

Traditional songs and hunting culture



The Yongkang Community, through which the Beinan and Luliao rivers flow, is located in Yanping Township of Taitung County. Most of its residents are of the indigenous Bunun tribe. The traditional Bunun calendar recorded the important work and ceremonies of each season. For example, the most well-known ceremony is the Ear Shooting Festival, during which hunters give thanks to the animals they have hunted for providing food and pass down the Bunun culture to the children.

Uninang is used to express thanks in the Bunun language. Hu Ming-Zhi and his wife Wang Mei-Hua returned to this community to search for their roots and established the Uninang Taluhan Workshop, which offers cultural tours that include learning traditional hunting and gathering knowledge, cooking outdoors and listening to the songs and stories of the Bunun. Guests can also opt to stay overnight in a traditional structure.

