

Sharing the Håfa Adai Spirit with Our Visitors and Each Other

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HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE SIGNING



HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE SIGNING HELD AUGUST 11, 2015 AT GUAM VISITORS BUREAU: (Left) **Thomas and Lorelei Strohmeier**, owner, Color Guam; **Kieran Keresoma**, **Dayanara Calma**, owner, Vida Local; **Telo T. Taitague**, deputy general manager, Guam Visitors Bureau; **Deepak Dewan**, owner, Delta Tire & Lube and Orkin Pest Control Guam; **Sanjay Dewan**, owner, Port of Mocha, owner; and **Dee Hernandez**, cultural heritage officer, Guam Visitors Bureau.



HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE SIGNING HELD AUGUST 23, 2015 AT GINEN I TANO' STREET FESTIVAL: (left) **Albert Naburn**, local carver; **Paul E. Lujan**, local hunter/fisherman; **Julie Manglona**, director of operations, Inarajan Garden House; **Harvey Barnes**, local Crafter; **Dr. Judy Flores**, owner, Hotnu Bakery and G. Flores History Center; **Stephen Unpingco Madarang**, owner, Bubu Designs Guam/Fina'tinas Mad Guahan; and **Anthony Ray C. Mantanona** baker/supervisor, Hotnu Bakery.

LIVING THE HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE

Pacific Islands Club recognizes Siñot John Ray Aguon, for his commitment to living the Håfa Adai Pledge!

Siñot Aguon exemplifies the qualities of an individual devoted to carrying out the island's commitment to sharing the Håfa Adai Spirit as well as PIC's dedication to the Håfa Adai Pledge Program. His presence always brightens a room. PIC is honored to have him as part of the team.



Siñot John Ray Aguon, (center), oversees cultural hut activities Pacific Islands Club.

Committing to the Håfa Adai Pledge is an important part of the experience that we offer at Pacific Islands Club Guam. Mr. Aguon has been one of the biggest assets to our efforts. He has worked with Pacific Islands Club for almost 10 years to introduce our guests to the most beautiful and important pieces of Chamorro culture. He offers a fun, memorable, and educational experience at PIC, just a short walk away from the rooms. He embodies the Håfa Adai Pledge by teaching PIC guests the Chamorro language through an interactive Coconut Show, offering them rides in a cart pulled by a Carabao, and showing them how to weave a headband out of coconut leaves. Mr. Aguon is the glue that helps our guests not only get to know PIC, but also to connect them with the island of Guam and the culture it was built on. He starts each interaction with a friendly "Håfa Adai" and makes sure everyone departs with a smile, a new friend, and a taste of Chamorro culture. His dedication to these cultural opportunities makes it possible for us to maintain our dedication to the Håfa Adai Pledge.

KAO UN TUNGO'? (Did you know?)

Carmen Romualdez Dela Cruz

First Woman to Establish a Music and Arts School on Guam



Carmen "Melina" Romualdez Dela Cruz (1910-1995)

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Carmen "Melina" Romualdez Dela Cruz (1910-1995), the first woman to open a school for the arts on Guam, daughter of Beatriz Buz and former Philippine Supreme Court Justice Norberto Romualdez. She married Francisco "Paco" Dela Cruz from Guam. They moved the family to Guam in 1948 and opened the Guam Academy of Music and Arts. Beginning her career as a private music teacher in Manila, Dela Cruz was the director and a teacher at Guam Academy of Music and Arts from 1948 until 1995. She arranged for many benefit concerts for various organizations. She was also the director and organist at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Choir in the 1960s and 1970s. Dela Cruz was a founding member and president of the Guam Fine Arts Society (now Guam Symphony Society), the organizer, organist, director and president of Guam Symphony Orchestra and Choral Group, the founding member and president of the Filipino Community Guam, the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam, among many other community organizations. Dela Cruz passed away in 1995.

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GUAMPEDIA: Judy Selk Flores

Batik artist



Judy Flores has been apart of the Chamorro community for more than fifty years as a scholar and artist.

Photos by Judy Flores



Inarajan Fiesta Procession depicts the village's religious celebration in honor of Saint Joseph.



Batik entitled Minagof (happiness) shows the joy in dancing under the moonlight with a Chamorro band.



The legend of Sirena, is a story of a young indolent woman cursed by her mother to become fish, as she always wanted to swim. Her godmother stopped the curse, claiming that she also had rights to the girl. As a result Sirena became a mermaid.

Judy Selk Flores, originally from Colorado, was part of the first off-island American family to be housed in the southern village of Inarajan. She learned to speak Chamorro fluently and married into the culture. Artistically inclined from an early age, Judy Flores earned a degree in art education from the University of Guam and taught art in secondary school for ten years. During her early years of teaching she began experimenting with the wax and dye art media of batik, which became her primary medium of artistic expression. Flores used the batik medium to paint vivid impressions of Chamorro cultural scenes and activities that were rapidly disappearing in the 1970s. Her work was often chosen by Guam officials as gifts for visiting dignitaries. As the tourism economy developed, hotels, restaurants, and professional offices commissioned batiks by Flores. Flores was among several artists who produced large works for the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa. Flores was a founding member of the Guam Visual Arts Guild, and in 1981, she founded Guahan Art, a student art development organization that encouraged talented young artists to demonstrate, display, and market their work. She worked for Senator Carmen Kasperbauer's Legislative Committee on Culture in 1981 on legislation to create the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA). She later was invited to join the first Chamorro artists' organization, "Acha'ot Guahan Siha."

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CHAGI CHAMORRO

Guahu taotao tano

I am a person of the land

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