



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE

Traditionally, Ohigan is a time of year when we set aside time for our Nenbutsu practice as Jodo Buddhists. Through reciting the Nenbutsu, we naturally feel deep gratitude that we are now living through the countless blessings we receive from our family, community, planet, and the entire universe. During this time, we extend our thanks to our ancestors, our dearly departed ones, our family, friends, and community at large.

Welcoming Ohigan, let us wholeheartedly call Amida Buddha's Sacred Name, *Namu Amida Butsu*, and reflect on our life's journey. Embraced by the Great Compassion of Amida, let us look to a peaceful tomorrow.

Date: **Sunday, March 19, 2023**
Time: **9:30 a.m.**
MC: Ed Sera
Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

MARCH BOARD MEETING

Our board meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 19 at 12 noon** at our pavilion, after our Ohigan Service. Various reports, project planning, and other matters will be discussed.

WORLDWIDE NENBUTSU SESSION

The Worldwide Nenbutsu chanting session will be hosted by Sao Paulo Jodo Shu Betsuin in Brazil via Zoom on **Saturday, March 11 from 11:00 a.m.** Please join this session to call Amida Buddha's Sacred Name, *Namu Amida Butsu*, together with our worldwide Sangha. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m. or join in via Zoom at 11 (Meeting ID: 858 5850 6482; password: 313813).

TEA CEREMONY MEDITATION

Dr. Stephanie Dent DNP of Ola Loa Family Practice will lead a Tea Ceremony Meditation on **Thursday, March 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** on the temple grounds. Space is limited, please call 808-281-0255 to reserve your spot.

2023 PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO JAPAN

Commemorating the 850th Anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shu by St. Honen in 1175, the Jodo Missions of Hawaii is planning a pilgrimage tour to the grand head temple Chion-in in Kyoto from October 5 to 13, 2023. All participants will join the 850th Commemorative Service at Chion-in and participate in the World Jodo Shu conference. Please contact Rev. Hara for details.

WEST MAUI HANAMATSURI — BUDDHA DAY CELEBRATION —

We are happy after 3 years due to COVID, this year, the West Maui Buddhist Community can gather to celebrate Hanamatsuri (Buddha Day) on **Sunday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. at Lahaina Shingon Mission**. Members of Lahaina Shingon Mission, Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, and Lahaina Jodo Mission will gather to commemorate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, who was born in Lumbini flower garden (now in Nepal) in India about 2500 years ago. Festivities include the service, fellowship gathering, games, and luncheon.



A HEARTFELT ALOHA TO MARK ELLMAN

Our longtime temple friend, supporter, and benefactor Mr. Mark Ellman passed away quietly at his residence on February 26, 2023. Mark is remembered as a celebrated chef and restaurateur, opening Avalon in 1988, Maui Tacos, Penne Pasta Café, Mala Ocean Tavern, Honu Seafood & Pizza, and his latest Frida's Mexican Beach House, which he always called upon our resident minister Rev. Hara to bless.

Mark was not only famous as a celebrity chef but he also made many generous contributions to our community and impressed all with his "Practice Aloha" movement. Mark truly had a kind and warm heart. One of our fondest memories of Mark is during our O-Bon Festival, he donated his delicious dishes from his restaurant and would come to sell them with his family for our temple. He also greatly supported our Mission over many years. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go to Judy and the entire Ellman ohana! We send our heartfelt Aloha and Mahalo to Mark and will miss him dearly.

Namu Amida Butsu.

PARK BEAUTIFICATION

Our deep Mahalo goes to our hardworking President Ed Sera, who has worked devotedly almost everyday on beautifying our park area. Ed has planted new vegetation and installed a new irrigation water system. He has made a multi-box compost to decrease food waste so that it does not go into the dumpster but can be reused to build healthy soil! Thank you for your kokua, Ed!

REMINDER! MEMBERSHIP DUES

This is a friendly reminder for those who have not paid their temple membership dues (\$60) this year. Please send a check to Lahaina Jodo Mission with the names of your family members who are included in this membership. Mahalo!

LJM FARMERS MARKET

Our Farmers' Market at Lahaina Jodo Mission will be held on **Thurs., March 9 and 23 from 4-7 p.m.** Please come and support your local community and enjoy live Hawaiian music!

MARCH CALENDAR

March 3 (Fri.) – Mark Ellman service
Mar. 4 (Sat.) – Beach cleanup day
Mar. 4 – "Carving the Divine" documentary
online screening, 5–7 p.m.
Mar. 9 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmers Market, 4–7 p.m.
Mar. 9 – Tea Ceremony Meditation, 5:30–6:30p
Mar. 11 (Sat.) – Worldwide Nenbutsu, 11:00 a.m.
Mar. 19 (Sun.) – Ohigan Service, 9:30 a.m.
Kyodan Board Meeting, noon
Mar. 19 – Bachata Dance, 4–8 p.m.
Mar. 20 (Mon.) – Ministers' Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Mar. 23 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmers Market, 4–7 p.m.
Mar. 29 (Wed.) – Maui Buddhist Council
Mayor's Hanamatsuri Proclamation, 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
- Mon. (4:20 p.m.) Marijuana Anonymous
- Tues. (8:30 a.m.) Tai Chi with Juliet
- Thurs. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
- Thurs. 12p, Rotary Club of Lahaina meetings
- Sat. (1st & 3rd, 9:00 a.m.), Maui Writers Ink

DOCUMENTARY "CARVING THE DIVINE" **ONLINE VIEWING; DHARMA TALK STORY**

On Saturday, March 4, Bishop Ishikawa hosted an online viewing of the documentary *Carving the Divine* with film director Yuji Seki. To learn more about this beautiful documentary on *busshi*, or Buddhist sculptors of Japan, please visit the website <https://www.carvingthedivine.com>.

