



October 2022

Dates to Remember

October 9

Daruma-ki Service

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November 6

Family services &
Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

Our Mission: Paia Mantokuji is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple founded in 1906 by a community of Japanese immigrants. Our mission is to be a place of compassion, respect and kindness for all who seek truth through the teachings of Buddha, the practice of Zen meditation and arts, and the fellowship of the temple sangha.

Our Vision: Paia Manokuji's short term vision is to stay in place in Paia, grow, develop and mitigate erosion if possible.

Our Values: Honor Traditions

- Respect Ancestors
- Embrace Inclusivity
- Nurture Fellowship
- Practice Compassionate Kindness
- Gratitude
- Appreciation & Humility
- Live the Dharma
- Embody Buddhism

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Reverend's Message

Aloha.

October 9th is the Daruma-ki Service at Mantokuji Temple. Daruma-ki Service is a memorial service to commemorate the great Zen master Bodhidharma, who is said to have passed away on October 5. Bodhidharma was one of the most important monks in Zen Buddhism, as he was born in India and went to China to spread Zen Buddhism in the 5th to 6th century. There are many famous stories about him. One of these stories is a conversation that Bodhidharma visited Emperor Wu of Liang.

Emperor Wu asked "How much karmic merit have I earned for ordaining Buddhist monks, building monasteries, having shakyo, and commissioning Buddha images?" Bodhidharma replied, "There is no merits." Emperor Wu was very surprised by this unexpected answer.

When we do "good deeds," we tend to be proud of ourselves and want to be praised for having done such good deeds. Bodhidharma must have sensed this in the heart of Emperor Wu.

Building monasteries or training monks is certainly good things. However, if we aim to be praised or to become greater than others, we may lose sight of our original purpose. This is what Bodhidharma wanted to convey to. These words are a reminder for us in our daily lives as well.

In Japan, Daruma is more famous for its round red dolls than for Bodhidharma. Daruma is used as a good luck charm in business or in victory because it gets up even if it falls down many times. I would like to tackle things without giving up even if I make mistakes like a Daruma doll.

In Gassho,

Tomoki Hirasawa



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Donations to Paia Mantokuji, #78996, is appreciated. Make your donation by September 30 at any Foodland, Sack-n-Save or Foodland Farms in Hawaii with your Maika'i card.

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Fujinkai News

The Fujinkai will be having their monthly meeting and clean up as follows:

October 16, 2022 at 8:30am
November 13, 2022 at 8:30am

Thank you very much for the continuous help in August cleaning, sorting, pricing and organizing donations we have been receiving from members and the community.

Kathleen Davis, Rev. Tomoki Hirasawa, Yuki Hirasawa, Kay Hanano, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary Matoi, Judith Matoi, Sandy Matsuda, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Lois Sato, Nora Takeuchi, Brian Watanabe, Neil Watanabe and Laura Yamada.

Mantokuji's First Online Auction

A big MAHALO to Diane Orikasa for chairing Mantokuji's first attempt at an online auction. Thank you also to Deidre Teagarden of Maui Nisei Veterans Memorial Center for the guidance provided to our online auction team. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in the many aspects of the auction:

Kay Hanano, Rev. Tomoki Hirawsawa, Yuki Hirasawa, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Grant Matoi, Judith Matoi, Sandy Matsuda, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Melina Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Lois Sato, Isabelle Scholl, Nora Takeuchi, Deidre Teagarden, Neil Watanabe, and Laura Yamada.

And many, many thanks to all who donated items for the auction, visited the auction site, shared the auction flyer with family and friends, participated in the bidding and purchased items as the winning bidder. Some were delighted to get the winning bid while others disappointed. It was a fun experience!

