

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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The annual blessing of the Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation was performed on March 2



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Sake Appreciation Festival March 3

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Sake Appreciation Festival

Sake, a byproduct of rice has long been a vital part of Japanese culture.

The shrine's festival was held on March 3 to acknowledge the gift that alcoholic beverages made from rice like sake are to the world and our lives.

Much Mahalo to Dance Master **Hanayagi Mitsujiuro** (Bryson Goda) for performing *Kotobuki Sanbaso*, a dance that celebrates rice and agricultural practices

associated with rice production, **Diane Nishida** for performing the *shishimai* Lion dance and the many volunteers that made this festival possible.



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Private Blessings



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Birthday blessing performed for Shrine Director, Diane Nishida



Yakudoshi blessing performed on February 25



Kanreki blessing performed for Ukulele Master Zanuck Lindsey



In Shinto, there are many passages of life and rituals that celebrate and guide people through the spiritual dimensions of those passages.

Shrine Visitors



Shrine friend Tom Jannuzzio visited the shrine on March 4. Tom moved to the Mainland 3 years ago and now resides in Connecticut.



Shrine Director Bryson Goda returned to Hawaii to participate in the annual Maizome of Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation.

He's pictured with shrine Director Diane Nishida, Hawaii Kabuki Committee Chair San'emom Tobaya and Stacie Hata Vice Principal of HDAH.

Advance Directives Seminar

Plan Ahead To Make Your End Of Life Wishes Known

Date: April 28 (Sun)

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Shrine Meeting Room

Just as we prepare for the many milestones throughout our life, it is important to plan in advance for the end of our life with Advance Directives.

Advanced care planning may not be an easy conversation, but a necessary one. By thinking ahead and communicating your treatment preferences early on, you can spare those close to you the anxiety of having to guess your wishes.

Advance directives are legal documents completed by

individuals to specify how they would like health care delivered should they not be able to speak for themselves.

Attend this educational seminar presented by the shrine's president - **Dr. Shinken Naitoh**, who has focused his practice exclusively in Healthcare law.

The seminar is part of our community service to the public and will be offered at no charge.

The seminar will review the benefits of planning ahead, discuss end-of-life decisions and help you to complete your advance directive at the seminar.

Email your RSVP to the shrine at **kotohira@hawaiiantel.net** or text Irene at 284-1040 to reserve a space.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 13 1 pm
Cleanup & prep for Spring Festival
- 14 3 pm
Spring Thanksgiving Festival
- 28 2 pm
Advance Directive Seminar



All of life is a gift
Please join us in offering prayers of humility and gratitude to the wonderful gifts and blessings in our lives.

April 14, 2019 Sunday

3 pm Ceremony

4 pm Dinner and Scholarship Awards

Shunbun no Hi - Vernal Equinox

Shunbun no Hi or Vernal Equinox day commemorates the sun passing over the equator from the Northern to the Southern Hemisphere. The hours of light equal the hours of darkness and heralds the coming of spring.

Many ancient cultures celebrated the Spring Equinox because their food supplies would soon be restored. The date is



significant in Christianity as Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

The exact date differs every year but this year, *Shunbun no Hi* will be on March 21.

The traditional way to observe this day in Japan is expressing gratitude to loved ones who have passed, by visiting and cleaning their place of interment.

Botamochi, made of *mochi* rice and *azuki* is usually eaten on this day. *Ohagi* (same *mochi* with a different name for Autumn) is eaten on the Fall Equinox.



Shrine friends of **Bob Harada** came together on February 24 to place Bob's *reiji* memorial tablet in the shrine's spiritual sanctum. It is through this rite that the deceased is transformed into a guardian spirit.

The deceased in Shinto receive a new name but not nearly as elaborate as the Buddhist *Kaimyo*. In Shinto, the name is preserved and a title is appended with *ushi no mikoto* for men and *toji no mikoto* for women.

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Maintenance



The Otohari shrine curtains gifted by **Horiuchi Masuo Shoten** of Kyoto on February 15 was prepped and installed in both shrines on February 18 by Rev. Takizawa.



In February, the wooden trim on the exterior wall of the shrine was removed and repaired due to termite damage.



The repaired area was given a coat of primer in early March.

Photo on the right is the termite-eaten trim removed and repaired by **Mike Lee**.



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