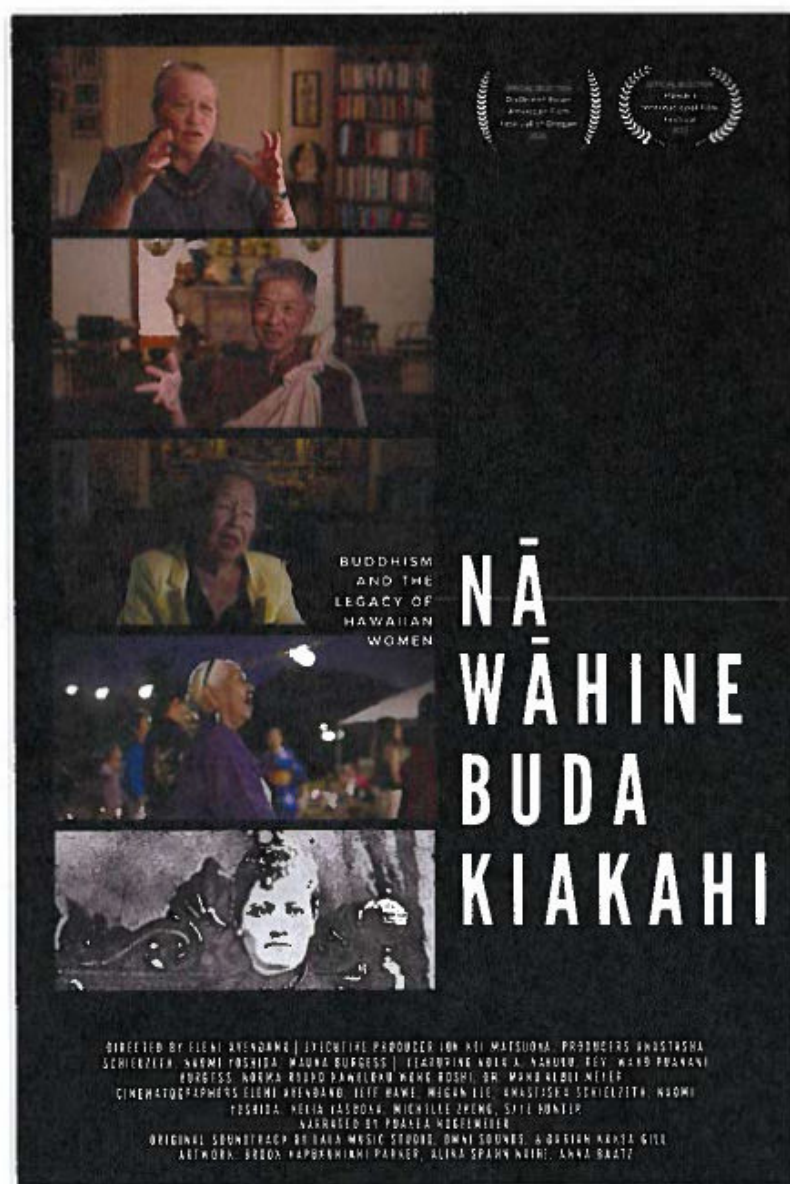




Maui Hongwanji Temples NEMBUTSU SEMINAR 2026

November 21, 2026 10 a.m.

Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
1074 Makawao Ave, Upcountry Maui

Free Showing of *Nā Wāhine Buda Kiakahi:* *The Legacy of Hawaiian Women Buddhists*

A Film by Eleni Avendaño

"*Nā Wāhine Buda Kiakahi* is a 42 minute documentary film about the legacy of Hawaiian women Buddhists beginning with the life of Mary Mikahala Robinson Foster, lady in waiting to Queen Lili'uokalani. While many have visited Foster Botanical Gardens in Honolulu, little has been known of her work to perpetuate the practice of Buddhism, even beyond Hawai'i, where she is revered in India and Sri Lanka for her contributions. Narrated by Puakea Nogelmeier and featuring Nola Nāhulu, Puanani Burgess, Norma Wong and Manu Aluli Meyer who bring contemporary practice of Buddhism into Hawaiian leadership."

— View the Trailer here: www.wahinebucafilm.com

The Hongwanji Buddhist Temples of Maui cordially invite everyone to a free showing of the film, "*Nā Wāhine Buda Kiakahi: The Legacy of Hawaiian Women Buddhists*", which explores of the remarkable yet unknown contributions of Hawaiian Women Buddhists to Buddhism in Hawaii and around the world.

The 42-minute documentary will be followed by a Panel Discussion with Director & Co-Writer Eleni Avendaño, Producer and Co-Writer Jon Mitsuoka, and Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto, a life-long Hongwanji Buddhist and Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner, moderated by Rev. Kerry Kiyohara of Makawao Hongwanji.

Following refreshments and talk story about the film, the day continues with Nembutsu Seminar 2026, which will focus on the teachings, practices, and benefits of Nembutsu in everyday life, seeking to answer the questions:

- What is *Nembutsu* Mindfulness of Amida?
- What is *Shinjin*, the Entrusting Heart and Mind of No Doubt?
- What are the benefits of the Path of Nembutsu and Life of Gratitude?

Nembutsu Seminar 2026 is for Hongwanji members and friends, newcomers to the Hongwanji, and anyone interested in Buddhism. Everyone is welcome, come as you are!



Don't miss out, please register today!
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