President's Message

Aloha everyone,

Well, after a long and complex process of permit approvals, a series of organizational planning meetings, and many emails and phone calls, Mantokuji's erosion control construction project finally had a green light at the end of August. Under the supervision of project manager Mike Foley, construction team leader Cody MacDonald was ready with his crew at Cmac Excavation LLC to start work. Cmac started by clearing away debris and creating the terraced shoreline base that will hold the sand bag structures. By the end of this month, work is expected to be completed after the large geotextile sand bags are anchored in place, just in time for the winter swells. We continue to count on your generous donations to help us fund this very important project as we continue to pursue grant opportunities in months to come.



Rev. Hirasawa is blessing the construction site before the work began.

Last month on September 8, Mantokuji also had the privilege of hosting participants of the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) Western Regional Conference. We are hopeful that the connections made during their group's site visits will result in benefits to our erosion control project.

This month Reverend Hirasawa will conduct our Daruma-ki service on Sunday the 9th at 10:00 am. Please be careful to avoid fenced construction areas. Take care.

With aloha,

Eric Moto
President, Mantokuji Kyodan

Mantokuji - Field Trip Site for the National Association of Conservation Districts' Conference

Thursday, September 8, 9:30am - 1:30pm

Mantokuji was one of the field trip sites for the National Association of Conservation Districts' conference held here on Maui. Kyodan President Eric Moto was able to share background information on our temple's history, an overview of our erosion challenges, an overview of our planning and permitting process, a description of our sandbag structure, and the financial burden our small temple congregation has been facing. Participants were able to view the severe erosion occurring on the shoreline and construction in progress.

Visitors arrived in three staggered groups of about 28 people each throughout the day. The temple hall was rented by the conference hosts for meal and bathroom breaks. The guests were also treated to an array of Mantokuji desserts and contributed to our fundraising efforts by purchasing some leftover auction rummage items. The guests were grateful for the chance to see and hear about our erosion challenges and mitigation efforts. We are hopeful that the important connections made that day will result in further benefits to our construction project.



Announcements

Rummage & Plant Sale – POSTPONED

Due to the ongoing shoreline erosion control project construction, the Fall Rummage & Plant Sale fundraiser originally scheduled on October 1st will be postponed till Saturday, November 5th from 8:00am – 12:00 noon. We want to keep our members safe and make sure the construction team can continue working without interruption. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Daruma-ki Service

October 9, 2022 at 10:00am

We cordially invite you to our Daruma-ki Service in remembrance of Bodhidharma, a legendary sixth-century Zen master. Bodhidharma embodied the spirit of steadfast and unshakable dedication to zazen as he taught by example, sitting for nine years in meditation facing a wall, thus becoming a symbol of great perseverance.

Please join us for the Daruma-ki Service on Sunday, October 9th at 10:00am. Masks are encouraged in the temple.

Nishime Sale

Saturday November 19, 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm: Pickup at Mantokuji

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 9 after the Daruma-ki Service.

For tickets contact: Cathy Murayama @ (808) 283-6125 or info@paiamantokuji.org



Special Thanks

To **Wayne Kobayashi of Printers Inc.** for your generous donation of printing the Key Messaging Document for the Shoreline Erosion project. And **Ashley Torricer** for getting the printing done in a timely manner. And CONGRATULATIONS to the Torricer family on their new bundle of joy . . . Welcome, Ian!

Paia Mantokuji humbly asks for your support.



If you haven't made a donation yet . . .

GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS!

Paia Mantokuji is participating in **Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program**. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.

How It Works

From September 1-30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Donations are accepted at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i number to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i number will not be matched.

How to Donate

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Paia Mantokuji**, code number **78996**. If you do not have a Maika'i card/number, you may request to establish one. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save.

Acknowledgement of Your Donation

Donor names will not be released to our organization. Therefore, if you would like to us to know of your gift, please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift. You may ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt to submit to us.

Are These Contributions Tax Deductible?

These contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have of your donation(s).

Matching Gift

Matching gifts will be determined at the end of the program. Our organization will receive 100% of all customer donations given to us, plus each donation made with a Maika'i card, will be partially matched by a gift from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation.

Questions?

