole and Brittany have each been awarded The Center for Japanese Studies and the Dr. Sen Soshitsu International Way of Tea Center, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa scholarship in support of their studies. Mahalo to Dr. Robert Huey, Director of the Center of Japanese Studies for making this available.

WELCOME!

elcome to new Special Events Coordinator Waynele Yoshida Yu. Waynele has been volunteering with the Cultural Center for several years now and we're happy to have her on board as a contracted employee.

"Working at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i helps me feel connected with my culture," said Yu. "I've enjoyed my time as a volunteer and I'm always learning new things about my heritage at the Cultural Center."

Waynele most recently worked as a computer teacher at Ohana Komputer. She graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with degrees in Human Resource Management and Management Information Systems.



Legacies misidentified several of the Ikebana arrangements in the Ikebana Inspirations column of the March 2009 Legacies newsletter. The correct identifications are: Ikebana 1—Ohara by Irene Nakamoto; Ikebana 2— Ikenobo by Junko Ige; Ikebana 3—Ohara by Edith Tanaka; Ikebana 4— Ikenobo by Suzanne Nakano; Ikebana 5—Ohara by Lorraine Tanimura.

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Member Vofile Don and Pam Lichty

What would make a community activist and her retired investor/Asian art enthusiast husband become members of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i? It was the Cultural Center's call to action for support in 2003 that caught the eyes and hearts of Don and Pam Lichty.

About six years ago there was news of the Cultural Center's financial struggles and possibility of closing the only Japanese Cultural Center in the State. This news perked up the ears of Don and Pam and really made them think what this would mean to them and our community.



Don and Pam Lichty have been valued members of the Cultural Center since 2003.

"We thought what a great loss it would be to our community, so we immediately joined the Cultural Center. We both have a deep respect for Japanese Americans and their history. We understand and admire the contributions of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i," explained Pam who is President of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i.

The Lichty's acknowledge the importance of the immigration story of Japanese to Hawai'i and how this history is a bridge for understanding the traditions, values and culture for future generations. "We don't want to lose the rich fabric of what makes up our society and we shouldn't lose the Cultural Center because it strengthens our community," said Pam.

Don and Pam enjoy attending the art related gallery exhibits at the Cultural Center. They have traveled to Japan frequently, mainly because Don is an avid collector of Japanese and Chinese art and ceramics. They love the building, its freshly painted lighter hues and the bright red torii gate, which reminds them of the fine architecture they enjoy in Japan. They are pleased to see how the Cultural Center has rebounded from the time of challenge in 2003 and as members will continue to support keeping it alive in Hawai'i.

The Lichty's are active members of numerous arts, environmental and civil rights organizations. "But the Japanese Cultural Center is the only ethnic organization that we belong too," claimed Pam.

Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu to Don and Pam Lichty!

 Allicyn Hikida Tasaka, Chief Operating Officer/Director of Development and Communications

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