

# Mejiro Messenger

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10:00am–4:00pm

**RESOURCE CENTER HOURS**  
Wednesday–Friday  
10:00am–4:00pm  
Saturday  
10:00am–1:00pm

#### Mission Statement

To be a vibrant resource, strengthening our diverse community by educating present and future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i. We do this through relevant programming, meaningful community service and innovative partnerships that enhance the understanding and celebration of our heritage, culture and love of the land. To guide us in this work we draw from the values found in our Japanese American traditions and the spirit of Aloha.



## Recent Work From Artists Hatano & Harr Highlight New Exhibition

### ESCAPADE:

### NEW WORK BY KEIKO HATANO & YOKO HARR

Sponsored by Toshiko Takaezu Foundation

March 31 – May 11 • 10:00am – 4:00pm (Tuesday-Saturday)

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Community Gallery

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 31

11:30am • Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Teruya Courtyard

Coming soon in the Community Gallery, two popular local artists will display their new work that has pushed them out of their comfort zones. "We want to create something that is not our usual way because of the opportunity given by the Toshiko Takaezu Foundation. It is very special and we both felt it is our responsibility as artists to create new work and further ourselves," says Keiko Hatano. These two artists hope this show will surprise and inspire you.

Call (808) 945-7633 Ext. 39 for more information.



### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Demonstration by Yoko Harr  
Saturday, April 14  
11:00am – 12:00noon  
Community Gallery

Demonstration by Keiko Hatano  
Saturday, April 21  
11:00am – 12:00noon  
Community Gallery

**Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest**  
Sunday, April 29  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**DETAILS ON PAGE 5!**





# Board of Directors Nomination Notice

March 1, 2012

DEAR MEMBERS:

The bylaws of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i provide for a Board of Directors consisting of 19 directors. During the past year, pursuant to Section 4.14 of the bylaws, the board elected the following to fill vacancies until the next election of directors:

- a. LYNNE O'NEILL, Fashion Show Director & Event Producer, was elected by the board in June 2011 to succeed Director SUSAN EICHOR who opted not to accept re-nomination for another three-year term.
- b. DIANE MURAKAMI, Sr. Vice President & Commercial Banking Manager, Bank of Hawaii, was elected to the board in July 2011 to succeed Director NEIL TAKEKAWA who resigned to accept a full-time position on the JCCH staff. Mr. TAKEKAWA had two years remaining in his term.
- c. DAWN DUNBAR, Executive Director – After School All Stars Hawaii, was elected in August 2011 to succeed Director BONNY AMEMIYA who resigned for personal reasons. Ms. AMEMIYA had two years remaining in her term.
- d. Two Directors, LEE MORIWAKI and WAYNE KAMITAKI, reached their maximum six consecutive years or two consecutive 3-year terms on the Board on December 31, 2011, and according to Section 4.2 of the bylaws, they are not eligible for re-nomination. Pursuant to Section 4.14 of the bylaws, the board elected the following to succeed Mr. MORIWAKI and Mr. KAMITAKI effective January 1, 2012 until the next election of directors in July 2012:

1. SHANNON OKINAKA, Vice President/Controller - Hawaiian Airlines, to succeed MR. MORIWAKI.
2. EUGENE NISHIMURA, General Mgr- Professional Commercial Services, to succeed Mr. KAMITAKI. Mr. NISHIMURA will represent the Big Island.

e. Six Directors are serving terms that expire on June 30, 2012 and are being re-nominated: GLENN INOUE, KYOKO KIMURA, LANCE MIZUMOTO, BRENNON MORIOKA, KEN NIIMURA and TYLER TOKIOKA.

f. Director DONN ARIYOSHI'S term on the board will expire on June 30, 2012 and he will have served six consecutive years or two consecutive three-year terms on the board. He, therefore, will not be eligible for re-nomination.

The Board of Directors, acting upon nominations made by the Board Governance Committee, pursuant to Section 4.3(b) of the bylaws, recommends the election of the following members to fill the vacancies:

## RE-NOMINATED DIRECTORS:

- a. GLENN INOUE, Sr. Vice President - Servco Pacific; three years (Term expires June 30, 2015).
- b. KYOKO KIMURA, Managing Director – Hotel Wailea, Maui; three years (Term expires June 30, 2015)
- c. LANCE MIZUMOTO, Executive Vice President & Commercial Banking Division Manager - Central Pacific Bank; three years (Term expires June 30, 2015)
- d. BRENNON MORIOKA, Vice President - CH2M Hill; three years (Term expires June 30, 2015)
- e. KEN NIIMURA, President - OBUN Hawaii; three years (Term expires June 30, 2015. However, Mr. Niimura will serve his maximum six consecutive years or two consecutive three-year terms on June 30, 2014; therefore, Mr. Niimura's term will expire on June 30, 2014. Thereupon, the board will elect a successor to fill the unexpired term until the next election of Directors.)
- f. TYLER TOKIOKA, Vice President-External Affairs - Island Insurance Companies; three years (Term expires June 30, 2015. Mr. TOKIOKA will also serve his maximum six consecutive years on the board on June 30, 2014; therefore, Mr. TOKIOKA'S term will expire on June 30, 2014. The board will then elect a successor to fill the unexpired term until the next election of directors.)

