



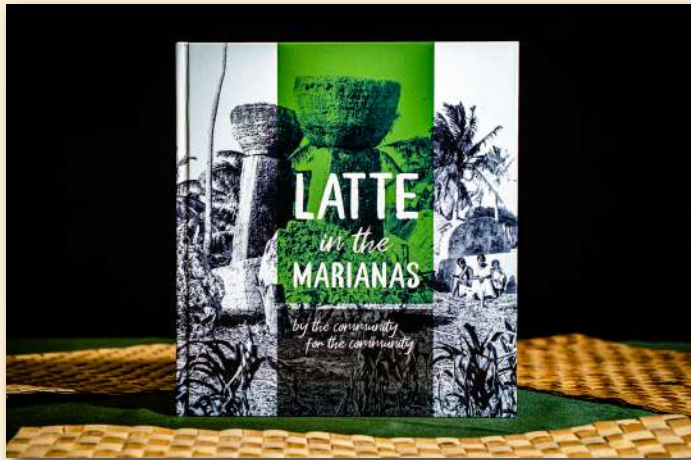
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Over 130 Pages of Latte



The Latte in the Marianas project, made possible by Ayuda Foundation, the Guam Preservation Trust, Humanities Guåhan, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, the Guam Tourist Attraction Fund, Nihi Ta Fanhasso' Cultural and Historical Consulting, Kaleidic Design, and Micronesia Heritage Consulting, LLC, just launched the publication entitled, *Latte in the Marianas*. The book features 130 pages of [latte](#) through wisdom handed down over generations, photographs, oral histories, archeology, latte-inspired art, poetry, chants, and songs, as well as community heritage initiatives.

The book is both a vivid and beautiful oversized coffee table book as well as a compilation of single and double-page entries written by highly regarded cultural practitioners, historians, archeologists, and historic

preservationists who have been part of the Marianas' cultural renaissance and have years or decades of expertise and experiences to share.

Latte have become an iconic symbol of CHamoru/Chamorro identity and the ingenuity and skill of their ancestors. At the same time, while there is a substantial amount of academic material on latte, there are few books written about latte for the community. The *Latte in the Marianas* is truly by the community, for the community, with over 80 voices from throughout the archipelago and elsewhere.

Directed by Drs. Kelly Marsh (Taitano) and Jolie Liston, the *Latte in the Marianas* project have graciously partnered with Guampedia to sell copies of the book with proceeds going towards sustaining Guampedia's cultural and historical work.

Pre-order *Latte in the Marianas*

Guampedia will be publishing the *Latte in the Marianas* book next month, offering a pre-order sale promotion up until March 12, 2022 (CHST)!

Visit Guampedia's online heritage gift shop to pre-order the *Latte in the Marianas* and save \$15.

Shipping will be an additional cost for off-island orders.



Historical Highlights

Guam's First Flag

[Guam's official flag](#) was first raised in Hagatña in 1918. In February, 1948, Naval Governor C.A. Pownall approved Guam Congress Bill No. 12, adding the red border on the flag to commemorate the suffering endured by the people of Guam during WWII occupation. The legislation was enacted by the House of Assembly and the House of Council of the Guam Congress.

Blueprint of the Guam Flag. Courtesy of Guam Website



Guam Women's Club



The [Guam Women's Club](#) was the first women's organization on Guam. It was founded in February of 1952. Some notable early projects of the club were: the re-establishment of the Guam Museum in 1952, the creation of the Padre Palomo and Latte Stone parks in Hagatña, the lobbying for legislation that resulted in the creation of the village post offices.

Founders of the Guam Women's Club. Courtesy of MARC

Reunification Efforts

Members of the Guam Legislature visited with the Marianas District Legislature in February 1966 to once again discuss the [possibility of reunification](#). Carlos P. Taitano, speaker of the 8th Guam Legislature, felt that it was important for Guam and the Northern Marianas to reassert their position in favor of reunification. Subsequently, the Guam Legislature adopted Resolution No. 177, requesting that the president of the United States reintegrate the Mariana Islands. This resolution was taken to Washington, DC, where it was rejected by both State and Interior representatives.

1605 Map of the Marianas. Petrus Bertius/Donald Rubinstein

