

Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival

9:00am-3:00pm Saturday, February 4, 2023



FREE Shuttle Bus Stop



Recommended Event Parking Area



Food Available



Public Restroom



Art & Craft Activity

Historic Church Row Park



- Cherry Blossom Trees & Entertainment**
Waimea Lions Club
 - Festival History, Lost & Found
Kamuela Hongwanji Open House
 - Traditional Tea Ceremonies
 - Chef Demos & Tasting
 - Asian Food Booths, Sales
Waimea Bon-yu Kai Bonsai Club
 - Display, Demonstrations, Sales

W.M Keck Observatory Telescopes
 - Solar Viewing

Waimea Center

- KTA Super Stores Waimea**
 - Food sampling till 1p.m.
Waimea Center's Center Court
 - Koto, Taiko Drummers and Chinese lion dance.
Historic Spencer House
 - Vintage Kimono
 - Kokeshi Doll Displays



To Kawaihae & North Kohala



Waimea's Historic Corner



- Firehouse Gallery**
 - Cherry Blossom Art Show
 - All ages Cherry Blossom Art
Waimea Preservation Association
 - Open House
 - Chess Fair on giant 20ft chess board!

To Kona via "Upper Road"



Thelma Parker Library

- All Ages Cherry Blossom "Tiny Art"



Parker Ranch Center



- Festival Entertainment Stage:**
 In the Center's back parking lot. -9 a.m. blessing opens festival
 -Origami & Bon Dance
Craft Fair: Over 50 crafters in back parking lot.
Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
 -Mochi Tsuki Pounding



To Honoka'a & Hilo

Minuke'ole Park

Mana Christian Ohana Hall

- Hawaiian Quilt Exhibit**
 -Craft Booths



Pukalani Stables

- Kamuela Farmers Market**
 -Chef Demos
 -Lion Dance
 -Bon Dance



2023 Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival Activity Lineup

Times are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. unless specified otherwise. Schedule and times are subject to change.

Activities are free unless noted.

Church Row Park—Hwy. 19

- **Historical Cherry Tree Display:** Waimea Lions' Club offers a pictorial history of the cherry trees and serves as the festival's official Lost and Found station. T-shirt sales.
- **Entertainment:** Hula, taiko drumming, Chinese lion dance and more 9:30 a.m.-pau.
- **Bonsai:** The Waimea Bon-yu Kai Bonsai Club offers a display and sale of bonsai, ongoing demonstrations and a clinic to discuss and work on the art of bonsai.
- **Cherry Tree/Food Sales at Kamuela Hongwanji:** Mission members offer blooming cherry tree branches and tree sales, plus Asian foods: nishime bento, chichi mochi, andagi and chili/rice bowl.
- **Cooking Demos at Kamuela Hongwanji:** Hawai'i Island chefs offer cooking demonstrations on the hour 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Vegetable/Fruit Carving:** Instruction for beginners 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Open House at Kamuela Hongwanji:** Rev. Masanari Yamagishi explains Shin Buddhism rituals.
- **Japanese Tea Ceremony:** The Urasenke Hilo Association performs traditional chanoyu on the hour starting 9:30 a.m. with last ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Parker Ranch Center—Hwy. 19

- **Festival Entertainment Stage:** In the Center's back parking lot. 9 a.m. blessing opens festival with introduction of dignitaries including the Japan Consul General Yutaka Aoki. Entertainment until 3 p.m. **features** a join-in bon dance, Chinese lion dance, Darlene Ahuna, The Just Us Band, Grass Fed Longorns, Johnny Ness and the Rockness Monster, Taishoji Taiko and more. Also, entertainment throughout Center.
- **Craft Fair:** Over 50 crafters in back parking lot.
- **Mochi Tsuki Pounding:** Help pound mochi with members of the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple outside the Fireside Food Court starting 10 a.m.; samples.
- **Origami & Bon Dance:** Learn the art of origami in the Fireside Food Court 11 a.m.-1 p.m, bon dance demo noon-1 p.m. near Graciela's Beauty Salon.

Mana Christian Ohana Church – (Former Kahilu Town Hall)

Behind Parker Ranch Center

- **Ka Hui Kapa Apana O Waimea Quilt Show:** Also sales of quilt patterns, sewing novelties and craft fair.

Historic Spencer House – (Next to Waimea Center) Hwy. 19

- **Japanese Collectibles:** View a display of vintage kimono, obi and collection of kokeshi dolls, plus learn about the 1840 Spencer House.



Souvenir Program Available
at Festival Venues or
Download your own here:



Waimea Center – Hwy. 19

- **KTA Super Stores Waimea:** Food sampling till 1p.m.
- **Waimea Center's Center Court:** Darin Miyashiro performs koto, Kohala Taiko Drummers and Chinese lion dance.

Keck Observatory – Hwy. 19

- **Telescope Viewing:** See our nearest star, the Sun! West Hawaii Astronomy Club and Keck Observatory provides solar telescopes 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Waimea Historic Corner – Hwys. 19/190 intersection

- **Firehouse Gallery Activities:** Waimea Arts Council presents "30 th Annual Cherry Blossom Art Exhibition" with originals and prints for sale, including the new and past festival posters for \$10. Hands-on cherry blossom art for all ages, materials provided, outside chalk drawing.
- **Waimea Preservation Association Cottage:** open house and fun on the 20-foot-square chess board 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library – (Next to Historic Corner) Hwy. 190

- **Join the 2023 Cherry Blossom Tiny Art Show.** Meet local artists and create your own tiny masterpiece, which will be displayed in the library's show; materials provided while supplies last.

Pukalani Stables – Pukalani Road

- **Kamuela Farmers Market:** Sales of local produce, goods and food booths. Chef demos 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lion dance 10:15 a.m., bon dance 11 a.m.

The Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival is produced by the Hawaii County Parks and Recreation's Culture and Education Section. The festival is a community-wide effort by a dedicated team of volunteers, 808-961-8706.