## RE-NOMINATED SUCCEEDING DIRECTORS:

- a. LYNNE O'NEILL, Fashion Show Director & Event Producer. Lynne Hanzawa O'Neill, originally from Honolulu, has a successful career in the competitive New York fashion industry, specializing in the niche field of fashion show production. She produces an average of 15 shows during America's leading fashion event, New York Fashion Week, and other events. Even though she works and lives in New York, Ms. O'NEILL lives in Hawai'i for part of the year. Three year term (Term expires June 30, 2015).
- b. DIANE MURAKAMI, Sr. Vice President & Commercial Banking Manager - Ala Moana Commercial Banking Center; Bank of Hawaii. Ms. MURAKAMI joined Bank of Hawaii in 2002 and has 19 years experience in business commercial and real estate & corporate financing. One year term to complete the 2nd year of the term vacated by Neil Takekawa. Term expires: June 30, 2013.
- c. DAWN DUNBAR, Executive Director – After School All Stars Hawaii that provides comprehensive after school programs for middle school at-risk youths. Ms DUNBAR has over 15 years of marketing and public and community relations experience. One year term to complete the second year of the term vacated by BONNY AMEMIYA. Term expires: June 30, 2013.

## NEW DIRECTORS:

- a. SHANNON OKINAKA, Vice President/Controller – Hawaiian Airlines. She has been with Hawaiian Airlines since 2005 and previously served as a Senior Director. Prior to joining Hawaiian Airlines, Ms. OKINAKA served as a manager with Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP and before that as a Senior Auditor at Hawaiian Electric Co. New three year term (Term expires: June 30, 2015)
- b. EUGENE NISHIMURA, General Manager – Professional Commercial Services, a commercial and general merchandise transportation company. With over 24 years experience in the banking and finance industries, Mr. NISHIMURA most recently served as Chief Financial Officer of David Deluz Enterprises and previously served as VP/Regional Manager with Hawaii National Bank. He also served with Central Pacific Bank and Liberty Bank. New three year term (Term expires: June 30, 2015). Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the bylaws, Mr. NISHIMURA will be the Big Island representative.
- c. LEIGH-ANN MIYASATO, President – Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii, a nonprofit organization that encourages entrepreneurial companies to engage in community service and philanthropy. She was formerly Vice President of DragonBridge Capital, a merchant bank for Chinese technology companies, and Executive Director of HiBEAM, an accelerator for early stage Hawai'i technology companies. Previously, Ms. MIYASATO was an attorney concentrating on commercial and other civil litigations. New three-year term (Term expires June 30, 2015). Ms. MIYASATO succeeds DONN ARIYOSHI.

Only if additional nominations are made by petition will an election ballot be sent to you. Pursuant to Sections 4.3b and 4.4 of the bylaws, nominations may be made by a written petition signed by not less than 15 Voting Members accompanied by a written assent of the nominee. In the event that there are no additional nominees by way of timely written petition, then the nomination shall be closed and the nominees listed above shall be deemed elected without further action to be taken by the Voting Members. All nominees must be regular members in good standing of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i.

If you intend to petition for a nomination, please obtain a form at the Cultural Center office or call MICHELLE MIYASHIRO, Executive Assistant at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 30. The completed petition form must be submitted through mail or in person to the Cultural Center office at 2454 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 no later than 4:00 pm March 22, 2012.

Sincerely,

Curt Otaguro  
Chairman of the Board

# Welcome New Board Members



**EUGENE NISHIMURA** is an owner and general manager of Hokulani Kigyō, LLC dba Professional Commercial Services, a truck repair and general merchandise transportation company. With over 24 years experience in the banking and finance industries, he most recently served as chief financial officer of David Deluz Enterprises and previously served as vice president/regional manager with Hawaii National Bank. Nishimura is active in the community, serving organizations such as the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island

Chamber of Commerce, East Hawai'i Hiroshima Kenjin Kai, Hawai'i Shima Kumamoto Doshi Kai, and the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Senior Young Buddhist Association.

