



# Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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## Hanamatsuri is coming soon

The birth of Shakyamuni Buddha was the very first step toward the beginnings of Buddhism. It was said in the old Indian tale that the sweet and fragrant warm water poured gently over the newborn baby in the flower garden of Lumbini in northern India (now Nepal), suggested that he would be the Buddha in later years.



It has been over 2,500 years since the Honored One, from whom so many people in the world have received teachings, was born. Presently, we still continue to celebrate "Hanamatsuri," Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday, here on Maui far away from India.

This year we celebrate our annual Paia Hanamatsuri at Rinzai Zen Mission on Sunday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. with members of the Mantokuji Mission and our guests from Japan, Rev. and Mrs. Matsui, Rev. Hoshi, Rev. Kajiro, and Rev. Chisaka.

We will have a dinner for our guests on Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. We are going to decorate the Hanamido that evening too. Please join with our honored guests for dinner, which will be provided, and with flowers for the Buddha.

## Temple Schedule

- March 8-11 Sesshin (Zen retreat)
  - 10 Sun. No Cleaning
  - 17 Sun. Spring Ohigan Service, 10:00 a.m.
- April. 6 Sat. Dinner for Japanese guests  
(Everyone invited), 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Sun. Paia Hanamatsuri at Rinzai Zen Mission, 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch, Bingo, and Okinawan music
- 14 Sun. Cleaning Day, 8:00 a.m.

## Save Maui Stamps

We are still collecting Maui Stamps, both the blue and yellow ones. We would appreciate your donations of the stamps if you are not using them for discounts at Ah Fook's. Thank you.

## Other Happenings at RZM

Do you know what's going on at our Mission? Other than our fundamental religious activity, we have three groups that regularly practice their activities.

*The Maui Ryukyu Culture Group* practices Okinawan music, dance, and other studies of Okinawan tradition twice a month .

*The Maui Zendo* group sits in Zen meditation every Monday and Wednesday evening. They also organize Zen retreats at our Mission.



*Urasenke Maui*, the Tea ceremony group, is starting their practice from this month and they are using the guest house only.

Above mentioned three groups are closely associated with our mission and their members participate in Cleaning Day and Obon too. If you are interested in any of these practices, please call the RZM office.

## Future of RZM is Secure



Thanks to your generosity, we are in very good standing financially. And our buildings need only minor repairs now and then.

So, we have a secure future right now as long as Rev. Yama-guchi's health condition keeps well. He thinks he is getting old and weak compared to 40 years ago. Well, nothing of this earth is permanent!

## Mark your Calendars

March 24, Sun. Paia Mantokuji Bazaar