



LEGACIES

JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII

Honoring our heritage. Embracing our diversity. Sharing our future.

1860 Japanese Embassy Descendants Visit Hawai'i

Aloha!

Several years ago while serving on the board of the Japanese American Citizens League, I had the good fortune of meeting Carole Hayashino, Jane Kurahara, and Betsy Young. At the time, the JCCH had rediscovered the Honouliuli internment site in Kunia and there was increasing momentum to bring statewide and national attention to the importance of Hawai'i's internment history. While on the board of JAACL, and subsequently as the chapter's president, I was able to lend support to the remarkable efforts that JCCH, and many others, put forth to persuade the Obama Administration to establish the Honouliuli National Historical Monument. Little did I know that the relationships that were forged during that experience would lead me, in part, to becoming the new President and Executive Director of the JCCH. A position that I am humbled and grateful to have been selected to fill.

As 2019 progresses and we look ahead, there are many challenges before us as a community and as a Center. For JCCH, this is a time to boldly step forward and develop new partnerships while also continuing to invest in the quality programming that defines our Center and reinforces the contributions of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i.

There is so much to learn, enjoy, and be enriched by at the JCCH. In my (now almost 6 months) role as the new President & Executive Director, every day brings with it a new set of experiences that remind me how vital this organization is to the community. We try to capture in this issue of *Legacies* some of what has transpired at JCCH since the winter of 2018—and highlight the people and programs that make this organization so special.

In keeping with the principles of *Okage Sama De*, I am what I am because of you, JCCH has recorded over 212 oral histories transcribed and cataloged in the Tokioka Heritage Resource Center. Volunteer and member of the Board of Directors, Dr. Mel Inamasu, continues to conduct interviews from a diverse group of people whose oral histories capture the essence of the Japanese experience in Hawai'i. Some of the reflections are from notable leaders in our community, and collectively

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are an invaluable resource now and for future generations. We added an abstract from an oral history in this issue and will continue to do so in future issues of *Legacies*.

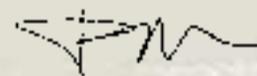
Speaking of the Tokioka Heritage Resource Center, JCCH was thrilled to learn that it was selected as *Honolulu Magazine's 2019 Best Place to Research Your Japanese Ancestry*. Thanks to the incredible work of volunteers like Mr. Tatsumi Hayashi and Ms. Yoko Waki, the Resource Center is a valuable resource to families seeking to translate their koseki and delve into where their ancestors emigrated from.

If you have not been to a program at JCCH recently, you have many opportunities this season to participate—and I hope you do. It takes a whole host of individuals, organizations, and volunteer support to bring our programs to life. This support makes it possible to fulfill our mission *to be a vibrant resource, strengthening our diverse community by educating present and future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i*. Hand in hand with you, we continue to honor this mission and forge ahead in new ways to discover and tell new stories, find new ways to connect with the past, and explore new partnerships within our immediate community and beyond.



Thank you for your support of the JCCH.

With gratitude,



JACCE S. MIKULANEC
PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dear JCCH Member,

You are invited to attend the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's Annual Membership Meeting. Mark your calendars to save the date. We will send out more information in our Fall issue of *Legacies*!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
Mō'ili'ili Room

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.

夏 SUMMER IN THIS ISSUE 2019



SŌGETSU
Ikebana by
Jennifer Shintani

Upcoming Events

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Sharing the Spirit of Aloha Annual Gala

2019 Gala Honorees

Oral Histories

A JCCH Resource
Highlights from the JCCH Collection

Kansha List

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2018 – 2019 JCCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REID HOKAMA, CHAIRMAN, GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The bylaws of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i define the number, composition, terms and election of the Board of Directors. For the past year, we have been fortunate to have 19 individuals serve on the board.

On June 30, 2019, after serving six consecutive years on the Board of Directors, Mitchell Nishimoto is termed-out and regrettably is ineligible for re-nomination. The Board Governance Committee expresses its thanks to Mr. Nishimoto for his support and leadership over the past 6 years.

The Board Governance Committee also nominates one individual to serve the one vacant position.