Nishimura will represent for Hawai'i Island and serve a three-year term. Nishimura sits on the Facilities & Operations and Fundraising committees.



**SHANNON OKINAKA** is vice president/controller at Hawaiian Airlines. She has been with the company since 2005 and previously served as a senior director. Prior to joining Hawaiian Airlines, Okinaka served as a manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and before that as a senior auditor at Hawaiian Electric Co. On top of her service to the Cultural Center, she sits on the board for Ohī'a Productions and is a long-time volunteer of the organization.

Okinaka will serve a three-year term. She sits on the Facilities & Operations and Budget & Finance committees.

Please help us welcome Eugene and Shannon to the JCCH 'Ohana!

*Acchi Kocchi*  
here & there, this & that



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Talking Issues, Taking Action



**KZOO 1210AM**  
Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Phone: (808) 941-5966  
Email: [jcch@am1210kzoo.com](mailto:jcch@am1210kzoo.com)

*Thinking Out Loud*, presented by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, KZOO 1210AM, and the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, broadcasts from the KZOO Radio Shirokiya Studio in Ala Moana with new exciting guests and topics that keeps the community talking. So tune in, call in, and start Thinking Out Loud!

**March 12**  
Hawaii Pacific Health Summer Student Research Program  
(Guest: Sheree Kuo, M.D. and Megan Kira)

**March 19**  
Architecture in Hawaii  
(Guest: Don Hibbard)

**March 26**  
Passing Down Wisdom Over the Generations  
(Guest: Goro and David Arakawa)

**April 9**  
Hawaii Book and Music Festival  
(Guest: Roger Jellinek)

**April 16**  
Roots of Music in Hawai'i  
(Guest: Susan Yim and Bob Buss)

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to our Corporate Members!

# Upcoming Events

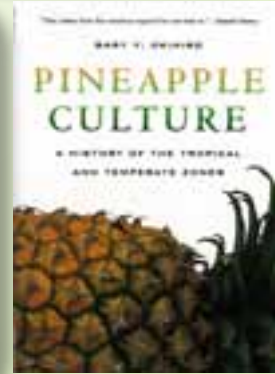
For more information on any of these programs or events, please visit our website at [www.jcch.com](http://www.jcch.com) or contact us at (808) 945-7633.

## **PINEAPPLE CULTURE: A HISTORY OF THE TROPICAL AND TEMPERATE ZONES**

By Gary Okihiro: Book Talk and Signing

Saturday, March 3 • 10:30am – 11:30am • Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Historical Gallery

Gary Okihiro is foremost a scholar, teacher, and author of numerous books and articles in comparative ethnic studies and African and world history. This lecture considers the pineapple as a fruit and a symbol, and tracks its career through the tropical and temperate worlds. *Pineapple Culture* is the second work of a trilogy on space/time. The event is co-sponsored by the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu, University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center for Okinawan Studies, and the University of Hawai'i Student Excellence, Equity, and Diversity Fund. For more information, call Audrey Kaneko at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 28 or email [programs@jcch.com](mailto:programs@jcch.com).



## **HONOLULU FESTIVAL**

Saturday, March 3 • 10:00am – 5:00pm • Hawai'i Convention Center

Sunday, March 4 • 10:00am – 3:00pm • Hawai'i Convention Center

Visit the Cultural Center at the Honolulu Festival. We will feature our popular *hachimaki* activity and select items from our Gift Shop will be on sale throughout the two day event. Members will receive 10% off on their purchases.



## **KAWAII KON**

Friday, March 16 • 10:00am – 12:00 midnight • Hawai'i Convention Center

Saturday, March 17 • 10:00am – 12:00 midnight • Hawai'i Convention Center

Sunday, March 18 • 10:00am – 6:00pm • Hawai'i Convention Center

Anime fans get ready! The annual Kawaii Kon at the Hawai'i Convention Center is the place to go to get anything and everything anime! Cultural Center members receive 15% off the current ticket price. Just mention the promotional code JCCHawaii when registering.

## **TASTE OF MARUKAI**

Thursday, April 12 • 6:00pm – 9:00pm • Marukai Wholesale Mart - Dillingham Location

Explore the delicious assortment of Japanese cuisine and sake, Marukai-style! Tickets are \$85 (before March 31), \$95 (at the door). Proceeds benefit the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the Hawaii United Okinawa Association. Call (808) 945-7633 for tickets or more information.



