



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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春 — 花祭り

今年の花祭りは4月3日朝10時から萬徳寺で行います。残念ながら日本からはどなたもお見えになることはできません。パイアの仏教徒、3つのお寺のメンバーでお釈迦様のご誕生をお祝いしましょう。昼食やビンゴはお寺で接待します。いつもの様にデザートは持ち寄りですのでよろしくお願ひします。

今お寺はいろいろな修理を行っています。再建して26年が過ぎ、随分潮風に耐えてきました。大きな工事を避けるためにも早め早めに直していきま

す。お寺周辺の環境、特に住人(いない筈)達の奇声、奇行動は悪化していますが、お寺の犬、海ちゃんは24時間体制で警備に頑張っています。

Hanamatsuri is here!

We will celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday on April 3 (Sunday) at Mantokuji Soto Zen Mission. We are not expecting any guests from Japan this year; it will be just the members of three Buddhist temples — Rinzai Zen Mission, Mantokuji Mission, and Maui Dharma Center — all of Paia. As usual, the temples are providing lunch, entertainment, and bingo games. We always appreciate your dessert contributions, as in years past.



Repair and Maintenance

The buildings at the mission are getting their fair share of damage, being situated on the windward shore of Maui. The three main buildings standing on tall concrete columns are now over 26 years old, and we have started repair work on them over the last few years.

We will continue to repair whatever we need to in order to keep our temple in good shape. We are currently working on the guest house stairs, bell house, fascia board on the temple building, etc. Our lighting system also needs a lot of work. We are updating many fixtures to LED to increase energy savings and the lifespan of our lights.

With all the repair and maintenance that we are doing, we can keep our temple in good shape for many years to come.

The beach is wide and beautiful



Because over-growing trees have been reaching the power line, we have had to cut a few trees along the ocean-side border of the property. Now you can see the beach and ocean very clearly. At the same time, we have built up the land on our ocean side to protect from tsunami/rising water impacts as much as we can.

Nature has so much power over what people can do, but we need to try our best to live and negotiate with each occurrence. Nature is an extremely powerful force. People who live around our mission are also experiencing nature's very powerful presence.

While we reported in a newsletter last year about things happening around our property, it is getting worse and there seems to be no control over the problems. The park gate is not locked anymore. Non-local kids have parties late into the night in and outside of the park pavilion, and so on. Unfortunately, things have happened on our property as well. Our security chief, Rev. Yamaguchi's dog Umi, is working very hard at her 24-hour job.



Schedule

- April 3(Sun) 10:00 a.m. Paia Hanamatsuri at Mantokuji Mission
- 10(Sun) Cleaning Day
- 23(Sat) 10:00 a.m. Okinawan cooking class: contact Maui Ryukyu Culture Group email maui.ryukyu@gmail.com or call 205-7116
- May 8(Sun) No Cleaning Day - Happy Mother's Day!
- 15(Sun) 10:00 a.m. Service
- June 12(Sun) Cleaning Day
- 19(Sun) 10:00 a.m. Service. Father's Day Lunch and meeting for Obon