



# The Purple Blast

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## Welcome to Purple Blast!

It's our inaugural bulletin and we thank all of you for your support! As Hawaii United Okinawa Association's official e-Bulletin, we hope to *keep you in the know*.

You will be updated with the newest events, volunteer call outs, opportunities for scholarships and grants, and more. Updates will be sent to you as needed and if at any time you no longer wish to receive these updates, please let us know.

Feel free to forward it to your friends, family and co-workers and encourage them to sign up to receive their own Purple Blast! We welcome your feedback, please email us at [purpleblast@huoa.org](mailto:purpleblast@huoa.org)!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pan Pacific Matsuri Parade

Sun, June 8: 4 pm – 7 pm

Thank you to the many marchers who volunteered their Sunday afternoon for the parade! It was Uchinanchu Pride at its best!



## HUOA Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament



Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu at heart enjoy a great day of golfing and camaraderie at the Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament at West Lock Municipal Golf Course on May 24 & 25. [Click here for more photos.](#)

## NEXT ON HAWAII OKINAWA TODAY

Monday from 7 pm – 8 pm on  
Olelo, Oceanic Cable Channel 53

### 2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #1

Mon, June 16: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! featuring Kilauea Okinawan Dance Group, Hooge Kai – Nakasone Dance Academy, and Hawaii Taiko Kai

### 2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #2

Mon, June 23: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! featuring Koten Gassho—Classical Musical Ensemble with Nomura Ryu Ongaku Kyo Kai Hawaii Shibu and Ryukyu Sokyoku Koyo Kai Hawaii Shibu, Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii, and Syohei Ryu Karate Ageda Jyosei Doujyo

Showing Uchinanchu Pride! [Click here for more photos.](#)

## HUOA Children's Cultural Day Camp

June 6 - 13

HUOA annual children's day camp at the Hawaii Okinawa Center will introduce children aged 7 to 13 to Okinawan history, dance, language, drumming, crafts, flower arrangement, cooking and plantation games. Projects are designed to provide a hands-on fun and educational experience for the participants. See schedule below.

## Natsumero Festival

Sun, July 20: 10:30 am

Enjoy an afternoon of nostalgic Japanese and Okinawan karaoke renditions at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Tickets are \$25 per person, includes mini-bento and bottled water. Tickets for After Concert Aloha Party are \$15 per person. To purchase tickets, call HUOA at 676-5400 or email us at [huoa@huoa.org](mailto:huoa@huoa.org). [more](#)

## 2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #3

Mon, June 30: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! featuring Shinsato Shosei Kai, Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko – Hilo, and Leinani Hula Group

## Part One of Eyes of the Future, "Toyama Kyuzo Story"

\*Mon, July 7: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! musical drama performed by the Toyama Kyuzo Romance Theatrical Group of Middle and High School Students from Kin Town, Okinawa Prefecture, at Hawaii Okinawa Center on August 30, 2007.

\* Olelo is in the process of starting a new series season from July 1. Hawaii Okinawa Today may be shown on a different day and time slot than listed beginning July. Check the [HUOA website](#) for the latest schedule, or call HUOA at 676-5400. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

# 26<sup>TH</sup> OKINAWAN FESTIVAL UPDATE

## Okinawan Festival Scrips Distributed

At May 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, Clubs were able to pick up scrips for the 26<sup>th</sup> Okinawan Festival. A couple of changes this year, scrip value has increased from 25 cents to 50 cents, and is printed on one sheet. How convenient!

## Manpower Needed for Set Up and Breakdown

Tuesday, August 26

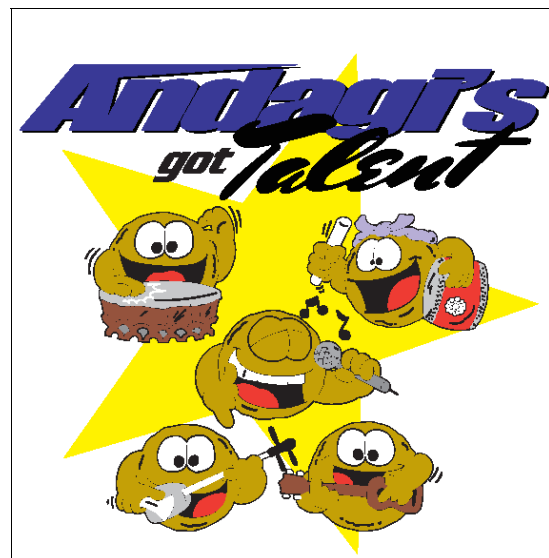
Strong, able bodied people needed to help unload equipment and supplies from two huge containers, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Wednesday - Friday, August 27 - 29

Construction begins. Carpenters and helpers needed on August 27, 28, 29 to help Masa Shiroma and his crew. Also looking for people to assist in the installation of plumbing and electricity.