Liann Ebesugawa

Nominated for one three-year term to expire June 30, 2022 is Liann Ebesugawa. Liann currently is the Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. She previously served as Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Board of Education, Property and Casualty Account Executive at Atlas Insurance

Agency, and Associate Attorney at Goodwill, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel. She also clerked for Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. Liann is a graduate of the U.H. William S. Richardson School of Law and received an M.A. in English from the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. Liann serves on the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. She also serves on the board of directors for the Japanese American Citizens League – Honolulu Chapter, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, InspirePolitics.com, and the Hawai'i State Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division. Liann was also one of Pacific Business News' Forty Under 40 (2009) and a Pacific Century Fellow (Class of 2008).

As a member, you have the right to nominate additional individual(s) to serve on the JCCH board of directors. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please contact Wendy Fujitani, Executive Assistant at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 30 or email fujitani@jcch.com for the procedure and petition to nominate an individual to the board of directors. The completed nomination form must be submitted to the Cultural Center office at 2454 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

Pursuant to the Bylaws, Section 4.3(d), if there are no additional nominees, nominations will be closed and the nominees listed above shall be deemed unanimously elected. Thank you for your attention in the Board of Directors nomination process.



WELCOME RETURNING BOARD MEMBER TYLER TOKIOKA

Tyler Tokioka is currently VP of External Affairs for Island Insurance, the state's largest locally-owned property and casualty

insurer. Tyler is a member of the Board of Directors of Island Holdings Inc.

Active in community organizations, Tyler is Past-Chair of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Past-Chair of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i.

Tyler participated in the Japanese American Leadership Delegation and is a member of the U.S.-Japan Council. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Oahu Economic Development and Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship.

Born in Honolulu, he earned a BBA from Pacific Lutheran University, a MBA from NYU Stern School of Business and is a graduate of Punahou School.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER JASON ITO

Jason Ito has spent 36 years in the hospitality industry. He joined the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in 1987 initially as a technology service provider to the

Kyo-ya/Sheraton Hotels. He worked through various departments and was eventually appointed as the General Manager, Support Services, Starwood Hotels and Resorts Waikiki for his last 6 years until leaving to join Kyo-ya in 2009. Jason serves as Kyo-ya's Director, Administration, Labor and Community Relations. His responsibilities are aligned with and perpetuate Kyo-ya's core values of taking care of its employees, supporting and doing what is right for the community, and maintaining the long term legacy and stewardship of its assets.

Jason is active in a number of community organizations including the Waikiki Improvement Association, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Historic Hawai'i Foundation, and Palama Settlement.

Jason attended DeVry Institute of Technology (Phoenix, AZ) and Electronics Institute (Honolulu, HI).

NEW STAFF!

JCCH ANNOUNCES 3 NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO ITS TEAM:



Marla Momi Musick

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

The new Director of Development & Communications, Marla Musick, brings over 23 years of fundraising, communications, and creative services experience. She began her career in Individual Giving with the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution in New York City. Marla managed membership and design department initiatives at The

New York Public Library. She returned to Hawai'i in January of 2005 to manage fund development, marketing, and alumni efforts as Director of Institutional Advancement for the U.H. Foundation with Kapi'olani Community College. After 7 years as a Development consultant, JCCH welcomes Marla to help build our fundraising and communication efforts. Marla graduated from the Kamehameha Schools, the University of Hawai'i with a BFA in Design, and received her MA from New York University. You can contact Marla at musick@jcch.com.



Wendy Fujitani

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Wendy Fujitani joins JCCH as Executive Assistant. She graduated from UH Mānoa with a business degree in marketing. Prior to JCCH, Wendy worked at Central Pacific Bank for 4 years as a personal banker. She joined the JCCH team in February and has enjoyed working on all aspects of JCCH's administrative activities as well as meeting all the volunteers and hearing their

stories. Wendy can be reached at fujitani@jcch.com.



Lisa Furukawa

GIFT SHOP AND PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Lisa Furukawa is the new Gift Shop and Program Assistant. She will be working at the JCCH gift shop and gallery, as well as assisting JCCH with special events. Lisa has worked with a local small business for 4 years, and has volunteered with a local community service club since middle school.

Lisa graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Marketing and a Minor in Anthropology. She is looking forward to working at JCCH because she wants to learn and teach our community about the history, the present, and the future of the Japanese in Hawai'i. Lisa can be reached at furukawa@jcch.com.



2019 JCCH SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to
JCCH Scholarship Recipients:

NOEL NEPOMUCENO – Noel is a junior at UH Mānoa, majoring in Japanese. He is involved in the community, including participating in the Japan Wizards Competition and teaching Japanese at the Mō'ili'ili Community Center.

