



## Relive the Plantation Days and Celebrate the New Lunar Year at Hawaii's Plantation Village on February 7

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**WAIPAHU, Hawaii** – Hawaii's Plantation Village (HPV) is celebrating the Year of the Ox and "Relive the Plantation Days" on Saturday, February 7 from 10 am – 2 pm. Activities include:

- **10:00 am**      **Chinese Lion Dance.** The loud music of the drum, gong and cymbal, along with the firecrackers and lion movements, are used to scare away "evil spirits" so that good luck will follow.
- **10:30 am**      **Dance Performance by Josephine Carrera.**
- **All Day**        **Mochi Pounding Demonstration.** In ancient Japan, rice was a valuable food used only for special occasions and holidays. Each grain of rice in the Shinto tradition symbolizes a human soul, so pounded rice cakes represent millions of souls together. When Japanese communities pound the rice, each person is to reflect on the gods' blessings and the events of the previous year.
- **All Day**        **Household Rummage Sale.** Housewares, toys, games, kitchen items, furniture, vintage items, decorative pieces and more. (No clothing or shoes). All items will be priced to sell with proceeds benefiting Hawaii's Plantation Village,
- **All Day**        **Keiki Games and Catch & Release Fishing.**
- **All Day**        **Ethnic Foods Tasting, including Malasadas + Chinese Plate Lunches will be available for sale**

Admission and parking to the event is FREE.



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High-resolution DIGITAL IMAGES of pictures featured are available upon request.

### **About HPV**

Hawaii's Plantation Village is a non-profit, living history museum and ethno-botanical garden located on a 50-acre site in the heart of sugar plantation country in Waipahu. Established by the Friends of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park, its mission is to ensure that the struggles, sacrifices, innovations and contributions of Hawaii's sugar plantation forebears are preserved and acknowledged as the cornerstone of Hawaii's successful multi-ethnic society.

Hawaii's Plantation Village opened its doors in 1992 and offers docent-led tours through the Village as well as special events and activities. It is located near the old sugar mill in historic Waipahu town, at 94-695 Waipahu Street, Waipahu, HI 96797. For more information please contact the Village at 677-0110 or visit our Website at [www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org](http://www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org).

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