

# Hawai'i Congressional Delegation Celebrates Filipino History Month

October is Filipino American History Month. Ka'u's Congresswoman Jill Tokuda joined Rep. Ed Case, U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono and colleagues in co-leading a bipartisan, bicameral measure in both Houses of Congress to celebrate the long and distinguished history of Filipino Americans in the United States. In Ka'u they are leaders in the Ka'u Coffee industry and work in macadamia, public health, education, the military and many other endeavors.

A statement from Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation says that FilAms now number over 4,000,000 in the U.S. The resolution says Filipino American History Month provides "a testament to the advancement of Filipino Americans; a time to reflect on and remember the many notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made to the United States; and a time to renew efforts toward the research and examination of history and culture so as to provide an

opportunity for all people of the United States to learn more about Filipino Americans and to appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States."

The resolution invites the community to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and activities.

Rep. Ed Case noted "the great contributions of Filipino Americans to our *Filipino History Month, pg. 2*



The SS Doric, which brought the first Sakada - Filipino immigrants to Hawai'i in 1906.

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## VOTE!

Ka'u residents eligible to vote can still sign up. Mail-in ballots are expected to arrive at voters' postal addresses by Oct. 18, ahead of the Nov. 5 General Election and must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Those who haven't registered may register online at any time or in person at a voter service center. See <https://www.elections.hawaiicounty.gov/voter-registration>. For an Absentee Ballot, the deadline to request a ballot be sent to an alternate address is Oct. 29.

Some winners have already been determined. County Prosecuting Attorney Kelden Waltjen was reelected in the Primary for a four-year term. County Council member Michelle Galimba was reelected in the Primary for a two-year term. Kai Kahele won the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee seat for Hawai'i Island in the Primary for a four-year term.

General Election ballots for Ka'u voters will show the following candidates:

For Mayor, incumbent Mitch Roth is challenged by Kimo Alameda for the four-year term.

For state Senate, incumbent Dru Kanuha is challenged by Republican Kurt Sullivan for the four-year term.

For state House of Representatives, Ka'u voters can choose between incumbent Democrat Jeanne Kapela, Republican Ashley Oyama and Libertarian Frederick Fogel.

For Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees at large, incumbent Keli'i Akina is challenged by Lei Ahu Isa.

For U.S. Senator representing Hawai'i, Democrat Mazie Hirono faces Republican Bob McDermott, Green Party's Emma Pohlman and We The People Party Shelby Pikachu Billionaire.

For U.S. House representing rural Hawai'i, incumbent Jill Tokuda faces *Vote, pg. 7*



Families gather in Wai'ōhinu in September to establish a Hawaiian language immersion school. Ka'ili DeLeon blows the pū during the ceremonial opening in front of Kehau Lee Hong-Mauga and Nohea Ka'awa. *Photo by Julia Neal*

## Hawaiian Immersion School Builds Momentum to Open in Ka'ū

Supporters of a Hawaiian Immersion School met in Wai'ōhinu in September, with almost 70 parents, educators, children and community supporters gathering outdoors on the grounds of the Shirakawa Hotel. Nohea Ka'awa and Kehau Lee Hong-Mauga led protocol and blessings with lei.



Almost 70 supporters of a Hawaiian immersion school for Ka'ū made a circle on the grounds of Shirakawa Hotel, the campus for the start of the project. *Photo by Julia Neal*

Ka'ili DeLeon, who attends third grade at Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki Lab Public Charter School, blew the pū for the ceremony. The group also gathered within the former Lori Lei Shirakawa Hula Studio, which is slated for the indoor venue for the program.

Many attending the event said that an Hawaiian immersion school is long overdue in Ka'ū. Leader of the mission to establish the school, called Ke Kula Nā 'A'ali'i Kū Makani o Ka'ū, is Raylene Auli'i Fujikawa Moses. She said the group signed a lease with the Stice 'Ohana Foundation, which owns the property and supports the mission. The next step is fundraising to support a kumu to lead the program. "As soon as we have kumu, we will start," said Moses.

The plan is to first open the place for families with newborns to five years of age to come together during the days. While the organizers are building capacity, including curriculum, licensing and staff, a Family Children Integrated Learning program can start at Wai'ōhinu and other places.

Parents and children can come together to learn the language, 'Olelo Hawai'i. In addition to weekdays, the Wai'ōhinu campus can be open in the evenings and weekends for outdoor and indoor education. "We want to make sure we use the place for the community," said Moses. "The long-term goal is to build a pre-K through 12th grade campus." Organizers are looking to eventually establish a Char-

*Hawaiian Immersion, pg. 10*

## Hawai'i Supreme Court Rules Against Farm Dwellings for Vacationers

Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled unanimously in October against allowing farm dwellings to be used for vacation rentals on agriculturally designated properties. The decision received praise from Hawai'i's Attorney General Anne Lopez, former Attorney General Doug Chin and Gov. Josh Green. In addition to ruling on use of farm dwellings, the Supreme Court backed the principle of supporting decisions of government agencies that have expertise, experience and local knowledge.

The Governor said, "Using agricul-

tural lands for genuine agricultural purposes and ensuring that housing is allocated for our residents are two of the most crucial issues facing our state today."

The AG said, "I commend that Hawai'i Supreme Court for making the right decision for the people of Hawai'i. Today's decision makes clear that deference to administrative agencies is a principle with continued vitality in Hawai'i. This decision reaffirms the importance

of agency expertise under Hawai'i law."

Former AG Chin, who served as Special Deputy Attorney to argue the case before the state Supreme Court, said, "This was a win for preserving agricultural lands in Hawai'i. Short-term vacation rentals are transient accommodations effectively for vacation or tourist use and do not belong in the agricultural district. That was the Land Use Commission's *Farm Dwelling Use, pg. 4*



Doug Chin successfully argued the case to keep vacation rentals off of agricultural land.

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## Urban Development on Both Sides of Hwy 11 Projected at Punalu'u

Medium Density urban development designation above and below Highway 11 at Punalu'u, with High Density Urban closer to the ocean, is shown in the County of Hawai'i's General Plan Draft, which was presented at a public meeting on Sept. 19 during the Ka'ū Community Development Action Committee gathering in Pāhala. See the Draft and give comments at <https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/general-plan-community-planning/gp>.



The public was invited to weigh in on the 2045 Hawai'i County Draft General Plan in September. The General Plan aims to incorporate the Ka'ū Community Development Plan.

Image from General Plan Draft

changes from the 2005 to the proposed 2045 General Plan Land Use state and zoning district.

A swipe tool offers a way to see changes between the 2005 and 2045 maps on both the Change Map and GP Maps. Click the swipe tool on the left side of the map. A vertical bar will appear, allowing a user to slide it side to side for a clear comparison.

The county encourages continued engagement and reaching out with any questions.

An in-person workshop recording from Aug. 29 and the webinar workshop recording from Sept. 5 can be heard at <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/fo/138446/Row1.aspx>.



The 2045 County General Plan Draft shows planned uses for lands mauka and makai in the Punalu'u area as High Density and Medium Density Urban near Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, Medium and Low Density Urban for much of the land makai of Highway 11 and mostly Medium and Low Density Urban above Highway 11. Map from General Plan Draft

Projected use of lands can be seen for all areas of Ka'ū. By zooming in and clicking on the map, those interested can view detailed information, including parcel number as well as

## Alaska Promises to Keep Hawaiian Name, Serve Remote Areas

Promising continued service to remote areas with the merging of Hawaiian and Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines' new CEO Joe Sprague notes that he comes from Alaska, which like Hawai'i has both islands surrounded by water and remote inland islands of people who live in the wilderness and depend on air travel. He told Hawai'i Public Radio that serving both Alaska and Hawai'i isolated communities "gives both companies, I think, a very special sense of purpose, and that's



a positive and really powerful, I think, uniting factor for the two carriers."

Sprague is already familiar with Hawai'i, having run Alaska Airlines' Hawai'i division. Alaska Airlines completed the purchase of Hawaiian Airlines in September. It is taking on \$900 million of Hawaiian Airlines debt and paying an additional \$1 billion to own the company. It is acquiring wide-body jets and international flights. More wide-body jets are under construction at Boeing in Seattle, where

Alaska Airlines is headquartered.

Alaska also promises to keep most of Hawai'i's 6,000 union employees, and many of the 1,400 non-union employees. For those Hawaiian Airline employees whose jobs are duplicates of some of those held by Alaska Airlines employees, there will be some eventual layoffs, but all employees will be retained until at least the end of this year and there will be severance packages and efforts for re-training for jobs both inside and outside the newly merged airline, according to

statements by Alaska Airlines.