MIRA PELONIO – Mira is a senior at UH Mānoa, also majoring in Japanese, intending to work in the tourism field. She has studied abroad at JF Oberlin University in Machida and intends to return to work there one day.

The JCCH Scholarship Program is supported by the Sekiya of Fukuoka/Hawai'i Endowment Fund.

ABOVE: *Noel Nepomuceno, Mira Pelonio, Betsy and Ray Sekiya.*

26TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S 'OHANA FESTIVAL!



On January 13, we welcomed the Year of the Boar with the 26th Annual New Year's 'Ohana Festival. We kicked off the day with a Shintō blessing that included Coach Gerald Oda and the 2018 Honolulu Little League Team, the festival's Honorary Chairs. Then Mō'ili'i Field was filled with the sounds of performing groups, mochitsuki demonstrations, and children's games and activities. All day long, fourteen food booths, including representatives from six local kenjin kai organizations, drew crowds interested in tasting special treats.

From start to finish, JCCH's Teruya Courtyard hosted a second stage of entertainment as well as a number of craft fair vendors. People flocked to the Kenshikan Dojo for kendo, aikido, sumo, and karate demonstrations. In the *Okage Sama De* Historical Gallery and Honouliuli Education Center, multigenerational families embarked upon a scavenger hunt to learn more about the history of the Japanese in Hawai'i. The scavenger hunt was born out of the need identified by JCCH volunteers to better introduce the community to immigrant stories, to teach not just about the Japanese in Hawai'i but really about what immigrants from many other ethnicities experienced, eventually making up the multi-cultural community Hawai'i has become today!

JCCH's fifth floor was packed with visitors browsing through the craft fair and the numerous cultural tables where guests were invited to try various Japanese arts.

It takes a strong 'ohana to host this each year. Thank you to all who sponsored, donated, volunteered, or participated in this event and truly helped to make the festival a success once again.



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VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

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| Aiea High School | Kalani High School |
| Japanese Classes | Japanese Classes |
| AJA Baseball | Maryknoll School |
| ASSETS School | McKinley High School |
| Bank Of Hawaii | Leo Club |
| Castle High School | Mid Pacific Institute |
| | Globetrotters |
| Farrington High School | Mid Pacific Institute |
| Anime Club | Japanese Classes |
| Henry J. Kaiser High School | Moanalua High School |
| Japanese Club | Leo Club |
| Honolulu Japanese Jr. | Moanalua High School |
| Chamber of Commerce | Student Government |
| Island Pacific Academy | Oahu Civil Defense |
| JET Alumni Association | Pearl City High School |
| Kaimuki High School | Japanese Classes |
| Hospitality Academy | Punahou School |
| Kaimuki High School | Japanese Classes |
| Student Government | ZX3 Zumba |

SUMMER CULTURAL WORKSHOPS:



Taiko 101

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
'Ohana Room, 5th floor

JULY 20 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Member: \$25 Non-Member: \$35

Participants for the Taiko 101 workshop will learn some of the history of taiko in Hawai'i and Japan, common words or phrases used and basic hitting techniques. Group will also learn a simple taiko pattern.

Japanese Gift Wrapping 101

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
Ewa Room, 5th floor

JULY 27 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Talk Story Session: The Life of Our Mō'ili'ili

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
'Ohana Room, 5th floor

AUGUST 3 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest

1100 University Avenue
(old Varsity Theatre parking lot)

JULY 6 5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Summer Craft and Collectibles Fair for the Spring

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
Teruya Courtyard

JULY 13, AUGUST 10, SEPTEMBER 14
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

On the last warm days of Spring, and throughout the summer JCCH hosts the Summer Craft and Collectibles Fairs.

Seek and discover antique and unique gifts on the second Saturday of the month. The first event was held on May 11, and the following events will be held on July 13, August 10, and September 14, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Join vendors from around the island when they bring their collection of Japanese themed artwork, kimono, swords, kokeshi, porcelain, jewelry, and textiles. There will also be items from the U.S. and Japan for collectors both young and old, as well as crafts from creative artisans showing off their wares.

These low-key fairs are a great way to check out their treasures at your leisure, meet friendly local folk, and all without the huge crowds. Also, you can beat the heat by checking out the items in the Gallery Gift Shop. Remember the second Saturday of the month also means that admission is free to the Okage Sama De Gallery. The first two hours of parking is free with a purchase of \$10 in the Gallery Gift Shop.

