



Maui Ki-Aikido

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Deadlines Nearing for Tohei Sensei Seminar

Aikido Maui 2001 is getting closer! Tohei Sensei is coming to teach on Maui between March 20 and 25, 2001, and to conduct the blessing ceremony that will officially dedicate our new dojo. Aikido students from Hawaii, the Mainland and many other countries will be participating in this historic seminar. Don't wait too long to reserve your place on the mat.

Day rates added: Participation by day or half day is possible for those who cannot stay for the entire seminar. One day is \$250. A half day is \$125. The blessing and banquet on Saturday March 24 is \$125. (Fees are \$240 and \$120 if paid by Nov. 30).

November 30 is the deadline for both the discounted price for the entire seminar packet and for the moderate accommodations we've reserved at the Maui Beach Hotel. Participants are reminded to send in their registration this month to receive Maui Ki-Aikido's \$45 discount. The Maui Beach Hotel (808-877-0051) will not hold our block of reserved rooms past Nov. 30 due to their popularity with in-state groups. Also, please remember that March will still be the high season for tourism in Hawaii, and that air travel and car rentals need to be reserved early.

Interested Aikidoists who did not receive a seminar registration and information packet, please call us at (808) 244-5165 or email holamaui@maui.net, leaving your name and address. We will be glad to send you a packet or provide additional information.

Shunshinkan Dojo Fundraising Continues

The MATS - we're training on them, but they aren't all paid for yet! There are still 20 unsold mats. If you still haven't bought a piece of the action at the Shunshinkan Dojo, you can still participate in our mat fund raiser. Support the new dojo with a mat purchase for just \$250.

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Yes! I want to buy a piece of the action at the new Shunshinkan Dojo!

I will purchase _____ mat(s). My check for _____ is enclosed.

Please charge my VISA Mastercard # _____
 Expiration date _____ Signed _____

Please make checks payable to: Maui Ki-Aikido
 P. O. Box 724
 Wailuku, HI 96793

Thank You Very Much!



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Aikido Benefit Art Show

Joelle Chicheportiche Perz, a well-known and highly-respected Maui painter as well as member of Maui Ki-Aikido, opened her newest show, entitled "Merging Streams," Oct. 28 at Viewpoints Gallery in Makawao as a benefit for the dojo and its programs.

The opening reception was a special event celebrating cultural diversity, painting, music, and the Arts of Aikido. It started with a performance by the Maui Okinawa Taiko Drummers which was immediately followed with a blessing by Shinichi Suzuki Sensei, 8th Dan, Head Instructor of Maui Ki-Aikido, and a talk on "The connection between the training of Aikido and the creative process in the Arts" by Christopher Curtis Sensei, 7th Dan, Chief Instructor of the State of Hawaii. Ten percent of all sales during the three weeks of the show benefit Maui Ki-Aikido,

as well as 100% of the proceeds from a special series of the artist's prints.

Joelle, a Nidan and student of Suzuki Sensei and Christopher Curtis Sensei for 15 years, dedicated "Merging Streams" to her teachers. The themes of the show are closeness to the spirit of nature and the influences of East and West in Hawaii. She merges in this show the stream of her Western education and way of thinking with Oriental philosophies and ways of living, exemplified in the practice of



Aikido.

On November 4th and 11th, Joelle gave a hands-on demonstration to the public of painting with Ki.

Reflections on the New Dojo

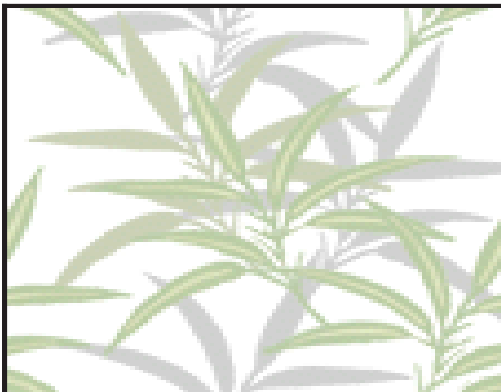
As we end our first year of training in our new dojo, it is time to reflect on, and be grateful for, the intense process of creating the Shunshinkan Dojo. It wasn't just in 1997 and '98 during our capital campaign, when we were writing letters and grant requests and holding fund-raisers. Nor was it back in 1996 when Curtis Sensei came to a Board meeting with the first building plans for us all to pour over. It wasn't even back when we first realized that the termites were eating our old building faster than we could repair it, and

we had to do something about it, and soon.

The process of creating the new dojo started many years earlier when Suzuki Sensei gave his unequivocal commitment to his teacher, Tohei Sensei, to give his all to teaching the principles and practices of Shin Shin Toitsu Aikido on Maui. Suzuki Sensei's unflagging dedication to developing himself and all his students, as well as every new Maui police officer since 1955, radiated good will from our dojo to the whole community and stimulated an in-

kind response from all with whom he came into contact. The State, the County and the community have responded generously to our need. Furthermore, Sensei's patient and insightful teaching developed us, his students, to be able together to foster and create the reality of a beautiful, permanent home for Tohei Sensei's teachings to continue to be disseminated on Maui for many, many years to come.

Thank you, Suzuki Sensei, from all the members of Maui Ki-Aikido.