Alaska Airlines also announced it will keep the Hawaiian name and free distribution of pineapple orange juice to passengers. Its CEO Bin Minicuci called the merger "pro-consumer and pro-competitive." He noted that Hawaiian Airlines and Alaska Airlines are both more than 90 years old and each have good name identities expressing the history and culture of the special places they serve. He said both names mean a lot to the residents of Alaska and Hawai'i.



**Filipino History Month, from pg. 1** country, in government and law, music and entertainment, sports, business and countless other ventures."

Sen. Mazie Hirono commented, "From the first Filipino contract laborers

who arrived in Hawai'i seeking a better life, to the Filipino American leaders in business, health care, and our Armed Forces, this community has contributed to our country's diversity and helped to shape our identity as a nation."

Rep. Jill Tokuda said, "Since arriving in Hawai'i in the late 1800s to work on sugarcane and pineapple plantations, Filipinos played an important role in the history, culture, and fabric of Hawai'i. They have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to my home state

and the country and that's why I'm proud to cosponsor this measure, celebrating the historical achievements and milestones that make up Filipino American History Month."

The Philippines flag flies at many public buildings during Filipino History Month, this October.

Case continued: "Since their early beginnings, our Filipino American community has grown to some 4.4 million citizens and is the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States. Their mark



Domingo Los Banos served in WW II and became Hawai'i's first Filipino American School Principal in 1954.

Photo from Fil Am Courier

lies in all parts of our society, with a bright future of further contributions to come.

"In introducing our resolution, we also recognize the increasingly strong and critical ties between our country and the Republic of the Philippines. We also again honor the over 250,000 Filipinos who answered the call to protect and defend America and the Philippines in the Pacific theater, and who were awarded the Filipino Veteran of World War II Congressional Gold Medal by Act of Congress and bestowed by President Obama in 2016."

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# KA PEPA PĀHALA

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Allan Sebastian and Robyn Vincent of the state Department of Health's Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division.



Lani Weigert of Hawai'i Care Choices, which offers Paliative, Hospice and other services.

Photos by Kamamalu Kauwe



East Hawai'i Health Clinic staff with the Go Mālama slogan shared their services at the annual health fair in Pāhala. Left to right are Donna Kekoa, Heather Kali'ikoa and Ben Lawler.

## Ka'ū Hospital Draws Hundreds to Annual Health Fair in Pāhala

East Hawai'i Health Clinic and Ka'ū Hospital drew hundreds of rural residents to its second annual Community Health Fair on Sept. 1 at Pāhala Community Center. Numerous organizations were on hand to provide screenings, health education and opportunities for affordable and free physical and mental health, wellness, and nutrition services.



Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition at East Hawai'i Clinic and Ka'ū Hospital's annual health fair Saturday.

Photo by David Wiegler



Hawai'i Keiki, Healthy & Ready to learn advocates Sherelle Sakado-Calvo and Jessica Moe manned the station.



Stacy Brown from Family Support Hawai'i.



Community Children's Council of Hawai'i.

Photo by Julia Neal



Quinn Hamamoto and Sara Kamibayashi, of Pāhala and Nā'ālehu Public Libraries, show health and nutrition children's books.



Selena Espejo and staff member from County of Hawai'i Parks & Recreation Elderly Activities Division.

## First Ka'ū Taro Festival will be Hosted in Pāhala in December

The first Ka'ū Taro Festival has been announced. It is planned for Saturday, Dec. 14, from noon to 5 p.m. at Ka'ū Herkes District Gym complex in Pāhala.

The sponsoring organization is 'O Ka'ū Kākou, which sent out a statement saying it is "very excited and proud to announce the first annual, first on the Big Island, Kalo Festival." It is called Kāniwala Kalo O Ka'ū.

OKK invites the community to "celebrate all things Kalo!" The afternoon will feature live musical entertainment, hula dancers, lucky number prize drawings.

There will be a Kalo Mō'i and Mō'iwahine (King & Queen) coronation ceremony. Ka'ū residents under the age of 25 are eligible. Contestants must be able to attend the event for the Coronation Ceremony and participate in the Pāhala Lighted Christmas Parade that evening on a parade float.

The event is slated as "a time to stock up for your holiday feasts and gifts." The Taro Festival will feature a wide array of vendors to include foods, arts, crafts, jewelry, live plants, baked goods and more. OKK seeks those who may be able to present the following: laulau, kulolo, live kalo plants and corms, taro leaf, poi, taro chips, squid luau, laulau stew, kalo apparel items, kalo print items, kalo prints and photography,



kalo jewelry, kalo carvings kalo paintings, kalo tea and anything else involving kalo.

All money raised from this event by 'O Ka'ū Kākou will go to the OKK Scholarship Fund and to the OKK Ka'ū Educational Center.

The Pāhala Lighted Christmas Parade follows the festival at 6 p.m.

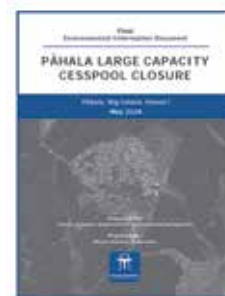
'O Ka'ū Kākou welcomes sponsors and vendors who wish to have a booth at the event and contestants for the Kalo Mō'i and Mō'iwahine court. For more details, see [www.okkakaou.org/kautaro-festival](http://www.okkakaou.org/kautaro-festival). "Come for the Kalo, stay for the parade!" says the announcement.

For more information, contact Tim DeLozier at [okkakaou.org.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:okkakaou.org.scholarship@gmail.com) email or 808-582-2342 phone/text.

## Right-of-Entry Required for Pāhala Sewer Line Improvements

Pāhala residents are reminded to mail back right-of-entry agreements for new sewer lines for old plantation properties. The project to hook up to a new wastewater treatment system will begin soon. County Department of Environmental Management sent out letters with Construction Right-of-Entry Agreements for the New Sewer Collection System for property owners to sign. Most of the homes are from the old days of the sugar plantation and are on a system that leads to gang cesspools, which are now illegal under federal wastewater laws.

The letter from Deputy Director of Environmental Management Brenda Iokepa-Moses says, the agency "is moving forward with the construction of a new sewer collection system that will connect or make your parcel accessible to a package wastewater treatment



plant. DEM is requesting permission for a Right-of-Entry onto your property, for the purpose of planning, design, and constructing the sewer system improvements, closing out the existing large capacity cesspool (LCC), and restoration of impacted site features. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025

and the County has entered into an administrative order on consent (AOC) to complete these works and close out the LCC in 2027.

"The County has successfully secured a \$12 million federal grant and additional funding for this project that will provide wastewater treatment that is protective of surface water and underground sources of drinking water for 174 properties in Pāhala. The ability to access your property is necessary for the County to remain in compliance."

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## Volleyball Girls Win Rack Up Kills, Aces

Ka'ū Girls Trojans Volleyball Team is winning games and racking up individual accomplishments. Here is one example:

On Sept. 26 when Ka'ū bested Christian Liberty with 25-8, 25-3, and 25-15, seven lady volleyball players made kills and aces for the win. Leahi Kaupu nailed 8 kills and 5 aces. Zia Rae Wroblewski came up with 8 kills, 2 aces and 2 blocks. Jezerie Rose Nurial-Dacalio had 6 kills and 2 blocks. Jazmyn Navarro achieved 2 kills and 5 aces. CayLiyah Silva Kamae accomplished 4 aces. McKenzie Decoito made 2 kills and 1 ace. Aubrey Delos Santos-Graig slammed 2 kills.



Trojan Girls Volleyball Players are racking up kills and aces. Photo by Kamamalu Kauwe

On Monday, Oct. 7, Ka 'Umeke comes to Ka'ū with start time of 10 a.m. Ka'ū travels to Hilo on Saturday, Oct. 12 and again to Pāhoā on Monday, Oct. 13. Kamehameha comes to Ka'ū on Wednesday, Oct. 16, followed by Big Island Interscholastic Federation playoffs.

## Girls Basketball Coach Needed

A Trojans Girls Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 season is needed. Candidates must have some Basketball Experience and the drive to work with young student athletes. If interested or need more information, contact Athletic Director Jaime Guerpo at Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary School, 96-3150 Pikake St. in Pāhala. Call the office at 808-313-4161 or Guerpo's cell at 808-289-3472.



Ka'ū Trojan cheerleaders, l-r, Ashlyne Bivings, Kyra-ann Jacobson-Ebanez, Talia Wirtz, Joslynn Eder, Baylee Roberts, Shanea Lei Calumpit, Rojelin Capueta, Krystal Eder, Kalia Grace, Kaydence Ebanez-Alcosiba, Chazzlyn Mukini, Jasmin Sanchez, Kayla Demler, Tia Smith, Laci Ah Yee, Hokulani Carriaga-Pascual, Vivienne Robben, Lina Kolosova and Patricia Robben. Photo by Lilyana Haina

## Trojan Cheerleaders Come out Big for Ka'ū Football

Ka'ū Trojan Cheerleaders came out to lift spirits at the football games.