Please contact Community Relations at Foodland at (808) 732-0791 ext. 7388 if you have any additional questions.

Donations made in August

We would like to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations.

General Donations

Anonymous, Robert & Ginny Karpovich, Leslie T. & Karen Maeda, Margaret Nakashima, Les & Linda Takahashi, Naomi Takahashi.

Karen S. Arakawa	In Memory of Kiku & Inao Yoshino
Rex Imaye	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi
Alfred Y. Itamura	In Memory of Matsue Inokuma – 3 rd Year Memorial
Victoria A. Jung	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara	Obon 2022
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi & Michie Tamane
Wesley K. Mukoyama	In Memory of Takehara Grandmother
Myles Y. Murakami	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi
Ken & Alma Nakano	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi
Lloyd & Sharon Sodetani	In Memory of Aunty Bernice Hiyakumoto Ueoka
Celia C. Suzuki	In Memory of Meyer M. Ueoka – 7 th Year Memorial (8.26.16)
Yukie H. Ueoka	In Memory of Meyer M. Ueoka – 7 th Year Memorial (8.26.16)
Brian Watanabe	In Memory of Michie Tamane, Gladys Nagata & Bernice Nagato
Henry & Betty Yamashiro	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi & Harriet (Kasahara) Higashihara
Edgar & Caren Yokoyama	In Memory of Setsuko Takahashi

Pā'ia Mantokuji Soto Mission Shoreline Adaption Project

Located at 253 Hana Highway, Maui, Hawai'i, TMK: (2) 2-6-008:013

Key Messaging Document

September 2022

The Pā'ia Mantokuji Soto Mission is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple founded in 1906 by a community of Japanese immigrants. The temple's mission is to be a place of compassion, respect, and kindness for all who seek truth through the teachings of Buddha, the practice of Zen meditation and arts, and the fellowship of the temple sangha. Pā'ia Mantokuji's short-term vision is to stay in place in Pā'ia, grow, develop and mitigate erosion. Located on Maui's North Shore, the present 8.3-acre site was purchased in 1912. A three-acre cemetery is situated on the western makai edge of the property. Community events are held at the site including meditations, religious teachings, and ceremonies.

Project Overview:

This property has been experiencing severe coastal erosion that is increasingly endangering public safety. The shoreline adaptation project is intended to reduce this threat by stabilizing nearshore conditions.

The proposed shoreline adaptation project includes installing emergency temporary erosion control structures along the uppermost portion of the beach profile, seaward of the property. The installation will help retain unstable soils and slow progression of active shoreline erosion, which is approaching the foundation of the historic Soto Zen Buddhist temple.

The proposed erosion control is intended as a short-term mitigation measure, which will remain in place for about three years. The temple is also engaged in a complex long-term planning process. Among the long-term options being considered are restoring the protective beach in Mantokuji Bay, retrofitting the temple to accommodate future coastal hazards, and relocating or demolishing other structures if necessary.

Where: The Mantokuji Mission property is in Mantokuji Bay on the North Shore of Maui in the town of Pā'ia, at 253 Hana Highway, TMK (2) 2-6-008:013. A historic Soto Zen Buddhist temple is situated on the eastern portion of the property, while the western side contains a cemetery. Shoreline erosion control work will occur along roughly one-quarter of the property's shoreline boundary.



Figure 1: Photograph taken in January 2020, showing the erosion escarpment in proximity to the temple. At the time, the erosion escarpment was approximately 18 feet from the structure. Today it is much closer.

Why: The beach and shoreline at the property has been chronically eroding and much of the previously documented sandy beach is already lost. Without a beach to buffer coastal forces, inland areas are exposed to greater hazards including flooding, wave uprush and scouring. Some of the sand lost from the depleted beach was used to construct Maui County public infrastructure. In 1933, the Mantokuji Mission granted the County of Maui "a right to take and remove from the makai portion of the property... beach sand in such quantities as may be required... in the building, repair and maintenance of public roads and in the erection and construction of public works." Significant wave events, including a 1946 tsunami, may also have removed significant volumes of sand from the Mantokuji embayment. Recently, more frequent King Tides and sea level rise have accelerated the erosion damage. Shoreline armoring structures constructed on near-by properties could have also contributed to the erosion patterns. Since natural sources of sand are unable to balance the losses, a coastal adaptation plan is needed to address worsening shoreline hazards.