Shippoyaki Classes

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
'Ohana Room, 5th floor

AUGUST 16 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 17 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 18 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Okinawan Festival

Hawai'i Convention Center

AUGUST 31 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



TOP: *Cherry Blossom Queen*
Amy Fukuda, 1969. JCCH/Yoshio
Fujii Family Collection.

MIDDLE: *Hiking or "Tramping"*
in Palolo Valley, May 30, 1913.
JCCH/Goichi Nakamoto Archival
Collection.

BOTTOM: *Olaa Photo Studio*
and a Chevrolet automobile, 1937.
JCCH/Richard Sakihara Collection.



A LOOK INTO OUR COLLECTIONS

California. New York. Japan. The Netherlands. Hilo.

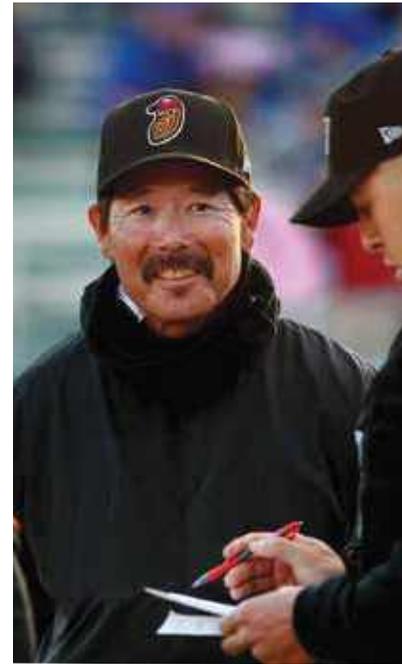
These are only some of the places that researchers have travelled from to access the Tokioka Heritage Resource Center's distinctive collection of historical materials about Japanese Americans in Hawai'i. With only a few weeks, or sometimes even a few days, researchers come to us to gather as much information as they can, and return home to synthesize their research into scholarly articles, books, school papers, and family histories.

To help these researchers, we have been diligently digitizing more of our collection. We recently transitioned to a new library catalog that will make it possible for anybody with an internet connection to find these materials. Our goal is to make it even easier to search our catalog for books, oral histories, archival collections and view the more than 4,000 photographs in our collection. We're continuing to digitize more of the Resource Center collection, so please look forward to seeing more of it in the future.

Want to help increase the Resource Center's collection to 5,000 photographs? For more information contact the Collections Librarian, Mary Campany at campany@jcch.com or call 945-7633 x 42.

SHARING THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i invites everyone to attend and help recognize the 2019 honorees who epitomize the Japanese American values of Hawai'i and the Spirit of Aloha.



SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

5:00 p.m. Registration/Silent Auction

6:00 p.m. Doors Open/Program Begins

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
Coral Ballroom

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(Sponsored tables seat eight)

\$250 Individual Non-Member

\$200 Individual JCCH Member

If you would like to reserve a table or individual seats or make a donation to the silent auction, please contact Marla Musick at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 27 or via email at musick@jch.com.

Coach Gerald Oda and the Honolulu All-Stars

For over 25 years Coach Gerald Oda has inspired hundreds of young baseball players with his aloha and humility. He and the 2018 Honolulu All-Stars captured the hearts of Hawai'i — and the world — when they won the 2018 Little League World Series Championship in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Lenn Sakata

As part of the Baltimore Orioles' 1983 World Series championship team, Lenn Sakata was the first player from Hawai'i to play in the World Series. He is also the winningest manager in the history of minor league baseball's California League and in 2001 was elected to the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame.

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i is proud to present the 2019 Sharing the Spirit of Aloha Annual Gala on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort Coral Ballroom. Each year, JCCH celebrates and honors individuals, organizations and businesses who reflect the aloha spirit in their service to the community and professional work. The evening pays tribute to those who have helped advance the mission of the JCCH, enhance the development of the Japanese American community, or worked to preserve and perpetuate Japanese American heritage and culture in Hawai'i.



Christine Kubota

In addition to a successful legal career, Christine Kubota is a recognized leader in the Japanese community having served as past board chair of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, United Japanese Society of Hawaii, Pan Pacific Festival and co-chair of the 150th Commemoration of the Gannemono. JCCH is most appreciative of Christine's role as Chair during this important milestone in history.

