



## Year of the Ram

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The Chinatown Improvement District is a 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of over 250 land and business owners, residents, businesses and members of the general public both within and outside of Chinatown.

The organization works to improve conditions within the Chinatown historic district while also preserving the area's special cultural, ethnic and historical character. Donations are tax exempt to the fullest extent of the law.

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## Chinatown Photo Contest



The CID sponsored a photo contest coinciding with the Chinese Lunar New Year. Photographers could submit photos in the following themes: (1) Historic Chinatown; (2) Small Business and Creative Entrepreneurs; and (3) A Feast of the Senses.

A panel of Judges assembled from the Honolulu Museum of Art and Civilbeat judged the photos. Online voting was also tallied for the award for People's Choice. In total, five prizes were awarded across the three themes including Best in Show and People's Choice Awards.

Winning finalists in each category were hung in various restaurants and businesses in Chinatown for free viewing by the public at their leisure. Finalists photos in all categories may also be viewed at our website - [www.cidchinatownhawaii.org](http://www.cidchinatownhawaii.org) - just follow the events page links.

Mahalo to all of those who participated (in Hawaii and abroad) and to Pegge Hopper Gallery, Owens & Co., Little Village and Roberta Oaks for hanging the photographs in their businesses.

Photos at top from left to right: Cindy McMillan, Sky Julian Bruno and Kyla Kawahara



## Lei Day in Chinatown

On May 1st the CID created a pop-up event at 25 N. Hotel Street. Along with several area businesses, the CID sponsored an all-day Art Fair and evening reception for the Chinatown Photo Contest. The event was free and open to the public.

During the day, an eclectic mix of artists and crafters brought a fresh twist to the average Friday. Farkles the Chicago Style Hot Dog Diner also participated in the pop-up event. The plant sale offered native lei plants for sale. The henna artist was very popular and created magnificent works - to go - in mere minutes. People could also take selfies with Elvis at the selfie photo booth.

In the evening, Hawaiian plate dinners were served and people ate outside on the lanai by the courtyard. The Hawaiian music playing in the background rounded out a nice evening.

Many thanks to: Tea at 1024, Farkles, Hawaii Camera, Lucky Belly, Livestock Tavern, Bar35, 1144, Manifest, Kan Zaman, Little Village Noodle House, Ku'uleilani's Day Spa, Restaurant Epic, Maria Bonitas, and Rubber Stamp Plantation for their gift certificates and prizes.



Historic buildings are tangible links to Hawaii’s culture and history. Join us for a 3-part series to learn how to maintain and protect historic structures.

The one hour presentations will be at noon on the last Tuesday of June, July and August in the Lyon Associates Office of the Hawaii National Bank Building (45 N. King Street). Presentations are free but advance reservations are recommended due to space limitations.

Tuesday, June 30th  
Graffiti Prevention and Removal  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28th  
Water Damage and Repair  
12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25th  
Tax Credits and Permitting in  
an Historic District

All meetings will be held at Lyons Associates (45 N. King Street).

www.cidchinatownhawaii.org for more information

This series is sponsored by Chinatown Improvement District, Historic Hawaii Foundation and Lyons Associates.



## Smith-Beretania Park Community Clean Up! Saturday January 24th

**8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

On January 24, the CID held its annual clean up of Smith Beretania Park.

All ages turned out to paint, remove graffiti, sweep, rake, and wash down walk ways.

This time, the clean up team tackled the roof of the exit to the municipal parking garage where chairs and other debris had accumulated.

It was a very successful clean up. Many thanks to Mama Nittas who saw us toiling away and sent down a box of her delicious scones to fortify us.