Who: The project is led by the Board of Directors of the Mantokuji Mission, who has engaged Oceanit for engineering assessment, agency coordination and construction administration services related to the temporary hazard mitigation. Cmac Excavation LLC. (CMAC) has been contracted to construct the emergency temporary erosion control structure. Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. (CSH) has been contracted to prepare an Archaeological Monitoring Plan (AMP) for the project construction. Architects Hawaii Ltd. (AHL) has been contracted to develop plans for the future disposition of temple structures / buildings.

What: To ensure safe and responsible construction, Best Management Practices (BMPs) will first be installed to reduce the risks of work activities to the environment. Access to the project site will be established from the property onto the beach. Displaced headstones and other cemetery-related artifacts will be removed from the beach zone and preserved at an inland location on the property. Existing man-made debris will be cleaned off the beach and disposed of offsite.



Figure 2: Photograph taken in January 2019, showing the eroded shoreline with exposed debris and fallen headstones.

The contractor will build the temporary erosion control structure by first stacking existing beach cobble stones at the base of the escarpment to form a level pad. Next, geotextile fabric filled with imported beach-compatible sand will be used to create a step-like design along approximately 112 linear feet of shoreline. At its base, the width of the proposed fabric structure will be about seven feet. The plan minimizes the disturbance of the existing soils in Mantokuji property. An archaeological monitor will observe work that may impact cultural resources.

How: The Mantokuji Mission will retain a contractor (CMAC) to construct the emergency temporary erosion control structure according to the approved plans and permits and under Oceanit's observation. All permit approvals have been obtained. The project has obtained the required State and County permit approvals. See Table 1 for a permit summary.

Table 1: Project permit summary, as of August 2022.

<u>PERMIT</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Emergency CDUP MA 21-10	DLNR OCCL *	State	05/12/2021	N/A
Emergency CDUP MA 21-10 (Extension)	DLNR OCCL	State	04/26/2022	N/A
Revocable Permit #8BG6J1CLUBNM	DLNR Land Division	State		04/08/2022
Right -Of -Entry Permit 4516 (PSF: 21MD-088)	DLNR Land Division	State	07/12/2022	N/A
Archaeological Monitoring Plan (Doc. No.: 2207AM19)	DLNR SHPD **	State	N/A	08/15/2022
SMA Minor Permit SMX 2020/0158, SM2 2020/0095, SSA 2020/0025, EAE 2020/0066	Department of Planning	County	11/12/2020	N/A

* DLNR = *Department of Land and Natural Resources*

OCCL = *Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands*

** *State Historic Preservation Division*

When: Construction will begin in September 2022. The construction duration is approximately eight weeks, dependent on the site conditions at that time.

Funding: The project will be financially supported using private funds raised by the Mantokuji Mission.

Contact: This document was prepared to communicate the important aspects of the Mantokuji Mission project with the news media, public, neighbors, and other community stakeholders. For general information regarding the Pā'ia Mantokuji Soto Mission, please contact Mr. Eric Moto, Board President, at ehmoto@msn.com. Questions or comments regarding this shoreline adaption project are welcome at any time and can be submitted to Dr. Mike Foley, P.E., Sr. Coastal Engineer at Oceanit, at mfoley@oceanit.com.

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October 2022

	Sunday	Monday	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
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	9 10:00 Daruma-ki Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16 8:30am Cleanup 10:30am Fujinkai meetings	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

Coming up in November (tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 6	Family Service - Shichi Go San Ceremony (7-5-3 Ceremony)
Sunday 13	Fujinkai clean up & Kyodan meetings

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.