

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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The Roof Replacement Project started on September 9, 2023

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MAHALO for your donation
of sake

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In Japan, the coming of
summer is signaled by *Furin*
wind chimes.

Furin was introduced to Japan
from China sometime in the
1200 CE.

It's time to
bid summer
farewell as
we remove
all *furin* and
prepare for
our Autumn
events.



CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 15 1:00 pm**
Shichigosan Cleanup & Prep
- 22 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**
Shichigosan • Totose no Oiwai
Jusan Mairi • Seijin Shiki
- 28 & 29 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**
Shichigosan • Totose no Oiwai
Jusan Mairi • Seijin Shiki

NOVEMBER

- 1 - 20 9:30 am - 3:30 pm**
Shichigosan • Totose no Oiwai
Jusan Mairi • Seijin Shiki
- 20 12:00 pm**
Shichigosan Cleanup and store

AUTUMN THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

The Autumn Thanksgiving Festival is meant to remember the things we have to be grateful for.



It's a special time to give thanks... not just for the food we partake, but for the thousands of fortunate moments and the multitude of blessings that we receive everyday of our lives.



The 103rd Autumn Thanksgiving Festival commenced at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 3, officiated by Rev. Masa Takizawa in the presence of Directors and Officers.

The festival ended with a *Naorai* partaking of *kiku* chrysanthemum wine.

Choyo no Sekku or *Kiku* Chrysanthemum Festival was observed on 9/3.

Choyo no Sekku originated in China and is known as the Double Nine Festival.

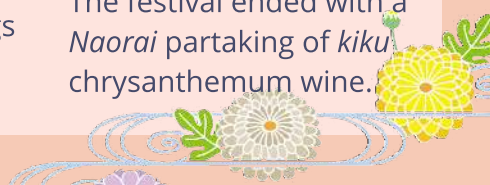
During the Han Dynasty, a young man named *Heng-jing* lost his parents to a wizard's sorcery.

In order to take revenge on the wizard for killing his parents, *Heng-jing* lured the wizard with the fragrance of a bag of Dogwood leaves and a bottle of Chrysanthemum

wine.

On the 9th day of the 9th lunar month, *Heng-jing* was able to slay the wizard, bringing peace to his village.

This year's *sake* was a festive mix of yellow and white *kiku* petals, thought to bring longevity.



GOKITO Private Blessings

House Blessing is a spiritual practice performed in Japan for centuries.

During a welfare check, real estate agents discovered the remains of an elderly tenant living alone.

Negative energies are particularly powerful in a home where trauma occurred and a House Blessing was performed for this rental unit in Pearl City.



Shubun no Hi fell on 9/23 this year and is a day to honor, respect and express gratitude to our ancestors and the departed.

On this day, the sun rose exactly in the east and set exactly in the west, making day and night equal in length.

In Japanese culture, ritual care for our ancestors is both a social obligation and religious practice. A memorial service was held for all those interred at the shrine.



Ceremonies are a beautiful way to recognize important turning points in your life's journey.

Honor your new born child with a special Baby Blessing at the shrine to celebrate the miracle of their birth and wishes for their healthy development. Congratulations on the birth of baby Issa!!!

Kipuni Aloha no Maui

The pain that the people of Maui are enduring is unimaginable.

The shrine joined Kipuni



Aloha no Maui - a day long online vigil as one ohana, in support for beloved Maui.

The vigil centered on emotional and spiritual healing that is rooted in traditional Native Hawaiian practices and included leaders from diverse faiths joined on several social media platforms online.

A 5th anniversary Remembrance Ceremony was held for our dear friend and shrine officer, Bob Harada who passed on September 14, 2018.

This ceremony gave us a moment to remember him, and all those crazy and joyful memories with him.



Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation welcomed a renown Nagauta vocal artist - Kinuya Saki III.

Kinuya Saki III is the son of the 7th generation head (Kinuya Sakichi) of the Nagauta Samon Kai, a Nagauta shamisen school

established in the Edo period.

Natori instructors and students were given an opportunity of a practice session with Kinuya Saki III and principal Kinuya Sakio which is sure to have a positive influence and contribute to their artistic practice.

MAINTENANCE

The shrine's roof hasn't been replaced since it was installed in 1982.

There are many things that can go wrong with a shingle roof over time.

Thanks to Hurricane Dora, the shrine roof has been uplifting and curling - moving like waves with



each strong gust.

According our roofer, Rob - nails have popped off in many areas. Dora also blew off several shingles, especially over the Kotohira-side of the roof.

The nails are set in wood, which expands and contracts with humidity and temperature changes. Even well placed, secure nails will eventually pop out of their positions over time.

Roofs play a considerable role in protecting the rest of the home or building underneath it. The effects of having the roof getting blown off would be devastating.

The breach in the roof has prompted the shrine to seek emergency roof replacement as it is not likely to withstand the next hurricane.



The Roof Replacement Project began on 9/8 by Kimoto Roofing and continued for 4-5 days.

Mahalo Rob and crew! Your energy and team spirit inspires us!!!