Alan Oshima

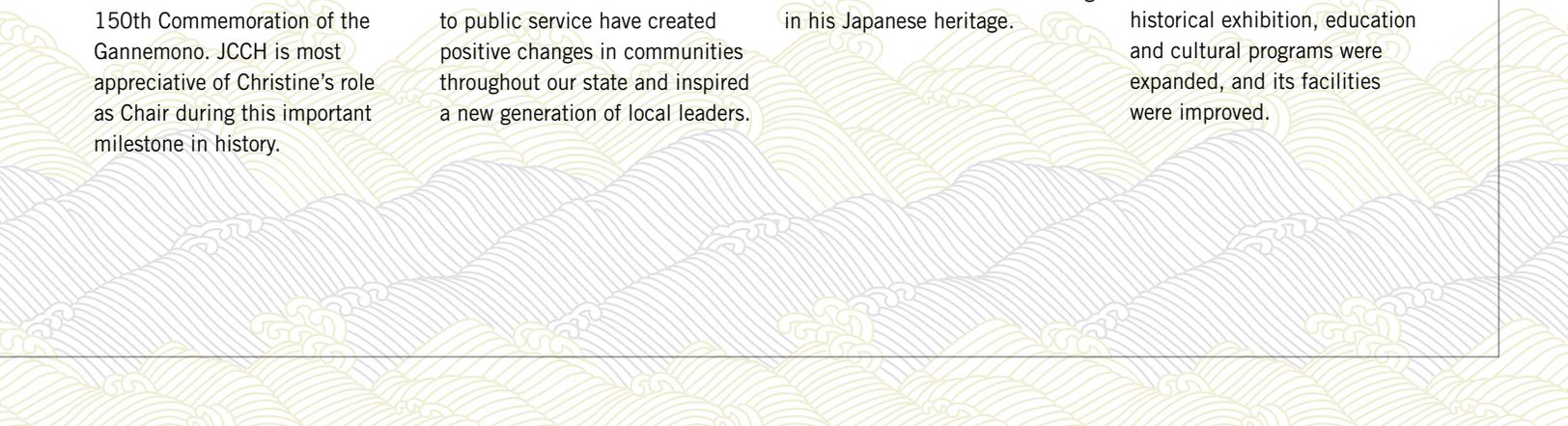
Alan Oshima is the visionary president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Company and a third generation Japanese American whose grandparents worked on the sugar plantations of the Big Island. Alan's professional career as an attorney and executive and his commitment to public service have created positive changes in communities throughout our state and inspired a new generation of local leaders.

Alan Wong

Chef Alan Wong is renowned for his ability to use local, high quality, sustainable ingredients to create his signature cuisine at his eponymous Honolulu restaurant. He has been an inspiration to our community by nurturing the next generation of Hawai'i chefs while also investing in his Japanese heritage.

Spirit of JCCH Award
Carole Hayashino

As JCCH's past president and executive director, Carole Hayashino worked to honor, embrace and share the history and culture of Japanese in Hawai'i. Under her leadership, Honouliuli was recognized as a national monument, JCCH's historical exhibition, education and cultural programs were expanded, and its facilities were improved.





DESCENDANTS OF THE 1860 JAPANESE EMBASSY TO U.S. VISIT HAWAI'I

The Gannenmono Commemoration Committee (Kizuna Hawai'i) and the local Japanese community welcomed descendants of the first Japanese diplomats to Hawai'i at a reception at JCHH on April 17, 2019. Their visit to Hawai'i commemorated the historic meeting held in March 1860 with King Kamehameha IV which resulted in the Treaty of Amity between the two countries.

The seventy-seven Japanese diplomats were en route to Washington, D.C. to meet President James Buchanan and establish the first Japanese Embassy in the United States. Unanticipated bad weather and rough seas caused the ship to stop in Honolulu setting the stage for the historic meeting between the Kingdom of Hawai'i and Japan.

The delegation from Japan is known as the Society of Descendants of the First Japanese Embassy to the United States (SDFJ). The Japanese delegation was joined by one "local" family who traces their lineage back to the first Japanese diplomats.

JCHH provided a warm welcome as the first stop on this historic visit!



HISTORY THROUGH “TALKING STORY”

As locals know, “talking story” is more than talking; it’s also an opportunity to listen, reflect, and learn. JCCH has been integrating the talk story tradition into our oral histories in order to better capture the diversity of the Japanese in Hawai‘i.

