

# HANAMATSURI

FLOWER FESTIVAL - CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF THE BUDDHA

Vista Buddhist Temple

760-941-8800

www.vbtemple.org

Food:

- \* Beef Teriyaki
- \* Chicken Teriyaki
- \* Vegetarian Japanese Curry
- \* Hot Dogs \* Chili
- \* Sushi \* Spam Musubi
- \* Won Ton
- \* Udon Noodle Soup
- \* Okinawan Soba
- \* Yakisoba Noodles (vegetarian)

Dessert:

- \* Mochi Ice Cream \* Manju
- \* Snow Cones & Kintoki
- \* Strawberry Shortcake
- \* Taikoyaki

Outside:

- \* Temple Information
- \* Game Booths for Kids
- \* Plants & Cut Flowers
- \* Produce
- \* Tupperware
- \* Genki HomeCare (seniors)
- \* **Raffle - 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1,000**

Inside Temple (upper level):

- \* Temple Main Hall
- \* Floral Altar (Hanamido)
- \* Buddhist Bookstore

Inside Cultural Center:

- \* Craft Boutique
- \* Sumi-e Artwork (hands on demo, 1:00pm both days)

Vista Buddhist Temple & Japanese-American Cultural Center

Location of Performances and Presentations:

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017**

12:30 "What is Buddhism?"

Sensei Jim Pollard, Orange County Buddhist Church  
*inside temple, upper level*

1:45 Tea Ceremony

Soko Fosket, Tea Teacher  
*inside temple, lower level*

2:30 "Buddhism and Ecology"

Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, San Diego Buddhist Temple  
*inside temple, upper level*

3:15 Japanese Folk Dance

Kikuta Kai – Misako Kikuta, Instructor  
*Japanese-American Cultural Center Stage*

4:15 Shakuhachi Oasis

Mary Lu Brandwein  
*inside temple, upper level*

5:15 Taiko Drumming

Vista Buddhist Temple Shokenji Taiko and Junior Taiko  
*outside*

**Floral Altar (Hanamido) Inside Temple (Upper Level) both days. Pour sweet tea over the statue of the Buddha in celebration of his birth (except during talks and presentations).**

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017**

1:00 "What Is Buddhism?"

Ministerial Assistants, Vista Buddhist Temple  
*inside temple, upper level*

2:15 Koto, Shakuhachi & Shamisen Musical Performance

Masazumikai - Masazumi Mizuno, Instructor; Jonathan Crick, Shakuhachi  
*inside temple, lower level*

3:45 Japanese Classical Dance

Mai No Kai – Bando Hiromiya, Instructor  
*Japanese-American Cultural Center Stage*

5:15 Taiko Drumming

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### **AMATEUR SINGING COMPETITION**

*Japanese-American Cultural Center Stage*

Presented by Madoka Entertainment

12:00 registration for competition

12:15 competition begins

2:45 (approx.) awards

Hanamatsuri, the flower festival, celebrates the Buddha's birth. It is said that the Buddha was born on April 8, 563 B.C.E., near the southern border of present-day Nepal. The floral altar (*hanamido*) represents Lumbini Garden where the Buddha was born. The custom of pouring sweet tea over the statue of the Buddha represents the sweet rain that is said to have fallen when he was born. This special altar, the beautiful decorations, and the pouring of sweet tea give Hanamatsuri a festive atmosphere and expresses our respect and reverence toward the Buddha and his teachings.