Head Coach is Karma Hanshew. Assistant Coach is Jaime Kaluau. Cheer volunteer is Lilyana Haina.

The squad is comprised of Ashlyne Bivings, Kyra-ann Jacobson-Ebanez,

Talia Wirtz, Joslynn Eder, Baylee Roberts, Shanea Lei Calumpit, Rojelin Capueta, Krystal Eder, Kalia Grace, Kaydence Ebanez-Alcosiba, Chazzlyn Mu-



Cheer Coach Karma Henshew (center) Photo by Sunshine Calumpit

kini, Jasmin Sanchez, Kayla Demler, Tia Smith, Laci Ah Yee, Hokulani Carriaga-Pascual, Vivienne Robben, Lina Kolosova and Patricia Robben.

### Farm Dwelling Use, from pg. 1

finding when a dozen Hawai'i island landowners applied to rent out their farm dwellings as short-term vacation rentals. The Hawai'i Supreme Court unanimously upheld the LUC's thoughtful and well-reasoned decision."

The case is Rosehill v. State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission. The Rosehill plaintiffs are a collection of owners of high end vacation rentals on Hawai'i Island agricultural properties whose permits were denied.

Regarding the Court's ruling to generally defer to agencies when interpreting ambiguous laws, the Supreme Court justices said they disagreed with a 2024 U.S. Supreme Court case that overruled the 40-year-old case of Chevron U.S.A.,

Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., which also involved the expertise of agencies.

A statement from the AG gave detail: "The County of Hawai'i has an ordinance that generally prohibits short-term vacation rentals in the agricultural district. In 2020, both the County of Hawai'i and certain owners of land in the agricultural district of the County of Hawai'i petitioned the state Land Use Commission (LUC) for declaratory orders regarding the legality of this prohibition under state law.

"The LUC held that a short-term vacation rental is not a permitted use of a farm dwelling in the agricultural district. On appeal, the Hawai'i Supreme Court agreed with the LUC, holding that a farm dwelling may not be used as short-term vacation rentals because 'short-term vacation rentals undermine' agricultural purposes. In making this decision, the Hawai'i Supreme Court expressly deferred to the LUC's interpretation of ambiguous Hawai'i law, stating: "In Hawai'i, we defer to those agencies

with the na'auao (knowledge/wisdom) on particular subject matters to get complex issues right."

In making this decision, the court also expressly disagreed with the reasoning of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2024 decision of Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, Department of the Attorney General which overruled longstanding principles of federal judicial deference to agency interpretation of statutes.

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# KA'Ū SPORTS REPORT

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## Quarterback 'Diya' Sets New State & Trojan Football Records

Quarterback Adahdiyah Ellis-Reyes set new statewide and Trojan records when Ka'ū High football team traveled to Honoka'a last month to take on the Dragons. He received recognition on the statewide KHON Channel 2 television show called *Cover 2*.

Ellis-Reyes and the Trojans played

very hard throughout the game but ended up losing 64-32, reports Assistant Coach Mark Peters. Even with the loss, Ellis-Reyes achieved another epic career best performance to lead the Trojan team. He carried the ball 40 times for a total of 351 yards and 4 touchdowns. The 40 carries in a game ties the school record held

by Zach Kai. The 351 yards sets a new school record in 11-man football (Bobby Pilanca-Emmsley had 400 yards or more 3 different times in 8-man football).

The 351 yards rushing was found to be the 4th best ever in Hawai'i state high school history for 11-man football. Peters notes that "Diyah also completed 10 passes for 216 yards and one touchdown. Diyah's 567 yards of total offense sets a new school record for 11-man football. On defense, Ellis-Reyes also led the team with 6 tackles including creating a fumble by ripping the ball from a Honoka'a ball carrier."

Peters comments, "What an amazing performance by Diyah. He is such a great player who represents our community every week on the field and is one of the best players on the Island. But, he did not accomplish this by himself. A lot of players helped him achieve this success with their blocking and catching. We have a great mix of some experienced players and some young players getting exposed to football for the first time."

Head coach Conner Norton states, "While this was not the outcome we were looking for, I was very proud of the way our team played hard for the whole game



Ka'ū quarterback Adahdiyah Ellis-Reyes scrambles for yardage in the battle against Kamehameha. Photo by Tim Wright



Ka'ū Trojan Isaiah Manila-Louis goes airborne for a deep pass with Kamehameha's Kainalu Kaku rising to stop it during a September game on Warriors home turf. Photo by Tim Wright

and continued to improve." In October, the Trojan football team will play Kohala on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Ka'ū goes to Hawai'i Preparatory Academy on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Kamehameha comes to Ka'ū on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Honoka'a travels to Ka'ū on Saturday, Oct. 26, followed by BIIF Division Championships.

Athletic Director is Jaime Guerro. Head coach is Connor Norton. Assistant Coach is Mark Peters.

Coaching staff includes Greg Rush, Ray Mayzack, Duane Pua, Time Drafaul, Ted Blanco and Walter Parada. Athletic Trainer is Moses Whitcomb.

## Ka'ū Coffee Run Draws Local, International Winners

Ka'ū Coffee Trail Runners described the September course as beautiful, with competitors running as far as 50K through coffee orchards into the rainforest up Wood Valley Road.

Sean Warner of Pepeekeo won the 50K in 4:59, followed by Ryan Cochran of Volcano in 5:38:03, Adam Adler of Hilo in 6:31:59 and David Bozarth of Kealakekua in 6:33:06.

The 50K women's winner was Leah Stickels of Kailua in 6:38:29, followed by Wendy Neupauer of St. Louis Park in 6:29:24, Jolene Giles, of Lahaina in 7:18:43 and Kristi Ota of Kihei in 9:27:50.

Top Half-Marathon male finisher from Ka'ū-Volcano was Lyman Perry of Volcano who took second overall in 2:10:45. Morgan Gerdale of Volcano took sixth overall in 2:19:18. Another top finisher from Ka'ū was Elton Wilson of Ocean View in 2:50:42.

Daniel Hill of Waikoloa won the men's Half-Marathon in 1:55:43. Third was Sean Bingham of Pearl City in 2:14:34. Fifth was Tim Heaton of Kealakekua in 2:47:17.

Top Half-Marathon woman finisher from Ka'ū was Michelle Chacon of Pāhala in 2:56:32. Another Ka'ū finisher was Yuko White of Ocean View in



First lap completed for this 50K runner as others finish the 5K on Saturday at Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run. Based at Ka'ū Coffee Mill, it is a fundraiser for 'O Ka'ū Kākou. It also features a 10K and Half-Marathon. Photos by Julia Neal

3:24:18.

County Councilwoman Ashley Kierkiewicz of Kea'au finished the Half-Marathon in the 30-39 division in 4:08:44.

The women's Half Marathon was taken by Cora Olson of Temont, MN in 2:20:25, followed by Sahe Massie of Pepeekeo in 2:20:25, Blair Southworth of Mountain View in 2:44:23, Tamara Hynd of Kamuela in 2:45:32 and Candus Debus of Pāhoa in 2:47:17.

Top male finisher in Ka'ū in the 10K was John Desfor of Ocean View in 57:35 who took first in the 20-29 division. Drew White of Ocean View in the 50-59 division finished in 1:22:07. Joe Kent of Volcano in the 30-39 division finished in 1:25:12.

John Kolander of Kailua-Kona won



County Councilwoman Ashley Kierkiewicz of Kea'au completes the Half-Marathon.

the 10K in 44:05, followed by Sean LePouttre of Kailua-Kona in 47:25, Caitlyn Tateishi of Pāhoa in 49:1 and Joel Andrychowiz, of San Diego in 50:04.

Top women 10K finishers from Ka'ū were Nā'ālehu residents Christie Nitttrouer in 1:03:28 and Anjolie Morales in 1:04:01. Volcano finishers were Ellen Dunkle in 1:28:39 and Jennifer Harshorn in 1:29:19, both from Hawai'i National Park.

The 10K winner was Caitlyn Tateishi of Pāhoa in 49:16, followed by Carrie Kaare of Pāhoa in 52:16, Kaylee Wooten of Vancouver, WA, in 56:54, Hollie Saplan of Hilo in 58:42 and Ellen Cordeiro of Hilo in 58:43.

Five Ka'ū residents won their age group divisions in the 5K. In the 40 to

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50K wahine winner Leah Stickels, of Kailua, in the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run on Saturday.



Michelle Chacon, of Pāhala, was top woman finisher in Ka'ū for the Half-Marathon. Photo by Laura Diaz



Medals for local finishers at the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run for Kaweni Ibarra and Jaysha Alonzo-Estrada.