Our oral history collection is comprised of almost 300 interviews. The collection includes personal accounts from World War II soldiers, American of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) baseball players, and World War II internees and their descendants. For example, our interview with Fujio “Fudge” Matsuda covers his childhood in Kaka‘ako, his World War II role as squad leader for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team’s 291st Field Artillery Unit, graduation from MIT, becoming Hawai‘i’s Director of Transportation, and then his appointment as president of the University of Hawai‘i—the first Asian American to be appointed to head a major United States university. You can read this oral history interview and more, online in our catalog at bit.ly/JCCHOralHistories.

The oral histories are one of our most frequently accessed resources, by people in Hawai‘i, on the mainland, and around the world. Students browse this collection for primary sources to supplement their school projects; researchers incorporate interviews from the collection into their books and articles; and JCCH volunteers pore through the collection in preparation for tours and programs.

Thanks to a hardworking team of staff and volunteer interviewers, transcribers, and editors, this collection continues to grow and is made accessible to the public.

If you, or somebody you know, has an interesting story and would like to come talk story with us, please contact resource.center@jcch.com. Please also get in touch with us to volunteer with the transcribing and transcription process.

ORAL HISTORY ABSTRACT

Shinye Gima

This interview revealed the fateful story of the lives of Hawai‘i-born, second-oldest son Shinye and his younger brother, Noboru. Shinye’s parents had both migrated from Okinawa. While Shinye grew up on Maui with his parents and siblings, one of his brothers, Noboru, was sent as a child to his grandparent’s house in Okinawa to help them work their farm, so he grew up in Okinawa. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Shinye was in high school. Shinye ended up in the US Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during the war, while his brother eventually ended up attached to the Japanese Army in the last days of the war as Japan struggled to thwart the invasion of the American army. Shinye was able to be deployed to Okinawa and in his capacity with the MIS, he began his search for Noboru. Ironically, Noboru had been captured around the same time and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Hawai‘i while Shinye was searching for him in Okinawa. The brothers’ experiences were like that of other Japanese families during World War II when one was on the side of the American army and another was fighting for Japan.

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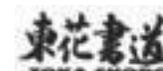
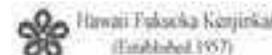
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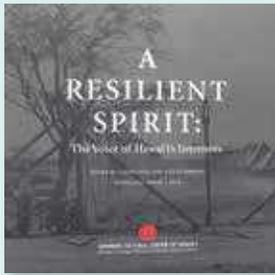
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The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i participated in this year's Honolulu Festival, "Looking Back to Create the Future: 25 Years of Aloha." The weekend long extravaganza took place in March at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

The Honolulu Festival is a premier cultural event that promotes mutual understanding, economic cooperation and ethnic harmony between the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim. The festival showcased cultural exhibitions, international performances and festive bon dance.

The Cultural Center featured specialty items from the JCCH Gift Shop where visitors decorated a fan in celebration of the Year of the Boar.





**A Resilient Spirit:
The Voice of Hawai'i's
Internees**

BY CLAIRE SATO & VIOLET HARADA

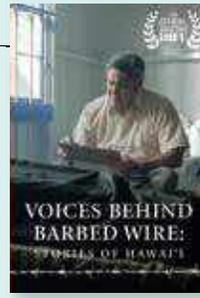
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During World War II there were 19 detention centers and internment camps in Hawai'i. Over 2,000 men and women were held in such places under the false pretense that they were spies for the Japanese government. The focus of the arrests were Japanese American school principals and teachers, priests, newspaper reporters and editors, community leaders and politicians. The largest internment camp in Hawai'i was on the island of O'ahu at Honouliuli.

Over 350 internees were held at Honouliuli, along with Prisoners of War. **A Resilient Spirit: The Voice of Hawai'i's Internees**, a new book by Claire Sato and Violet Harada, gives readers a glimpse into the hearts of those held at the camp. The book collects the thoughts and poetry of internees culled from memoirs, diaries, anecdotes, and oral histories. **A Resilient Spirit** captures the bewilderment, anger, and humor of these prisoners.



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BY RYAN KAWAMOTO

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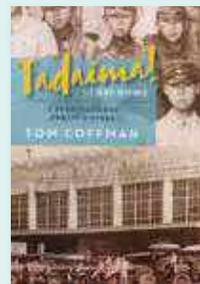
The mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II has been well documented. New stories about the internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i have only recently emerged. **Voices Behind Barbed Wire: Stories of Hawai'i** is the new documentary that explores the personal stories of several internees, and is also an archeological journey of nineteen former WWII Hawai'i confinement sites. This is a film that is both emotionally wrenching and relevant to the American struggle for justice and civil liberties.

