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Annual Temple Fundraiser (December 5)

On December 5, we will be asking for your help with our annual temple fundraiser. Normally, we would be doing our annual fundraiser in October but with the recent spikes of COVID-19 cases, we plan to have our annual temple fundraiser in December as we did last year. Due to popular demand, we will be selling the following Kala Kokua products:

- Flame broiled seasoned pork
- Jumbo arabiki twin pack

We will be mailing out a total of 6 tickets in mid-October: 3 for flame broiled pork and 3 for Arabiki Sausage. The cost of the ticket is \$11 per ticket. Pick up date is Sunday, December 5th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Soto Mission's front parking lot. We sincerely ask for your support.

Hawaii Soto Mission Association Fall Conference

Every year, we have two statewide meetings for all of the Soto Mission temples to gather and discuss the future of the organization. The Spring meeting is always hosted by us, Soto Mission of Hawaii, and Fall conference hosting is rotated amongst all 8 temples in Hawaii.

This Fall Conference will be hosted by Wahiawa Ryusenji and will be held on October 17 at 9:00 AM on Zoom. If you are interested in observing the meeting, please contact the temple and share with us your interest.

HAIB Intergenerational Program, Buddhism and Art

Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the idea of unifying different Buddhists together. They practice teaching the Buddhist way of life with emphasis on tolerance, non-violence, and peaceful and harmonious relations among individuals, families, groups, communities, and the world at large.

Rev. Jiko Nakade from Daifukuji Soto Mission is the Vice President of the group and asked Rev. Hiroshiro Yoshida to help with the organization. Rev. Yoshida was appointed to two positions on the Board of Directors, one as the Director of Intergenerational Program and another as the Director of Social Media.

With the guidance and effort of Dr. Poranee Sponsel, HAIB will be having their Intergenerational Program sharing the teachings of Buddhism and Art. On October 2, HAIB will be hosting a workshop for adults and children to participate together in drawing Buddhist art. Professor Thomas Chung, an American visual artist and an associate professor of art at University of Alaska in Anchorage, will be sharing his dharma and teach us how to draw. The event is free (donation is welcome) to attend attached.

If you are interested in art, this would be a great event for you to join the workshop with your family, sharing the teachings, learning art, and enjoying the time spent. To attend the workshop, you will need to sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/3AoWVPX> or go to www.hawaiiibuddhists.org/events. To learn more, please take a look at the flyer.

Let's Learn About Soto-Shu: Bodhidharma

Daruma-san, a round red-colored doll, is known as a good-luck talisman associated with temples and shrines.

The good fortune associated with Bodhidharma (Daruma) comes from the legend that no matter how many times Bodhidharma fell down he would always get up.

In the areas where silk worms are cultivated, there is a custom of painting in one of the eyes on the Daruma doll if the worms produce much silk thread in spring



and painting in the other one of Daruma's eyes if the worms produced much silk thread in autumn.

Bodhidharma, the inspiration for the Daruma doll, was originally one of the ancestral teachers of The Soto Zen School. He was the first Ancestors of Zen in China and also known as Bodai Daruma Daishi.

The red Daruma doll seen throughout Japan was originally modeled on this great teacher who sat facing a wall unflinchingly for nine years and lived to the old age of 150.

Bodhidharma died on October 5th and this is the date on which his death is commemorated. Early autumn is the harvest time in Japan and also the time when the autumn silkworm is cultivated. For this reason, this ceremony includes our feeling of gratitude to Bodhidharma as well as a prayer for a good harvest in the next year. There is also the wish expressed that those who participate in the ceremony will enjoy a long life.

(Article from Sotoshu Shumucho)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Upcoming Events

- September 21 Ring your bell for Peace Day Event (Zoom)
- October 2 HAIB Intergenerational Program: Seeing the true nature of reality
- October 17 Hawaii Soto Mission Association Fall Conference
- November 21 Eitaikyo and Osunafumi Services
- December 5 Annual Temple Fundraiser (Kala Kokua Product)

-Temple Hour Changes

- October 31 Temple closes in observance of 5th Sunday

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Memorial Service / Funeral / General Donations

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HAIB
INTERGENERATIONAL
PROGRAM PRESENTS:



SEEING THE TRUE NATURE OF REALITY

A LESSON IN INTERCONNECTEDNESS AND DRAWING

GUEST SPEAKER

PROFESSOR THOMAS CHUNG

American visual artist and
Associate professor of art at
University of Alaska in Anchorage

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2, 2021

- 1:00 pm Welcome Address
- Introduction of speaker
- 1:05 pm Lecture and introduction to the hand on activities
- 1:40 pm Guided drawing activities with Professor Chung
- 2:15 pm Sharing your experiences and reflections
- 2:30 pm Closing

BIOGRAPHY

PROFESSOR THOMAS CHUNG

Tom Chung was born in New Jersey and grew up in Hong Kong and New York City. He is an associate professor of art at the University of Alaska Anchorage where he has been teaching drawing and painting courses since 2015. He received his Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree from the San Francisco Art Institute in 2010 and his Masters of Fine

Arts Degree from Yale University in 2013. He has participated in numerous group and solo shows throughout the United States. His multidisciplinary work has been written about in Art in America, The New Yorker, and Modern Painters Magazine. His artwork has been featured on Fox News and PBS. Chung is a member of the Katog Mati Ling Sangha of Oahu and is a student of Tibetan buddhism under Khentrul Lodrö T'hayé Rinpoche. His recent artwork explores concepts in Buddhism and how they intersect with traditional culture and everyday life.



WHO IS THIS FOR?

Any one who is interested
in Buddhism and art.



SIGN UP FOR THE EVENT

Sign up for the event at
www.hawaiiibuddhists.org/events



THINGS YOU NEED

Blank paper,
Pencil (2B graphite),
Eraser