# KA'Ū SCHOOL & YOUTH

## Ka'ū Represented at Native Hawaiian Convention in Kona

Cultural practitioners and dancers are among those from Ka'ū at the Native Hawaiian Convention, sponsored by the the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement in September.

Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder who attended with Hālau Hula 'O Leionānani members, said the Ka'ū contingent represented this district "very proudly." The contingent included Arabella Ortega, Khloe Moses, Leiahi'ena

Ka'awa and Kahea Wong Yuen.

Ryder said she invited Kumu Nohea Ka'awa to also join the hālau to chant and sound with the ipu. Ryder said she personally did not grow up here and turned to Ka'awa, a native of Ka'ū, to help to represent the district.

Joining the hālau to kōkua were hālau family members Lauren Wong Yuen, Kamalani Wong Yuen, Tyra Wong Yuen, Laurie Ortega and Jack



All from Ka'ū, Arabella Ortega, Khloe Moses, Nohea Ka'awa, Kumu Debbie Ryder, Leiahi'ena Ka'awa and Kahea Wong Yuen at the Native Hawaiian Convention for the Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement at Hilton Waikoloa Village where the four young ladies and their Kumu performed and participated in sessions.

Photo Lauren Wong Yuen

Moses.

The Ka'ū contingent also met with Kumu Hinaleimoana Kalu-Wong, cultural advisor to the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

The three-day event featured discussions and workshops on cultural perpetuation, lei, hula, land use, housing, fashion, tourism, education, and self-determination.

Leiahi'ena Ka'awa said she was enthusiastic about such sessions as Mo'olelo, with participants engaging to dissect and define a chant called Kaukahali'a, led by Luka Mossman and Kuha'o Zane.

Sessions were wide ranging and included a breakout entitled *Carrying Culture: Micronesia*, "to help participants understand and support people from the region of Micronesia, focusing on an overview of the region and culturally sustaining practices based on understanding key Micronesian cultural norms and delivering professional practices in ways that support those norms while promoting success."

Other sessions included *Uihā! The Cultural Impact of Paniolo* and *Hula: Hālau vs Show*. Another is A session called *Future of Our Lands* shared the 'ōlelo no'eau "He ali'i ka 'āina; he



Khloe Moses, Arabella Ortega and Kahea Wong Yuen with Kumu Hinaleimoana Kalu-Wong, a cultural advisor to Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. During the Native Hawaiian Convention in Waikoloa, Kalu-Wong referred to her family roots in Ka'ū.

Photo by Lauren Wong Yuen

kauwā ke kāne. The land is chief; a person is its servant." It's description went on to say, "Our kūpuna remind us that caring for the land is our kuleana, ensuring its resources sustain us. With growing threats to both land and people, what does effective aloha 'āina look like in today's world?"

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# Ka'ū Night Skies - October 2024

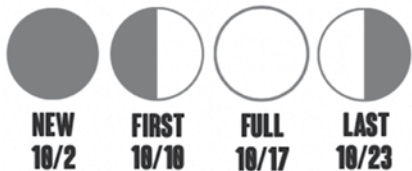
by Christopher Phillips

Astronomer, Resident of Volcano and Co-Host of *Stargazer* on Hawai'i Public Radio

During October, a few planets can be spotted during sunset, beginning with the planet Venus (Hokulua) which can be seen on the western horizon shortly after the setting Sun. Saturn (Naholoholo) can also be seen after sunset low in the eastern sky during twilight. Saturn will remain visible throughout the night. It is also quite bright, so easy to spot. Jupiter (Ikaika) will rise in the east before 10 p.m., followed by Mars (Hohoholopinaau) around midnight. Both planets are quite bright and should be visible right the way through till sunrise.

This month the Hawaiian starline

## OCTOBER MOON PHASES



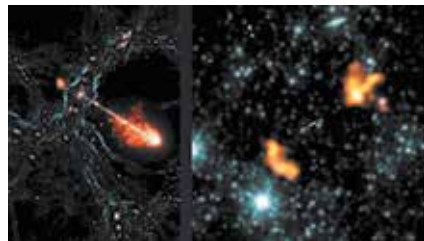
of Mānaiakalani becomes less prominent in our sky as we celebrate the arrival of Fall. It makes way for the starline of Kalupeokawelo which will come to dominate our skies over the next couple of months.

The starline of Kalupeokawelo, is known as The Kite of Kawelo, and it is composed of some asterisms (collections or patterns of stars) that may be familiar. The largest of these is the great square of Pegasus, which is the mythical winged horse of Greek mythology. This large formation of four bright stars is the body of the kite of Kawelo.

The four stars of the Great Square are named for Hawaiian chiefs; Keawe of Hawai'i Island, Pi'ilani of Maui, Kākuhihewa of O'ahu, and Manokalanipō of Kaua'i. From each corner star of the square we see celestial lines that are the guidelines of the kite. The lines are anchored in the northern sky to 'Iwakeli'i, the constellation of Cassiopeia with its distinctive 'W' shape. There is also Kamō'i, known as Cepheus the King in Greek mythology. In the southern sky they are held in place by Pi'ikea, Diphda; Kaikilani, Ankaa; Kalanikauleleaiwi, which is the bright blue giant star Achernar; Kūkaniloko, which is the star Fomalhaut; and Nālani, known as Alnair in Grus the Crane.

The story of the kite goes something like this. One day Kawelo watched his cousin Kauahoa releasing a kite into the sky. Kawelo, inspired by the kite riding on the winds, returned home and asked his grandparents for a kite of his own. They obliged and the next day he took to the skies with his kite, alongside his cousin Kauahoa. The two boys were competitive and both Kawelo's and Kauahoa's kites became entangled in the sky. During the fray the string holding Kauahoa's kite broke, and the kite came loose, landing somewhere in a distant forest.

To this day, near Koloa, is a place called Kaho'oleināpe'a in reference to Kauahoa's fallen kite. Kawelo and Kauahoa could have come to blows over the loss of the kite, which was arguably Kawelo's fault, but Kauahoa attributed the loss of the kite to the elements and was not angry at Kawelo. However, this apparent battle of kites was a powerful sign to those onlookers who witnessed the dramatic display. It was a sign that Kawelo's mana, or supernatural power, was greater than Kauahoa's.

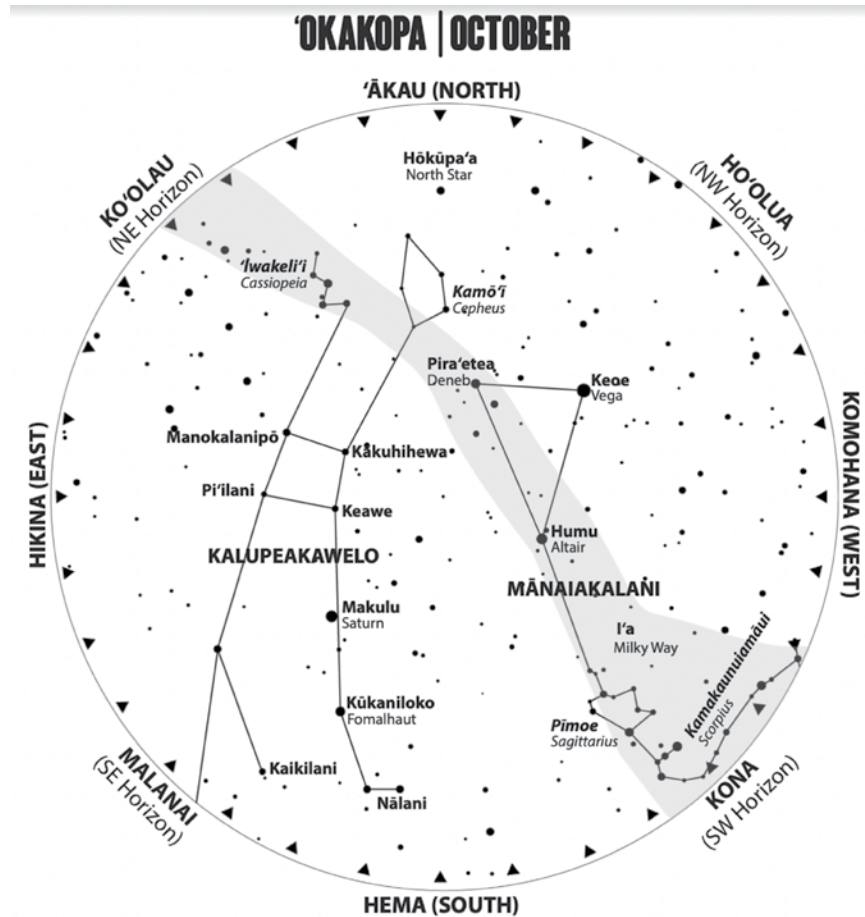


From left: Artwork and observation of black hole jets.

