



Maui Ki-Aikido

About the Newsletter

This is our first issue of what will be a quarterly letter bringing news of Maui Ki-Aikido happenings to our members and friends.

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Shunshinkan Dojo Nearing Completion

Our new dojo is swiftly taking shape on the site of our beloved old training hall that had to be razed last summer. New beginnings for our organization in a beautiful new facility also bring a new name: Maui Ki-Aikido Shunshinkan Dojo. This new name was recently given by our teacher Tohei Sensei, world head of the Ki Society in Japan.

With its graceful Japanese-style roofline and handsome entry, the new dojo is a harmonious addition to the traditional buildings of central Wailuku. The number of tatami mats our new size accomodates is an



astonishing 99, allowing more students than ever before to practice in our classes, seminars and police recruit training. As you can imagine, Suzuki Sensei and all our instructors and students are pleased and excited. Maui Ki-Aikido expects to host an opening ceremony on April 28th.

However, in the meantime, we need to raise more money! Our capital campaign has succeeded in raising \$500 thousand dollars, but unforeseen delays and cost overruns require that we raise more. We are \$50 thousand overbudget for finishing the building and buying the mats. Since these mats, which are coming from Japan, cost \$250 each, about \$25,000 must be raised immediately for this need. Therefore, we are asking our members and other friends and supporters to help us by purchasing "your own mat" for our dojo. Please see our tear-off coupon below. Thank you for your continued support! You are making the Shunshinkan Dojo possible.



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✂ Please cut here and return.

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!

Thanks to the Wailuku Hongwanji!

We are temporarily holding classes at the Wailuku Hongwanji Church Judo and Aikido halls. Maui Ki-Aikido most gratefully acknowledges the generous help given us by the Hongwanji in housing us during our construction project. On Nov. 27, 1999, Aikido students and instructors helped the Wailuku Hongwanji celebrate their 100th anniversary with a demonstration of Aikido arts held in the Hongwanji Judo Dojo. (Photos on this page and page 1.)



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State Ki-Aikido Organization Forms

Hawaii has been without a state-wide Aikido organization for ten years. In November 1999, Tohei Sensei announced the formation of a new alliance of Hawaii's Ki Society dojos to be known as the Hawaii Ki Federation. Chris Curtis Sensei, 7th Dan, was named as Chief Instructor for the new organization. Curtis Sensei will travel to each island once a year to conduct seminars and give ki and dan testing. Curtis Sensei's seminar schedule, below, can also be viewed on Maui Ki-Aikido's website.

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

<http://www.maui.net/~cdc/kokyu/index.html>

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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Christopher Curtis Sensei - 2000 Teaching Schedule:

March 17-19 (Fri-Sun.): Seminar/Testing on Kauai, Hanapepe Dojo,

Dean Mayer 808 742-6051, email deanmay@aloha.net

March 23-27: Seattle Taigi Competition, Judging

May 5-30: Seminars in Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands

June 23-25: Seminar / Testing on Maui

July 10-17: Seminar in Phoenix, AZ

August 3-11: World Camp and World Cup Taigi Comp. in Japan

September 22-24: Seminar / Testing on Oahu

November (dates TBA): Seminar / Retreat in Kansas / St. Louis

December 8-10: Seminar / Testing on Big Island

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