

Mantokuji Newsletter

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October 2026

Dates to Remember

October 4

Daruma-ki Service &
Daruma-sama Picnic

November 5

Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha everyone,

It was a different kind of summer this year with more rain than usual, and it looks like the El Nino weather pattern will mean continued heat and humidity through Fall and Winter. It's been a challenge to keep cool in Paia and to keep the grounds/landscaping under control with the summer rains, but we are doing our best with the help of the Ka Lima O Maui lawn crew and some temple volunteers. We have made it through the storms without damages so far and we will continue to stay vigilant in these final months of the Hurricane season.

October begins with the Daruma-ki Service on Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 am. After the service we will gather for fellow-ship and fun in the hall for our Daruma-sama Picnic. The "picnic" is another one of Mantokuji's ways to show our appreciation to our temple volunteers and faithful sangha members for their help and support

over the past year. Please let us know if you are able to come and be a part of the festivities. Stay cool and take care.

Mahalo,

Eric Moto

President, Mantokuji Kyodan

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 Mantokuji's short term vision is to stay in place in Paia, as a vibrant and relevant Soto Zen Buddhist Mission.

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



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FUJINKAI NEWS

The Fujinkai will be having their monthly meetings and clean up as follow:

October 11, 2025 at 8:30am

November 8, 2025 at 8:30am

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies, gentlemen and volunteers who came on September 13 to help clean the nokotsudo and work on the rummage sale sorting and pricing..

Kathleen Davis, Kay Hanano, Sue Hiraga, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Lois Sato, Nora Takeuchi and Laura Yamada.

KYODAN MEETING REPORT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Below are some of the topics that were discussed at the meeting.

- Shoreline Project Updates:
 - Fuel Tank/Line Project – Finalizing and approving amended work plans with the County.
 - Maui County Council Bill 55, CD1, FD1 – Approved on June 5, 2026 for a \$2.5M grant within the County budget for 2027 to begin planning/permitting for work (Oceanit).
- Mantokuji has been assigned a new resident minister Reverend Jiten Kurosawa. Approval of his VISA is in process. He will be visiting Mantokuji November 3-6 in conjunction with the Hawaii Soto Mission Association (HSMA) Fall Conference November 7-8 at Kauai Zenshuji.
 - A Mantokuji sangha potluck dinner is planned for Wednesday, November 4th at 5:30pm. More information will be in the November mangan.
- Bishop Komagata will be here on Thursday, November 5th to conduct the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony at 4:00pm with the help of Reverend Kurosawa and a Memorial Service.
- Jonathan Collins will work on the eastside double hall doors and the door by the big freezer
- HSMA Fall Conference will be held at Kauai Zenshuji on November 7-8, 2026.
 - Bobbie Arita & Cathy Murayama will represent Mantokuji as delegates. Isabelle Scholl will attend as an observer.
- Ohigan & Ryosoki Services on September 20, 2026 at 10:30am. Reverend Hoshino will come to officiate the services.
- Darum-ki Service & Daruma-sama Picnic (Thank You Picnic) will be held on October 4, 2026. Service is at 10:00am and picnic at 11:00am.
- Mantokuji's Annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2027, 8:00am – 12:00noon, only one day.

SOBA WORKSHOP AT MANTOKUJI

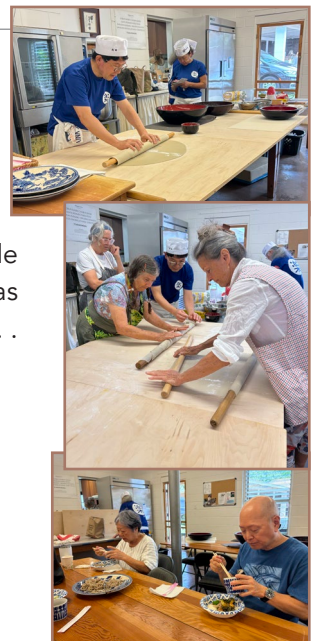
Held on Sunday, September 6, 2026

A group of eight Mantokuji members and friends were immersed in the traditional making of soba. We were fortunate to watch the demonstration of Sobaraku members (Yokohama/Tokyo) Koji, Yoshi and Yuki. Following their demonstration, participants were able to try their hands at making soba. We quickly learned that making the soba wasn't as easy as it looked! Lots of technique was involved. Then the best part . . . we ate freshly made soba . . . DELICIOUS! Here are a few comments from participants:

"Better than going out to lunch! I bow to the soba Gods."

"It was a great educational and direct exposure to the Japanese cooking traditions."

"A MAGICAL experience with authentic buckwheat masters . . . buckwheat is a perfect food for vegetarians, since it has every amino acid the perfect protein!"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DARUMA-KI SERVICE AND THANK YOU PICNIC

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 10:00am Service – 11:00am Daruma-sama Thank You Picnic

The Daruma-ki Service and Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 4th. This event gives the members of Mantokuji a chance to thank our friends who came to help Mantokuji throughout the year whenever help was needed . . . on clean up days, our annual bazaar, our O-Bon Festival and Mantokuji's various services and events. Their generosity and kindness were invaluable.