Image Credit: W.M. Keck Observatory

### Fountains of Fire

When we look up into our island skies on a dark, clear night, we see the bright band of the Milky Way galaxy extending from horizon to horizon. This river of light is composed of hundreds of millions of stars, all of which are part of the great spiral galaxy that we call home. At the center of our galaxy is one, or possibly more, supermassive black holes. These are the gravitational engines that drive the galaxy and give rise to its graceful and spectacular shape. Out there in the Universe there are other galaxies, galaxies in which there are far more dramatic views to behold and Big Island astronomers at the Keck observatory, atop Maunakea,



Sky Chart from 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i

have been the first to witness such a sight.

This spectacular sight is known as Porphyron, named after a giant in Greek mythology. It is so distant that the light from it has traveled over 7.5 billion years to reach us, and as a result we are seeing it as it was around 7.5 billion years ago. So what is Porphyron?

Porphyron is a pair of jets from supermassive black holes, these 'astrophysical jets' as they are known, are enormous, around 23 million light years across. That's 140 Milky Way galaxies back to back, a vast fountain of fire of mind-boggling size. The power of these jets is just as stunning as their size, with an equivalent power to that of trillions of suns. They erupt from the massive black holes and out into the cosmos. The galaxy from which they came cannot be seen; it is overwhelmed by the incredible power output from the dark engines within its core. These jets are so vast and energetic that it is thought that they are responsible for influencing the evolution of galaxies in the local Universe around them.

Thankfully these



Image credit: NASA JPL/Caltech

fountains of fire are confined to the early universe, and so our humble planet Earth is in no danger. However, it is a fascinating, and terrible reminder that the universe we live in is dominated by unimaginably powerful forces. Forces that are so great that they can shape the very universe around them. It is also a reminder that our existence is a result of the interplay of many of these forces. Not only are they capable of creating calamity in the cosmos, but they are also an important part of the circle of life in the universe, just as exploding stars (supernovae) are responsible for spreading the elements that make up life, and without them we wouldn't be here at all.

### Vote, from pg. 1

Republic Steve Bond, Libertarian Arron Toman and Nonpartisan Randall Kelly Meyer.

For U.S. President, current Vice President Kamala Harris, a Democrat, faces former President Donald Trump, a Republican, and other candidates for the four-year term.

For U.S. Vice-President, Tim Waltz, a Democrat, faces JD Vance, a Republican and other candidates.

The other Parties on the ballot for U.S. President and VP are Green Party with Jill Stein for President and Rudolph Ware for VP, Libertarian with Chase Oliver for President and Mike ter Maztt for VP, Party for Socialism and Liberation with Claudia De La Cruz for President and Karina Garcia for VP, and Solidarity Party with Peter Sonski for President and Lauren Onak for VP.

Two State of Hawai'i Constitutional Amendments are on the ballot. One, which seeks to protect same-sex marriage, asks: "Shall the state constitution be amended to repeal the legislature's authority to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples?" A second proposed constitutional amendment would make the

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE CENTER:** Finding Home, A Hawaiian Petrel's Journey with Caren Loebel Fried is Thursday, Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Attending with artist/author Caren Loebel-Fried, retired biologist PCSU/ Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Charlotte Forbes Perry, wildlife ecologist and certified conservation detection dog trainer and handler Dr. Michelle Reynolds, Hawai'i Wildlife Center Founder Linda Elliott and Development Director of HWC Rae Okawa. Donations appreciated. Free event. Park fees apply.

**ALOHA FRIDAYS AT VAC GALLERY:** Lei making with Kaipo Ah Chong. Friday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Tropical Agriculture farmer Kaipo Ah Chong, a member of Hālau Nā Kamalei, marries the science of agriculture with Hawaiian lei and hula traditions. Free cultural event part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Park fees apply.

**STEWARDSHIP AT THE SUMMIT** is Saturdays Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 8:45 a.m. - noon, meet near Kīlauea Visitor Center restrooms in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers help remove plant species that prevent native plants growth. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants. Bring hat, raingear, day pack, snacks and water. Gloves and tools provided. Under 18 years old require parental or guardian accompaniment or written consent. More at [https://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/summit\\_stewardship.htm](https://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/summit_stewardship.htm).

**KA'Ū HIGH TROJANS FOOTBALL GAMES** are Saturday, Oct. 5 when Ka'ū hosts Kohala, Saturday, Oct. 12 when Ka'ū goes to Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, Saturday, Oct. 19 when Ka'ū hosts Kamehameha, and Saturday, Oct. 26 when Ka'ū hosts Honoka'a.

**KA'Ū GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM GAMES** are Saturday, Oct. 5 when Ka'ū hosts Ka'ūmeke, Saturday, Oct. 12 when Ka'ū travels to Hilo, Monday, Oct. 13, when Ka'ū travels to Pāhoā and Wednesday, Oct. 16 when Kamehameha comes to Ka'ū. Big Island Interscholastic Federation playoffs follow.

**PHOTO ENCAUSTICS WORKSHOP** is Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Hands-on workshop with Mary Mileczek. Encaustic is a mixture of beeswax, damar resin and pigment, which is applied to a solid absorbent surface. To register, call Volcano Art Center at 808-967-8222 or visit [www.volcanoartcenter.org](http://www.volcanoartcenter.org). For more contact instructor at [artsasylum@gmail.com](mailto:artsasylum@gmail.com). Cost is \$70/\$65 for VAC members plus \$55 supply fee.

**PUBLIC MEETING FOR COMMUNITY INPUT** on proposed new Nā'ālehu wastewater system is Thursday, Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center, 95-5635 Māmalahoa Highway. Comment on Draft Environmental Information Document open through Oct. 21. Attending remotely available via Zoom: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16031058165>. Phone: 669-254-5252 (Meeting ID: 160 3105 8165). See draft of plan at [dem.hawaii.gov/projects](http://dem.hawaii.gov/projects) and at Nā'ālehu Public Library. Those not attending meeting can email comments to: [publiccomment@wilsonokamoto.com](mailto:publiccomment@wilsonokamoto.com).

**ALOHA FRIDAYS AT VAC GALLERY: DESIREE MOANA CRUZ** is featured Friday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. She shares traditional and contemporary dye processes and the use of repetitive symbolism featured in hula garments. She is an advocate for Hawaiian practitioners and a member of Hālau Na Kipu'upu'u of Waimea. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Park fees apply.

**BARK RANGER KAHUKU DAY** is Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Take the BARK Ranger pledge:

Bag your waste and remove it; Always on a leash; Respect wildlife; and Know where to go. Then, join BARK Ranger Sting and his human, Ranger Dean, for indulgent event in Kahuku. Kahuku entrance is located in Ka'ū near the 70.5 mile marker ma uka off Highway 11.

**ZENTANGLE® THE TANGLE NIAULANI SERIES TREASURE BAGS** with Dina Wood Kageler is Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Open to all levels. Cost is \$35/\$30 VAC members plus \$15 supply and facility fee. Register at <https://volcanoartcenter.org/events/registration-workshops-classes/>.

**HULA KAHIKO:** Featuring Hula Iwalani Kalima with Hula Hālau O Kou Lima Nani É is Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at kahua hula (platform) in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Hula Hālau O Kou Lima Nani É is from Keaukaha, Hilo. Their hula lineage is from Uncle George Lanakilakeiahiali'i Na'ope, a great master of Hula and Hawaiian Culture and co-founder of the "Merrie Monarch Festival." Part of Volcano Art Center's Hula Arts at Kīlauea performance series. Donations welcome. Free event. Park fees apply.

**EXHIBIT: ALL ABOUT THE VIEW BY JOHN DAWSON** is open daily through Sunday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. For more 808-967-7565 or email [sales@volcanoartcenter.org](mailto:sales@volcanoartcenter.org). Free event. Park fees apply.

**ALOHA FRIDAYS AT VAC GALLERY: 'UKULELE WITH WES AWANA** is Friday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Wes Awana offers family-friendly lessons on the iconic and inviting 'ukulele. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Programs. Park fees apply.

**LIVING HISTORY PLAY AT KAHUKU: NANI O KAHUKU** is Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Nani O Kahuku is a one-woman living history play adapted by Jackie Pualani Johnson from the diary of Hannah Pi'ilani Jones (Nani). Nani (portrayed by Alya-Joy Kanehailua) was the eleventh and youngest child of Kahuku Ranch owner from 1871-1887, George W.C. Jones. Kahuku entrance is located in Ka'ū near the 70.5 mile marker ma uka off Highway 11.

