



October 2023

Dates to Remember

October 1

Daruma-ki Service &
Daruma-sama Picnic

—

November 19

Family services &
Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

Our Mission: Paia Mantokuji is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple founded in 1906 by Reverend Sokyo Ueoka and 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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Bobbie, Cathy & Isabelle

Reverend's Message

Aloha everyone.

I returned to Maui from Japan at the end of August. While I was in Japan, I was shocked to see the news about the wildfires that occurred in many different places on Maui. It was widely reported in Japan too and I received many messages of concern from my friends and family. I also received a message from Rev. Oyama, the former resident minister of Mantokuji. He too was very worried about all of you. This was a tragedy, and I cannot find the words to express my feelings for those who were affected by the devastation. I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to return to a peaceful life as soon as possible. Maui is an important place with many memories for me. I know it will take time, but as a member of the community, I would like to walk with them on the road to recovery.

Everything is changing. Impermanence is the fundamental teaching of Buddhism. Much has no doubt changed in the past month, but there is no sorrow that lasts forever. Let us believe that things will surely move in a better direction. The hearts from around the world are with the community and families of Maui.

On October 1st, Daruma-ki Service will be held at Mantokuji. As you know, Bodhidharma was a Zen master who spread Buddhism from India to China. He was a man of perseverance who is known to have sat in zazen facing a wall for nine years. The Daruma doll, which gets up no matter how many times it falls, represents the strong mind of the Zen master. Even when things are difficult or painful, it rises up by itself. I hope that the Drama doll will give you the courage to persevere and rise up when faced with life's challenges.

After the service, we will have a picnic with games and lunch. Because we did not have a picnic last year, I am very much looking forward to it. Please join us for the service and picnic. I look forward to meeting you all on October 1st.

Mahalo.

Tomoki Hirasawa



give aloha
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Donations to Paia Mantokuji, #78996, are 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 8, 2023 at 8:30am

November 12, 2023 at 8:30am

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies and gentlemen who came on September 10 to help clean the nokotsudo and the yard.

Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Kay Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Cathy Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Lois Sato, Nora Takeuchi, and Neil Watanabe.

Mantokuji's Online Auction

Many, many thanks to Diane Orikasa for chairing Mantokuji's online auction. The proceeds from the auction have been dedicated to helping the victims of the devastating fires that plagued Maui on August 8th. The successful auction raised approximately \$4000.

A big MAHALO 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 be the winning bid while others disappointed. The food items offered were especially hot items in the auction. Can't wait for next year!

President's Message

Aloha everyone,

After having dodged the Covid virus for the last 3 ½ years, I finally caught the bug. And it looks like I'm not the only one with many in my circle of friends and acquaintances having gotten sick as well. The announcement of a newly approved vaccine booster couldn't have come at a better time. I'm glad to be feeling stronger and more protected, and I hope all of you are boosted and protected too. With all of this in mind, we welcome October and the start of Fall services and activities.

Last month Reverend Hirasawa returned from his trip to Japan with a renewed Visa in hand. We are happy that Rev. Hirasawa is back at work at Mantokuji. October begins with the Daruma-ki Service on Sunday, the 1st at 10:00 am, followed by our annual Daruma-sama Picnic where we celebrate our dedicated and hard-working sangha members and volunteers. I look forward to seeing you there. Take care.

Mahalo,

Eric Moto

President, Mantokuji Kyodan

Announcements

Daruma-ki Service and Thank You Picnic

Sunday, October 1, 2023 10:00 Service - 11:00 am Daruma-sama Thank You Picnic



The Daruma-ki Service and Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 10:00 am. This event gives the members of Mantokuji a chance to thank our friends who come to help Mantokuji throughout the year. Their generosity and kindness are invaluable.

We will start with a service at 10:00 am in honor of Daruma-sama, or Bodhidharma, the patriarch of Zen Buddhism, followed by games at 11:00 am for children and adults, and lunch will be served at noon.

Please come and enjoy the fellowship, food and fun!

Please **RSVP** to Cathy Murayama by text or call (808) 283-6125 or email Info@paimantokuji.org by **September 28** to let the committee know if you will attend so we can plan accordingly.

Shichi-Go-San Ceremony and Memorial Services

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 9:00am

We will have a family service together with the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony on
Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 9:00 am.

If you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren who have become or will be ages 3, 5, and 7 this year, please bring them for the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony to pray for their well-being. Please call Reverend Hirasawa at (808) 579-8051 by November 1 to sign up for this ceremony.



Nokotsudo Hours in October

The nokotsudo will be closed on the following days in October: **Wednesday, October 18 – Monday, October 23**
It will reopen on Tuesday, October 24. Thank you for your understanding.

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of:

Thomas Umetsu, 94 years, who passed away on August 26, 2023.

We pray for him and give our love and support to his family in this time of great loss.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So



Donations made in August

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

General Donations

Jon N. Hanano, Margaret Nakashima, Sandra E. Urata.

Rene M. Egami	Newsletter
Rene Egami, Arlene Tsue, Roger & Judy Ueoka, Sonia Sato, Susan Oyama	In Memory of Baron Ueoka
Wayne & Evelyn Kajiwara	Autumn O-Higan & Ryosoki
Wayne & Evelyn Kajiwara	In Memory of Baron Ueoka
Carol M. Lau	In Memory of Baron Ueoka
Brian T. Moto	In Memory of Kaoru & Violet Moto
Myles Y. Murakami	In Memory of Patsy Murakami
Katherine M. S. Puckhaber	In Memory of Donald Isao Suzuki
Howard Y. Sakata	Donation for Maui Fire
Celia Suzuki & Yukie Ueoka	Ingredients for shiso rice
April Ueoka & Daniel Mercer and Pam & Ron Leong	In Memory of Baron Ueoka

Obon Donations made in August 2023

Miyahira, Daniel Okada, Celia C. Suzuki (In Memory of Meyer M. Ueoka), Florence Tasaka, Travis Ueoka (transportation of light towers), Yukie H. Ueoka (In Memory of Meyer M. Ueoka), Betty A. Watanabe.

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October 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October	1 7:30-8:30 Zazen 10:00 Daruma-ki Service 11:00 Daruma-sama Picnic	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 7:30-8:30 Zazen 8:30am Cleanup, Fujinkai & Kyodan meetings	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15 7:30-8:30 Zazen	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29 7:30-8:30 Zazen	30	31				

Coming up in November (tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 12	Fujinkai clean up & Kyodan meetings
Sunday 19	Family Service - Shichi Go San Ceremony (7-5-3 Ceremony)

Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.