## Okinawan Festival T-Shirt Preview

Be in the know! Here's a preview of one of the Okinawan Festival T-Shirts!



### Monday, September 1

Help needed to breakdown, load the containers, clean up the entire festival grounds. Men, women and youth, please join us!

### **Nurses & Doctors Needed for Festival**

To help with Blood Pressure Screening and First Aid at the Okinawan Festival. Your assistance is greatly needed!

If you can assist please contact the HUOA Office at 676-5656 or email to [huaa@huaa.org](mailto:huaa@huaa.org).

## A LITTLE BIT OF CULTURE...

### **HUOA Study Tour to Okinawa**

Connect with your roots! Learn about Okinawa and Uchinanchu culture! Participate in special activities with your fellow Hawaiian Uchinanchu October 4-13. Seats are limited. Check out HUOA Today for itinerary and application. [Go to website](#)

### **HUOA Children's Cultural Day Camp Schedule & Activities**

#### Hilo CDC

June 9th – 13th

Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin YBA Hall

Activities Scheduled:

Shimi Daiko, Taiko, Okinawan Cooking, Karate, History/Culture, Uchinaaguchi, Music, Plantation Games, Family Night (Wednesday), Excursion (Thursday), Family Day (Friday)

#### Oahu CDC

June 10th – 13th

Hawaii Okinawa Center

Activities:

Okinawan Dance, Basketry, Plantation Games – Water pistol, “buzz saw,” stilts, pogs, Okinawan Cooking, Musubi Contest, Calligraphy, Ikebana, History/Culture, Origami, Oshibana, Excursion (Hawaii's Plantation Village, Thursday), Over night sleepover at the Hawaii Okinawa Center, Thursday), Picnic Games competition, Family Day (Friday)

#### Kauai CDC

June 17th – 19th

### **Okinawan Festival Program Preview**

Performers from Okinawa so far include:

- Mamoru Miyagi
- Radio Okinawa performers:
  - Tatsuya Shimabukuro & the Tokonatsu Band
  - Akira Wakugawa & the Itsumi Group
  - Chatan-cho Eguchi Seinjin Kai Eisa Team

### **Festival Committee Meeting**

June 18, 7:00 pm, Serikaku Chaya

### **Food Committee Meeting**

June 26, 7:00 pm, Serikaku Chaya



Picture courtesy of Reid Shimabukuro

Thank you to the ladies of Hui O Lailima who graciously volunteered to represent HUOA in a display at the City & County's Art on the Block in April. Above is a picture of shiisaa and model of Shureimon Gate at Shuri Castle in Okinawa.



A definite stop on the HUOA Study Tour of Okinawa in

Kauai War Memorial Convention Center

Activities:

Bingata , Flower Arrangement, Pottery (Wednesday),  
History/Culture, Plantation Games (water pistol, paddle  
boat, string games) Origami, Okinawan Dance, Ikebana,  
Family Day (Thursday)

Kohala CDC

June 28th to 29th

Hawi Jodo Mission Hall

Activities:

Paranku Drum Making, Paranku Drum Lessons, Karate,  
Koi Kite making, Ikebana, Language, Okinawan Cooking,  
Origami, Plantation Games, Family Day (Sunday)

October, you can dress up in Okinawan kimono and take pictures in front of the Shureimon Gate at Shuri Castle Park. The term Shurei means observation of the proprieties. The plaque on the gate is inscribed Shurei-no-kuni (Land of Propriety), in praise of the refined manners and proprieties of the Ryukyus. Of the many stonewalls and gates in shurijo Castle, Shureimon best exemplifies the castles style, with its balance of design and elegance. It is a Chinese turret gate. In addition to their official names, many gates and buildings in shurijo Castle have nicknames that reflect the poetic sense of bygone Ryukyu. Shureimon was formerly called shurijomon, and fondly referred to as li-no-ayajo by commoners, meaning the beautiful gate above. The gate was first built sometime between 1527-55 during the reign of King Sho Sei, fourth ruler of the second Sho Dynasty. Although designated a national treasure in 1933, the gate was lost in the Battle of Okinawa. The present gate was restored in 1958 and has served as a tourist destination symbolizing Okinawa. The picture of the gate is printed on the 2,000-yen bill in commemoration of the year 2000. *Photo and information courtesy of Shurijo Castle Park.*

## GOODSEARCH FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thanks to users of GoodSearch, HUOA has raised \$19.69 so far!

[Click here to see HUOA's status page.](#)

Remember to use GoodSearch as your primary search tool to earn a penny for every search for Hawaii United Okinawa Association! Also, shop at GoodShop to earn even more for HUOA! It's something you do every day, why not do it to raise funds for HUOA? Spread the word to friends, family and co-workers.

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