## **LAUNCH OF FAMILY TORN APART: THE INTERNMENT STORY OF THE OTOKICHI MUIN OZAKI FAMILY**

Saturday, April 21 • 9:30am – 11:30am • University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Edwin H. Mo'okini Library

Presented by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, in partnership with the Hawai'i Japanese Center, the Hawai'i Anthurium Industry Association, and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's Edwin H. Mo'okini Library. Otokichi Ozaki was a Japanese language school teacher and *tanka* poet in the city of Hilo. Based on letters, poetry, and radio scripts in the collection of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i and translated for the first time, *Family Torn Apart* traces Ozaki's incarceration at eight different camps, his family's life in Hawai'i without him, and their decision to "voluntarily" enter Mainland detention camps in the hope of reuniting. It is a stirring story of the human spirit in difficult times and a cautionary tale for future generations.

The event is free and open to the public. Call (808) 945-7633 for more information.



# Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest Kimono Dressing

Sunday, April 29, 2012  
Cultural Center Fifth Floor  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Kimono Dressing by Masako Formals  
Photography by King Photo Service, Inc.

Cost: \$60 per JCCH member\*  
\$75 per non-member

\*Members receive a 20% discount - Individual members receive one \$60 slot; Family members receive two \$60 slots.

• Fee includes dressing by Masako Formals staff, use of kimono & accessories and the portrait sitting fee with King Photo Service, Inc. Price does not include hair & makeup.

• Photos are a separate cost and are paid directly to King Photo Service, Inc. Packages range from \$20 to \$60 and up.

• Dressing slots are limited and are assigned on a first come, first served basis with receipt of application & payment.

• The Cultural Center will confirm our dressing participation within two weeks of receiving your application form and payment.

• Cancellation prior to 72 hours will be reimbursed in full.

\*Appointments are assigned on a first come, first served basis when the form and payment are received. We will make every effort to accommodate your assigned time slot. However, your time slot is contingent upon the flow of day. Please kōkua as we are working with children.

Please return this form to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i at 2454 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826. For more information, call Derrick Iwata at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 25 or email iwata@jccch.com.

**KIMONO DRESSING APPLICATION FORM**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 13, 2012**

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

JCCH Membership # (required for member discount): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant names:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ BOY / GIRL (please circle one)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ BOY / GIRL (please circle one)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ BOY / GIRL (please circle one)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ BOY / GIRL (please circle one)

5) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ BOY / GIRL (please circle one)

Please pick your preferred time slot (please select up to three time slots):

10:00 am - 11:00 am     12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

11:00 am - 12:00 pm     1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

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Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## KODOMO NO HI: KEIKI FUN FEST

Sunday, April 29 • 10:00am – 3:00pm • Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i

Food, fun, and family! Join us as we celebrate our children in a festive event in their honor! There will be a Kodomo Cultural Carnival with hands-on activities based on Japanese traditions, entertainment by our island keiki, cultural demonstrations, tons of food, keiki kimono dressing, and so much more! Admission is free and open to the public. Come down and join the fun!

## Staff Announcements

The Cultural Center is proud to announce the following staff changes. **Denise Tagomori Park** who previously served as public relations/membership manager has been promoted and joins the management team as director of communications & development. She will now oversee a team of three staff members, assist the President & Executive Director Carole Hayashino on development, and continue to manage all internal and external communications for the Cultural Center.

Volunteer Coordinator **Angela Ameling** has been promoted to volunteers/grants coordinator. She will continue to serve as liaison for all volunteers and will now expand her duties and coordinate grants for the Cultural Center as well.

**Michelle Miyashiro**, administrative assistant, has been promoted to executive assistant and will provide support for President & Executive Director Carole Hayashino, manage all procedures and maintenance for the administrative office, as well as provide administrative support for all board activities and meetings.

We are also proud to welcome our newest staff member. **Janna Lau** joined the JCCH `ohana in February as our new membership coordinator. Janna has been a volunteer at the center for the last two years and brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for the Cultural Center and our mission. She will primarily be responsible for all membership administrative duties. Please welcome Janna during your next visit to the center.

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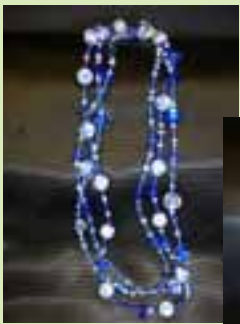
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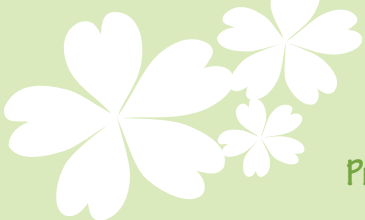
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