**EXHIBIT: TINY TREASURES** is open from Saturday, Oct. 19 - Sunday, Nov. 17 at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. For more information contact Emily C. Weiss at 808-967-7565 or email [sales@volcanoartcenter.org](mailto:sales@volcanoartcenter.org). Reception and exhibit are free. Park fees apply.

**VOLCANO ART CENTER TIME CAPSULE EVENT** is Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. "Grand Finale" of yearlong conclusion in celebration of the Volcano Art Center's (VAC) 50 years of existence.

**PAINTING DEMONSTRATION WITH LUTI CASTRO** is Thursday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Luti studied painting and woodwork at the Art Institute of Boston and at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Free event. Park fees apply.

**ALOHA FRIDAY AT VAC GALLERY: LAUHALA WEAVING WITH KUIUPO KALAHIKI-MORALES** is Friday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Visitors and kama'aina alike are invited to experience a free, hands-on workshop. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Free event. Park fees apply.

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## Lā'au Letters: Native Plants of Ka'ū

Welcome to *Lā'au Letters: Native Plants of Ka'ū*. Read about Ka'ū's native plants and their mo'olelo (stories), uses, preferred habitats, and opportunities to adopt them for stewardship. This column seeks to encourage making new plant friends and to reunite with others.



A'e (*Zanthoxylum hawaiiense*)

Art by Joan Yoshioka

### A'e (*Zanthoxylum hawaiiense*)

**Description:** It is a pleasure to share October's friend with you: meet a'e! A'e is also the featured plant for the 2024 Run For the Dry Forest, happening October 19th at Pu'uwa'awa'a, so you get two opportunities to get to know more about this amazing tree. If you have never participated in the run (or walk) before, I highly encourage you to check it out. You may even walk away with an a'e t-shirt (designed by Joan), a native plant, and a chance to see a'e in person!

A'e is a gorgeous endemic tree species in the Rutaceae or citrus family. This medium-sized tree most often grows to about 5-8m (16-25') tall and about 25cm (10") in diameter, though sometimes they can be much larger. A'e trunks are easily identifiable when walking through the forest - the pale and dark gray bark stands out among the rest. The opposite leaves are composed of 3 triangular-shaped leaflets that are a lovely shade of green. The leaflets can have a silver sheen to them from the fine hairs that grow on the surface. If you can get close enough, they are worth a sniff - a'e leaflets smell like lemon oil. A'e are dioecious, meaning all flowers on a tree are either male or female. They form in clusters of about 20 and have 4 greenish-white, triangular petals. Fruits are shaped like miniature lemons and contain a single seed. A'e are a magnificent sight to see in Hawaiian forests, but this and all *Zanthoxylum* species are endangered. Wildfires, habitat fragmentation, and invasive plants, rats, and ungulates put a'e more at risk for extinction everyday. Like many of the species I have introduced you to, these plants need help to ensure its persistence.

**Uses:** Beneath the gray bark of a'e lies a lovely hard wood that when ground down, yields a yellow dye. The dense wood was also useful in creating kua kuku (kapa beating boards) and i'e kuku (wooden kapa beaters), as well as 'ō'ō (digging sticks) and ō'ō 'ihe (throwing spears). I would imagine the lemony-scent yields some medicinal uses too, so if you know of any, please do share them! The fruits were likely a source of nutrition for the 'alalā (Hawaiian crow, now extinct in the wild), and possibly the 'ōma'o (Hawaiian thrush).

**Habitat:** A'e can be found at approximately 550-1,740m (1,800-5,700ft) elevation, growing on lava flows, dry forests, and mixed mesic forests - typically on the leeward sides of the islands. Formerly found on the islands of Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i, a'e populations have declined so much that it may be extirpated from Lāna'i and Kaua'i. It was no doubt much more common than it is today, but unfortunately a'e is becoming a rarity in native forests.

**Growing and Purchasing:** Because of its rarity, a'e is not used as an ornamental (but how great would it be if the State and County adopted a policy to plant uncommon native species into their grounds instead of things like autograph tree and non-native fan palms?!?!). If you would like to see a'e in its native habitat and learn more about this treasured tree, please visit Pu'uwa'awa'a this month. Hope to see you on the trail!

**About the artist:** Joan Yoshioka says she is a conservationist at heart and has dedicated her life to preserving the native plants and animals of Hawai'i through her work with federal, state, and private organizations over the past 30+ years. She describes herself as an outdoor-lovin' optimist, biologist/botanist, and habitual creator of art-stuff. She says the key to our most fundamental and truest part of ourselves is found in nature and she constantly draws on it for inspiration.



Joan Yoshioka

**About the author:** Jodie Rosam says she has a deep love for native plants and a passion for exploration, with over 15 years of experience in working in the restoration of Hawai'i's forests. As a mother and an educator, she says the next generation has the power to lead the world to a sustainable future, and is committed to teaching her children (and others) from a place-based perspective.



Jodie Rosam

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contact Nona Makuakāne at the Ka'ū District Gym.



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**VOLCANO ART CENTER'S SPOOKY TRAIL** is Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26 from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wear your favorite Halloween costume to Spooky Trail at Volcano Art Center's Haunted Forest. Adventure begins with tour of Halloween Village, then into the Haunted Forest. Bring your own flashlight. Cost \$5 per person. At least one adult per family. Children under 5 free. Register at <https://volcanoartcenter.org/classes-and-workshops/purchase-tickets-to-vac-events/>.

**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: PHOTOGRAPHER STAN HONDA** event is Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Honda photographs significant historical events, human interest stories and compelling night skies. Kahuku entrance is located in Ka'u near the 70.5 mile marker mauka off Highway 11.

**FOURTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT IN KAHUKU** is Sunday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Find the items on your bingo card and return to Visitor Contact Station for treat bag provided by Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association. Costumes are encouraged! Event for kids and families. Kahuku entrance is located in Ka'u near the 70.5 mile marker mauka off Highway 11.

**HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY** Trunk or Treat is Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Ka'u District Gym parking lot. To host a "trunk" or tent and participate in the decoration contents, contact Nona Makuakane at Ka'u District Gym. Sponsored by Ka'u

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**HO'OKUPU HULA NO KA'U CULTURAL FESTIVAL**, Saturday, Nov. 2 at Ke Ola Pu'u honua next to Punalu'u Bake Shop in Nā'ālehu, free from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Organized by Debbie and Kawehi Ryder, it will feature emcee Kurt Dela Cruz, opening pule by Demetrius Oliveira and a ceremonial Ho'okupu at the Kuahu for participating halau, haumana and public. Ku'uipo Kumakahi & Friends perform at 10 a.m., Naoho Kanahele Kanakaole at 11 a.m., Hālau Na Pua O Uluhaimalama with Kumu Hula Emery Aceret at 1 p.m. Hālau Hula 'O Leionālani will dance at 2 p.m. and Moses Crabbe and Hālauokalani will perform at 3 p.m., followed by additional entertainment.

**KANANI A'O KA'U HEALTH FAIR** in Nā'ālehu, Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ke Ola Pu'u honua next to Punalu'u Bake Shop. Entertainment by Ku'uipo Kumakahi & Friends, and Hālau Hula 'O Leionālani with Debby Rider, Keiki & Opi'o. Opening pule will come from Jennine Helema. Guest speakers Malia Loqlao Sommers and Alexia Summers talk about Kupuna health and benefits from Medicare and insurance, and discuss maintaining hormonal balance through life's stages and through diabetes, weight gain, heart disease and other health issues. Presenters include Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, Ka'u Women's Health Collective for Home Birth, Lomilomi with Jaime Marie. Lā'au Lapa'au with Kawehi Ryder, Awa Trade Association with Todd Reily, Genealogy with Madeline Babs Brooks and Women's Recovery through AA and NA with Annie Ridgely.

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**'O KA'U KAKOU FOOD PANTRY** open Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m., Ka'u District Gym - Food Distribution Center in Pāhala, 96-1149 Kamani Street Pāhala. More at 808-938-5124.

**COOPER CENTER COMMUNITY PANTRY** open Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Cooper Center, 19-4030 Wright Rd Volcano. Closed on holidays. More at 808-967-7800.

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### New Hours at Nā'ālehu Hub

Nā'ālehu Resilience Hub Soup Kitchen hours have changed to Monday, Wednesday and Friday with lunches served 12:30 p.m. - 3 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help prepare and serve the food. Donations graciously received. Food served includes donations from local farms, including 'O Ka'u Kākou's community garden on Ulu Ka'u Farms.

Thrift Store hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. All donated proceeds from Thrift Store are used for soup kitchen-operations.

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October 2024

## Nā'ālehu: First Bon Dance Since Covid, Last of the Season

This island's last Bon Dance of the season happened with many people at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji in September. Taiko drummers called out "Ei Ya Sa" with signage and voice, meaning, "Yes, Now!"