Hawaii Ki Federation News

The Hawaii Ki Federation Big Island Seminar is set for December 8 through 10, and will be hosted by the Big Island Ki-Aikido Clubs. Christopher Curtis Sensei, 7th dan and Chief Instructor for the State of Hawaii, will conduct the classes at the Waiakea Recreational Center in Hilo. Participants are reminded to bring jo, bokken and misogi bells. The quarterly Hawaii Ki Federation Board of Directors dinner meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Ichi, Ni, San, Shi, - Go ROACH

Hello. My name is Ichi, and I am proud to be the head cockroach of the Shunshinkan Dojo. Yes, I'm computer literate, but don't be too surprised. As all humans have been warned, my kind is adaptable, likely to survive any hardship, and quite difficult to control. Like most cockroaches, I get away with saying whatever I like.



I've heard that some dojos have a head rat. The Dojo Rat, he is called. Well, I've had no competition from him, not yet that is. They built this place rat-proof, but I am justified in bragging that there is no building, at least no building in Wailuku, that is cockroach-proof.

I have a mission. It is to observe, listen, and then record for posterity what's really important that's going on around here. My forelegs have a philosophical bent, and therefore I fit well at the computer keyboard.

The other night at the monthly Board meeting, while I was lurking near a week's supply of chocolate Halloween cake that had fallen to the floor, I heard a remark that is worthy of preserving. Someone said, "The great irony of Aikido is that you're usually a Black Belt before you learn to be a good White Belt." Wowee. Zingo! That hit a nerve in me, because I always hear the sensei (that's plural, too, you know) saying that the students are really here to learn to give.

Curtis Sensei said, and I quote, "Extending Ki is the same thing as giving, and this is a tremendous challenge, even for many who have been training for years." He was talking about Dojo cleaning night, which he stated must be thought of as service. He says not everyone realizes yet that each and every student is needed, and that it is as much a part of their training to show up at 5 PM and run the vacuum once weekly as it is to be ready to stretch, roll and throw at 7 PM in class.

I personally would prefer that they skip cleaning night altogether and leave me those hot peas that roll into the corners, plus plenty of soda in the bottom of the can-recycling bin. Recycling - what a boon that's been to my breed! Still, the same hard-working people come week after week to vacuum, mop and take away my food supply. I wonder if anyone is listening to Sensei's words and taking them to heart..... Well, so long until next time.

-Ichi



Photo: Chris Bareness

Kyu and Ki testing was held the week of Oct. 11-15. 35 Children were promoted in kyu rank, along with 24 adults from the beginners and advanced classes. Ki tests were passed by 16 adults and children.



Two Teens Make Shodan

Grace Cortez and Liane Sugai were promoted to Shodan just after graduating from high school this past June. Both young women started in our children's program and have trained steadily over the years. This fall Grace and Liane are attending college on the Mainland, Grace at Santa Clara University and Liane at the University of Puget Sound.



Ki-Aikido On Maui: An Update from the Author

"This is not just a new printing of the same old book, but a completely new edition, with updated information, more extensive explanations, new photographs, and a more attractive and accessible layout. I hope that everyone will enjoy and benefit from this work."

-Christopher Curtis, Sensei

Book Order Form

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Ki-Aikido on Maui--A Training Manual (3rd ed.) by Christopher Curtis will be published in time for Aikido Maui 2001. Reserve your autographed copies now!

Name: _____

Dojo: _____

Number of Copies @\$25 each _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

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Books will be available for pickup at Aikido Maui 2001. If you would like more information about the book please see our web site: maukiaikido.org



Twin Aikido students visiting from Slovenia, Marco and Mitja Kavcic, joined Maui Ki-Aikido students in cleaning and landscaping the gulch next to our dojo.

End of Year Events Announced

Maui Ki-Aikido announces the following events that will mark the ending of the year 2000 and the beginning of the new year. All events are at the Shunshinkan Dojo unless otherwise noted.

- Omiki (last class) and Ki Barai (blessing)
by Suzuki Sensei 7 pm Wed. Dec. 13
- Children's and Youth Christmas Party 6-8 pm Fri. Dec. 15
- Bonnenkai annual pot luck party for all
adult members 6 pm Sat., Dec. 16

No Classes Until the First of the New Year

- New Year Blessing of dojo 7 am Mon. Jan. 1
- Omiki (first class of 2001) and Ki Barai
by Suzuki Sensei 7 pm Wed. Jan. 3
- Water misogi, Waiehu Beach Park
meet at dojo 6:00 am .. Sun. Jan. 7

Have You Checked Out Maui Ki-Aikido's Website?

<http://www.mauikiaikido.org/>

Maui Ki-Aikido has a home on the web, too. At the URL above, you can read about Tohei Sensei and Suzuki Sensei, see excerpted sections of Chris Curtis Sensei's book Ki-Aikido on Maui, check the upcoming seminars, and more. Thanks to our Webmaster, Garry Nitta.

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Photo: Chris Barense

White belt adults promoted to 5th Kyu Oct. 15. have trained hard since attending Curtis Sensei's Introductory Class in July. From left to right: Malik Cotter, Nanette Harter, Lloyd Canty, Victor Yamamoto, Bill Sugane, Casey Robinson, Kayala Mueller and Mary Jo Padilla.

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