

Let's Bon Dance!



Celebrating Our Roots
Experience Japanese-American Culture like never before!

Friday and Saturday Night
July 28 and 29, 2017
6:00pm – 10:30pm

Bon Dance
Food Exhibits
Cultural Performance
Games

Mahalo To Our Sponsors!





In the Spirit of Bon

This year we continue to honor those who have come before us, especially the pioneering Issei or first generation women, who came to Hawai'i between 1885-1924.

We focus on the 20,000 pictures brides who exchanged photos with their prospective grooms, and journeyed to the islands to start a new life.

We share their stories through a special exhibit and cultural performance.

Free gifts to VISITORS and off-island guests!

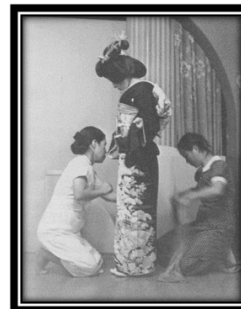
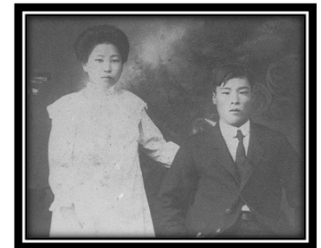
PICTURE BRIDE STORIES

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 pm
Videos, photo display, discussion
Share your stories
Lihue Public Library
Presentation by Kauai Soto Zen Temple



Soto Kimura came to Kauai in 1911 to marry Kuniyoshi Kimura of Kilauea. She was 19 years old. Her husband passed early in 1937. They had seven children, 19 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren.

In 1909, Hisa Okabe married Fukutaro Kawakami. The Kawakami family became successful entrepreneurs, owning a chain of Big Save stores, Kauai Kitchens, Kauai Kookie, and other businesses.



Shizu Kaigo arrived in Lihue 1916 to marry To-moji. She was an active member of the Lihue Hongwanji temple, and was skilled in the art of kimono dressing, planning weddings for many Nisei brides on the island.

RIDE FREE Friday evening, July 28

Just hop on the bus if you want to attend our Bon dance on Friday evening. We are geared to serving our precious kupanas and others by offering a free bus ride to the event. Tell a friend.

BUS SCHEDULE: Kapaa to Hanapepe

- (1) Kapaa Hongwanji 6:00 p.m.
- (2) Lihue: Old Big Save Parking Lot 6:20 p.m.
- (3) Arrive at Hanapepe, 7:00 pm
- (4) Leave Bon Dance at 9:45–10 pm

More information: 346-4650



Our 2017 Bon dance towel unfolded

Bon Festival Schedule for Friday and Saturday evenings

- Memorial service at temple 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Shuji Komagata Public welcome
- Food booths open 6:00 p.m.
- Performance: Taiko Kaua'i 7:00 p.m.
- Bon Dance 7:20–10:30 p.m.
- Intermission Program 8:30 p.m.
“Picture Brides & Songs from the Canefields”
A musical tribute
Okinawan Eisa Song & Dance

On Saturday evening only, a fire burning ceremony will be held at 9:30 p.m.

- Exhibit: “Celebrating Our Roots”
Picture Brides display
Plantation life, Bon Dance history,
Hole Hole Bushi—Songs from the Canefields



We are the original home of the Flying Saucer!
Come & enjoy our festival foods!
Invite all of your friends!

MAHALO
for your
Support!



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**Double the Celebration
Double the Fun!!!**

FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 28TH ONLY!
FREE Shuttles to both events from 6pm - 10pm

ART NIGHT
Over 16 art galleries are open to the public; meet Kauai artists, enjoy local music and wonderful food.
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BON FESTIVAL
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