Crowds circled the ceremonial tower and danced in the round



Hongwanji leader Wayne Kawachi, left, with a friend at the Bon Dance. Photos by Julia Neal

or Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. They were cosponsors of the event.

The celebration has been held annually in Ka'ū's old sugar towns by practicing Buddhists who invite their friends of all faiths from their community and around the island.

Obon festivities



People of all ages, faiths and ethnicities joined in the dance that celebrates the harvest.



Some colorful costumes flowed around the tower at the bon dance.

wearing everything from street clothes to kimono and hapi coats. Many wore headbands saying Pāhala Hongwanji

went from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with temple services followed by two taiko drumming presentations from Puna and Pāhala Hongwanji drumming groups, with the public dancing in the round.

Also offered were Okinawan donuts, sushi, ahi poke bowls,



Puna Taiko drummers came to Ka'ū for last Bon Dance of the season in September.

shave ice, desserts, as well as food and drink from two food trucks. On sale were head scarves with the names of Pāhala and Nā'ālehu Hongwanji, kimonos and kimono wraps and origami jewelry.

This was the first bon dance at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji since before the pandemic. Next year's dance will be held at Pāhala Hongwanji.

Nā'ālehu Hongwanji is the home of both Buddhist and Christian congregation. It hosts a food hub and feeds the community hot meals and distributes



Mika Davis and Rika Davis with kimono they bring from Japan, offering them to the public, along with kimono cloth and jewelry.

food boxes. There is also a thrift shop on the property.

People of all ages, faiths and ethnicities joined in the dance that celebrates the harvest.

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### Hawaiian Immersion, from pg. 1

ter School or other entity for the Hawaiian immersion school.

Moses said that the vision also includes growing kumu - teachers from within the community. "People who have some education can go back to school and we will help them so they can become kumu. Kupuna and others with Hawaiian language skills are invited to support the vision. People with other skills wanting to learn 'olelo Hawai'i can join us," said Moses.

Many wanting to volunteer and work at the new immersion school came to the meeting, a number of them talking to each other in Hawaiian. One of them already providing enormous help, said Moses, is Louisa Lee, director of operations of Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo - Ke Kula Ho'āmana 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, the Hawaiian immersion Charter School in Keaukaha. The school donated tables and chairs to the Wai'ōhinu effort and Lee is providing guidance in developing

the program and seeking funding.

The Wai'ōhinu immersion school group is looking for \$60,000 to \$100,000 for initial funding. A funding committee is meeting every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Kula and interested donors, fundraisers and volunteers are welcome to stop in. 'Iewe Hānau o ka 'Āina is the non-profit entity for donations. Another umbrella is 'O Ka'ū Kākou.

The group is planning an online auction in October. The old Ice House on the Shirakawa grounds may become a store to sell what is grown on the land and made by the students. Initially it will be used for yard sales and items for the auction. Community members are invited to donate items and volunteer at the store. Call Raylene A'uli Fujikawa Moses at 808-365-3788.

Leaders of the school project are Alaka'i: Raylene Auli'i Fujikawa Moses, Berkely Yoshida and Nohea Ka'awa. Advisors are Kehau Mauga and Louisa Lee. Parent Advocates are Wai'ala Ahn, Cadence Feeley and Miki Moses.

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## Kaupiko Family Effort to Ban Aquarium Fish Collecting Hits a Snag

The effort to ban aquarium fish collecting with the Kaupiko family of Miloli'i as lead plaintiffs, met an obstacle recently. In a four-one decision, Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled that the pet industry's environmental review of commercial aquarium fish collection in West Hawai'i is legally adequate. The ruling means the state Board of Land & Natural Resources may proceed with considering permits to reopen nearly the entire West Hawai'i coastline to commercial aquarium collection, which has historically stripped hundreds of thousands of native fish from Hawai'i's reefs each year.



Kole tang are prized traditional Hawaiian food. The fish suffers widespread aquarium collection in the state.

Photo by Victoria Martocci

The Court's ruling in Kaupiko v. BLNR effectively ends a de facto ban on commercial collection that has been in place since an earlier Supreme Court decision in 2017 mandated public disclosure and analysis of the aquarium pet trade's effects.

Willie Kaupiko, Ka'imi Kaupiko, Mike Nakachi, For the Fishes, the Center for Biological Diversity, and Kai



Moorish idols, very popular in the aquarium trade.

Photo by Zanclus Cornutus

Palaoa, represented by Earthjustice, filed suit in 2021 to enforce Hawai'i's environmental review laws after a Board tie vote resulted in default approval of the aquarium pet trade's second impact statement for West Hawai'i. The Board had previously rejected the trade's first attempt at an impact statement by a unanimous vote in 2020. The recent Supreme Court ruling upholds the trade's second impact statement.

"We believe in the power of the government to work together with our communities to find long-term and pono solutions for our fishery management issues," said Ka'imi Kaupiko. He has also advocated successfully alongside his neighbors and family to establish a community-based subsistence fishery area fronting their village in 2022. "But with the court's decision approving this impact statement, how can we ever be sure that these processes work for the people of Hawai'i and our future generations?"

In addition to challenging the industry's impact statement in court, several of the Kaupiko plaintiffs joined with others across Hawai'i last year to request that the Board ban commercial aquarium collection statewide through regulations. The Board unanimously approved the request last December but has not yet begun its formal public rule-making process.

"We are very concerned that today's ruling will open the floodgates to destructive levels of commercial aquarium harvesting in Hawai'i's waters," said Rene Umberger, Executive Director of For the Fishes. "Removing fish from our reefs, which face a host of other dangers from pollution to climate change, threatens the delicate ecology that depends on these aquatic species. It's disappointing that the court is upholding an insufficient environmental impact statement that fails to disclose and mitigate against known environmental consequences of this industry."

For decades, commercial aquarium fish collectors targeted West Hawai'i's vibrant waters for small reef fish, packaging the live fish in plastic bags for export to aquarium fish wholesalers and retailers across the continental United States. The court's approval of the industry's second impact statement effective-

ly allows the Board to resume issuing permits for commercial collection in West Hawai'i.

"The court's decision paves the way for the Board to make management decisions based on incomplete and faulty information, which undermines the purpose of Hawai'i's environmental review laws and the Board's public trust obligations," said Earthjustice attorney Ma-



An aquarium collector takes fish from a reef in Hawai'i.

Photo by Brooke Everett

hesh Cleveland. "We are disappointed by the decision but stand ready to make Aquarium Fish, pg. 15

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## Ka'ū Explorer Experiences Native American Blue Water Exchange

Blue Water Exchange recently welcomed Chelsalynn Kobzi, of Ka'ū, to a six-month cultural exchange program that involved traveling to Native American lands and hosting young adults from Moloka'i,

ceremony on their ancestral lands, where the sand sparkled of fools gold. We were able to learn how to make pine needle baskets. We worked with the youth in their community garden, and had the privilege of riding in kayaks with youth to identify invasive species at Lake Tahoe."

crawled up my legs while I was mesmerized with my project. Normally I would be scared. It did feel weird but they felt harmless and curious."

She said the group was "privileged enough to be able to cool off in their beautiful river where I met Whale Rock and Grandmother Rock."

*Blue Water Exchange, pg. 15*



Blue Water Exchange group that visited here and traveled to California tribal areas for cultural exchange. Top row: Aspen Carrillo from Carson City, NV's Washoe/Paiute tribe; Wayson Josue from Waianae on O'ahu; Kailee Layaoen from Galt, CA; and Josue Canizales from San Bernadino, CA. Bottom row: Sierra Fata from Pago Pago, American Samoa; Chelsalynn Kobzi from Kahuku in Ka'ū; Athena Sabaria from Oakland, CA and Jessica Parker from Moloka'i.

*Photo from Blue Water Exchange*

American Samoa, Waianae on O'ahu, Oakland, Sacramento, San Bernadino in California, and Carson City in Nevada. The first five months were connecting on zoom and in workshops. They were followed by the eight young adults spending a month in the areas of Lake Tahoe, Fortuna, Meyers and Humboldt, California where they met with native American tribes - the Washoe, the Miwuk, the Karuk, and the Wiyot.

Kobzi said that when visiting the Washoe, "we had a beautiful cultural

She said the Miwuk shared their ancestral lands in the El Dorado hills of California where the temperature reached almost 100 degrees in the day. She said the Blue Water group learned to make cordage out of milkweed. They also made pine nut bracelets beginning with the nuts still in the shell and lightly roasted. "We shaved the nuts till the seed was exposed." She said that "tiny wolf spiders

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## Ka'ū Hospital's Sports Cardiology Offers Guidance

The sports cardiology department of Ka'ū Hospital, which is headquartered in Hilo, came to Ka'ū in September to meet with athletes and everyone who wants better heart health through fitness. Representatives of the group, including sports cardiology doctor Thomas Sawyer, MD, FACC, set up at the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run at Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

According to the team, the Sports Cardiology program is the only one in the state dedicated to the care of the athlete's heart. It offers screening, evaluation, and treatment to high school, college, professional, masters, tactical, and recreational athletes at all levels of ability and stages of life.