We will start with a service at 10:00am in honor of Daruma-sama, or Bodhidharma, the patriarch of Zen Buddhism. The Thank You Picnic will follow beginning at 11:00am. There will be games and activities for children and adults. Lunch will be served around 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@paiamantokuji.org by **September 27** to let the committee know if you will attend so we can plan accordingly.



SHICHI-GO-SAN CEREMONY AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 4:00pm

We will have the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony on

Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 4:00pm

If you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren who have become or will be ages 3, 5, or 7 this year, please text or call Cathy Murayama by November 1 to let us know you would like to honor your special child.

Without a current resident minister, we have asked Bishop Komagata to come to perform the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony with the help of our future resident minister, Reverend Jiten Kurosawa who will be visiting Mantokuji November 3-6. More on his visit in the November mangan. Please be on the lookout for the sign up for a sangha Welcome to Maui gathering on November 4, 2026.



REMINDER: PLANT & RUMMAGE SALE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00am - 12:00pm

Come early for the best selection! Doors will open at 8:00am. Clothing, shoes, bags, kitchenware, small appliances, seasonal items for Halloween and Christmas, plants, furniture, and children's toys are being sorted and priced for Saturday, September 26.

ALOHA AND MAHALO NEIL WATANABE

We want to take a moment to recognize the passing of a treasured member of our Mantokuji sangha, Neil Watanabe. Neil was an ever present, hard-working, "Jack-of-all-trades" whom we frequently depended upon whenever there was a repair or maintenance job that needed attention. His kind and generous spirit responded positively to every request and each job was perfectly completed in a timely fashion. Neil was multi-talented and did everything from plumbing and electrical and carpentry repairs, to installing air conditioners and painting, and he always offered to pick up all the necessary materials. We would find him sweeping up at the end of the day and then find out that he had stopped by when no one else was around to trim a hedge or do some weeding in the Japanese garden. All of this work from a humble and often funny guy who will be missed for a very long time. Mahalo and aloha to his wife Joyce and daughters Kimi and Joni for sharing Neil with us.





PLANT & RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 26, 2026
8am–12pm

Pā'ia Mantokuji Soto Mission

253 Hana Highway
across from Pā'ia Community Center



DONATIONS MADE IN AUGUST

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

General Donations

Roy Abe	Memorial Day – In Memory of Tokuko Abe
Ted Abe	Memorial Day – In Memory of Tokuko Abe
Rene Egami	In Memory of Carol Lau
Ronald Furukawa	In Memory of Takuichi Furukawa, Susumu Furukawa, Cynthia Gray & Susan Cuffe
Myles Murakami	In Memory of Patsy Murakami
Susan Oyama	In Memory of Carol Lau
Celia C Suzuki	In Memory of Meyer M Ueoka
Wanda Taira	27 th Year Memorial Service for Harriet Shizuno Miyagawa
April Ueoka & Daniel Mercer	In Memory of Yukie Ueoka & Carol Lau
Roger & Judy Ueoka	In Memory of Carol Lau
Miles & Nani Watanabe	In Memory of Van Tomita & Family

Obon Donations made in August 2026

Katherine M Hashiro, Lisa Kakiuchi-Gima, Linda Monden, Wendee Murayama, Elaine Katena Rodrigues, Tokunaga & Lau Family, Bonnie M Watanabe, Laura H Yamada, Aiko Yamashige.

Karen Arakawa	In Memory of Inao & Kiku Yoshino
Roy & Patricia Kan	In Memory of Michie Moto
Jeffrey & Arlene Taketa	In Memory of Shizuka & Tadashi Owara
Ladd Ueoka, Celia Suzuki & Jan Kemp	In Memory of Yukie Ueoka (Hatsubon) & Meyer Masato Ueoka

IN MEMORIAM



Mantokuji lost its beloved friend and volunteer, **Neil Watanabe**, 76 years old, passed on August 17, 2026.

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

NEW MEMBER

The Mantokuji Sangha extends a warm welcome to the following new member:

Shannon Loo

We are always grateful to have new members. For information about membership, please contact the temple.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 10:00am Daruma-ki Service 11:00am Daruma-sama Picnic	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 8:30am Clean up 10:30am Fujinkai Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:30am-11:00am Ikebana
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	29	29	30	31

Nokustudo Hours:

Coming up in November (Tentative Schedule)

Thursday 5: Shichi-Go-San Ceremony
(7-5-3- Ceremony)

Sunday 8: Clean up, Fujinkai and Kyodan Meetings

*The nokotsudo will continue to be open on
Saturdays and Sundays in October,
9:00am – 3:00pm.*

*If you need the nokotsudo opened outside of
these hours, please call 808.283.6125.*