Gannenmono: Hawai'i's First Japanese Immigrants

BY RYAN KAWAMOTO

\$15.00 (\$13.50 for members)

Gannenmono: Hawai'i's First Japanese Immigrants is the new DVD that chronicles the story of 150 Japanese who travelled from Yokohama to make a life in the Kingdom of Hawai'i. The video includes historical documents from the Hawai'i State Archives and interviews of the 4th, 5th and 6th generation descendants. This is a compelling story about the hardships, joys, and courage that will inspire the viewer.



**Tadaima! I Am Home:
A Transnational Family History**

BY TOM COFFMAN

\$17.99 (\$16.20 for members)

Tadaima! I Am Home: A Transnational Family History by Tom Coffman asks the question, *Can a family establish roots in two countries at the same time?* Coffman follows the history of the Miwa family and their five generation story. The author reveals the entwined stories of a field-laborer turned storekeeper; a fallen samurai; a struggling "foreign" student; and a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. **Tadaima! I Am Home** is the true story of a family swimming against the currents of history to find a place to call home.

**Hideo Okamoto: Exchange
Prisoner and War Plan Orange**

BY CLAUDE MORITA

\$20.00 (\$18.00 for members)

The new book by Claude Morita, **Hideo Okamoto: Exchange Prisoner and War Plan Orange** is the biography of a man who was born in Yokohama and moved to the United States. He immersed himself in the American way of life— playing baseball, going to school and entering junior college. Eventually, becoming a businessman in New York starting his own company. Okamoto suffered from two events in his life that were out of his control: the Great Depression and December 7, 1941. Arrested by the FBI as an enemy alien, he was jailed in an internment camp. Arbitrarily, he was selected for War Plan Orange and became part of a "prisoners of war" exchange with Japan. Losing his property and national identity he was forced to live out his life in Japan. This is a story that deserves to be heard.



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Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest

1100 University Avenue (old Varsity Theatre parking lot)

JULY 6

Summer Craft & Collectibles Fair

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i

JULY 13, AUGUST 10, SEPTEMBER 14

Summer Cultural Workshop: Taiko 101

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i - 'Ohana Room, 5th floor

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Shippoyaki Classes

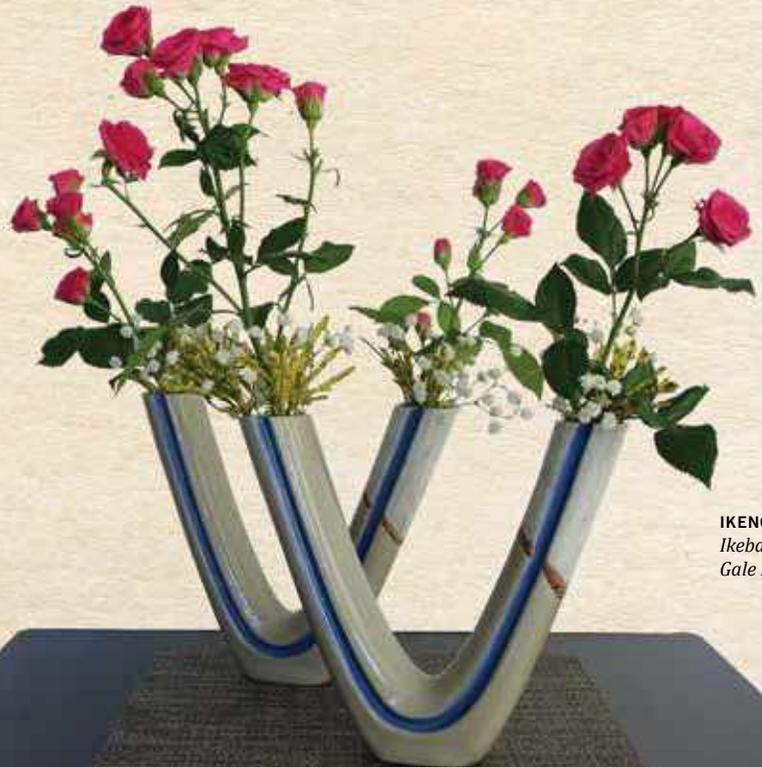
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AUGUST 16, 17, 18

Okinawan Festival

Hawai'i Convention Center

AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1



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