Sports Cardiology Program, a Department of Ka'ū Hospital, at the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run to meet athletes and others of all ages planning to improve fitness through sporting activities.

Photo by Julia Neal

"We work with every athlete individually to understand their unique goals

and needs and provide targeted evaluation and treatment recommendations to enhance performance and safety," says literature about the Sports Cardiology Program.

"All patients receive a detailed medical and athletic history, physical examination, and ECG. Further testing and treatment is tailored to the specific needs of each athlete. Advanced diagnostic techniques such as echocardiography (including 3D imaging), stress testing, coronary angiography, cardiac MRI or CT, extended rhythm monitoring, and genetic testing are available as necessary." See more at <https://tinyurl.com/2hbnvneh>.

## Fentanyl Task Force Reaches out to Ka'ū

Hawai'i Island Fentanyl Task Force representatives came to Pāhala in October to educate folks about the drug becoming a problem with kupuna, as they deal with the aches and pains of growing older. Andi Pawasarat-Losario, who is Executive Director of Bridge House, and her sister and nurse Haile De la Torre talked to residents in

front of Mizuno Superette about fentanyl.

The sisters also gave out free Narcan units that can be used during a fentanyl overdose. They said they empathize with families who have drug problems since they have experienced the challenge in their own family.

They noted that Hawai'i Island suffers fentanyl overdose death every seven days, with the numbers totaling 52 in 2023. They said that fentanyl is the number one cause of death for Americans, ages 18-45 and is growing in the kupuna population.

See more on Hawai'i Island Fentanyl Task Force at [www.hiff.org](http://www.hiff.org).

Learn about the Bridge House at <https://bridgehousehawaii.org/>.



Sister volunteers for fentanyl education Haile DeLa Torre, RN and Andi Pawasarat-Losario, CSAC.

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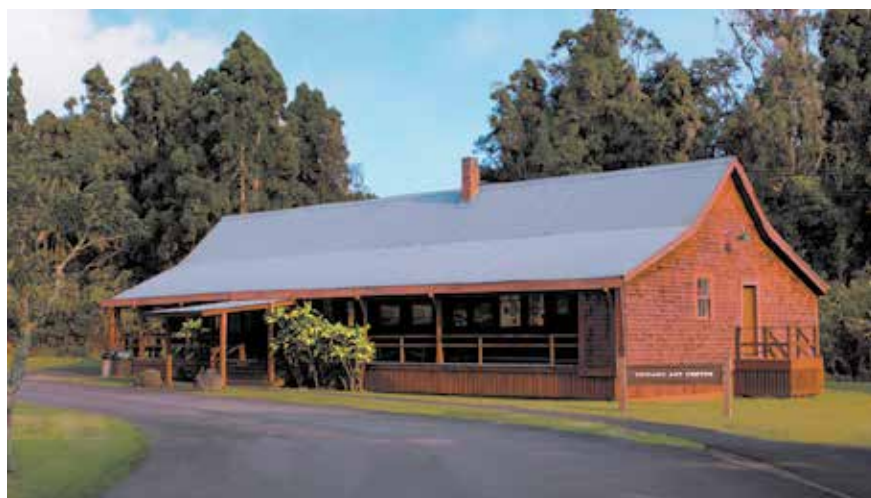
## Tiny Treasures: Volcano Art Center to Celebrate 50 Years

Volcano Art Center announces return of the Tiny Treasures Invitational Exhibition to its gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park from Oct. 19 through Nov. 17. This small works, group exhibition will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with an opening reception on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. While the exhibit is free, park entrance fees do apply.

This year's exhibition also celebrates the 50th anniversary of Volcano Art Center, officially incorporated on Oct. 21, 1974.

Invited jewelry artists including Daniel Rokovitz, Stone O'Daughery, Pat Pearlman, and Bill Dement will present unique, hand crafted designs, some embellished with sapphires to help celebrate this milestone. Their works will be highlighted against wood designs of Karen and Mark Stebbins of Big Island Engraving.

Also on display will be small works from the annual Volcano Art Collaboration which took place in June at VAC's Niaulani Campus. That event was attended by nine participating artists including Rose Adare, Nash



Volcano Art Center will celebrate 50 years of art and culture with a Tiny Treasures show, its opening reception on Saturday, Oct. 19 and continuing through Nov. 17.

## Input Sought on Toughening Electric Service in Park

Making the electrical line system more resilient to extreme weather within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a plan that welcomes public input. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Hawaiian Electric seek comment on an environmental assessment of a proposed electrical line relocation project. It would relocate sub-transmission electric utility poles and power lines between Pi'i Mauna Drive and the Hilo-side park boundary near Old Volcano Road.

lic scoping for Phase 3 were considered for the environmental assessment.



Phase 1 and 2, completed in 2020, included the area between the Kīlauea Switching Station outside the Ka'ū-side boundary to Pi'i Mauna Drive within the park.

The Park and Hawaiian Electric state that existing poles and lines are located along a corridor within hazardous terrain, including earth cracks and lava tubes with maintenance and repairs difficult and unsafe, says the EA.

HVNP worked with HECO and Tetra Tech, Inc. to develop and analyze alternatives, develop mitigation measures, and conduct consultations. Two main actions proposed are to relocate existing power line by installing new poles and transmission and distribution lines along 2.6 miles of Highway 11 and to remove and/or decommission approximately 2.6 miles of existing poles and transmission and distribution lines within the current power line alignment in HVNP.

The park encourages input during the 30-day comment period through Oct. 23. Visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Phase3> for project information and to submit comments online. Email comments to [havo\\_planning@nps.gov](mailto:havo_planning@nps.gov). Mail hard copy to 3400 Phase 3 Power Line Relocation, P.O. Box 52, Hawai'i National Park, HI 96718-005. Comments must be submitted online, via email, or postmarked by Oct. 23, 2024 to be considered.

Adams-Pruitt, Lisa Louise Adams, Ed Clapp, Amy Flanders, Bill Hamilton, Liz Miller, Joe Laceby and Erik Wold. In the spirit of the collaborations event, the artists created multiple unique mixed media pieces incorporating wood, glass, metals and ceramics.

A statement from VAC says, "Please visit this unique collection of

small works of art and help VAC celebrate its many years of providing art and culture to our community." The exhibit will also be available for viewing on VAC's website [volcanoartcenter.org](http://volcanoartcenter.org) upon opening. For more information contact Emily C. Weiss at (808) 967-7565 or email [sales@volcanoartcenter.org](mailto:sales@volcanoartcenter.org).



## VAC Spooky Trail in Haunted Volcano Forest

Families and individuals are invited to wear Halloween costumes to the Spooky Trail at Volcano Art Center's Haunted Forest from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 25 and 26. The adventure begins with a tour of the Halloween Village, then a tour ghoul will lure attendees into the Haunted Forest. Bring flashlight. Cost is \$5 per person, (at least one adult per family). Free for children 5 and under. Sign up at [volcanoartcenter.org](http://volcanoartcenter.org) or call 808-967-8222.

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**Exhibit: Tiny Treasures- October 19 - November 17 at VAC gallery in HVNP**

**Exhibit: All About The View by John Dawson continues through October 13th at VAC Gallery in HVNP**

**10/3 - Thursday Night at the Center: Finding Home, A Hawaiian Petrel's Journey presentation with Caren Loebel Fried**

**10/5 - Photo Encaustics Workshop with Mary Mileczik**

**10/7 - 10/11 - Liko A'e Fall Camp**

**10/12 - Zentangle: with Dina Wood Kageler**

**10/12 - Hula Kahiko in HVNP**

**10/19 - VAC Time Capsule Event**

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**Blue Water Exchange, from pg. 12**

When visiting the Karuk, said Kobzi, “we were able help restore beaver dams, and identify different species of salmon. We had fun working together with the cross nets to catch baby fish.” She said they also learned about “cultural fires and the importance of traditional burns which is making a comeback” in mitigating wildfires. Kobzi said, “Traditionally it was women who gathered seeds before the burns. And it was they who started them. Some plants need fire to make good weaving material for baskets.”

When visiting with the Wiyot, Blue Water Exchange guests received traditional meals at a tribal reservation called Table Bluff. She said the team learned how to measure tall Redwood trees with lasers and learned of invasive fish. She also camped for three nights with employees of the Six Rivers National Forest and U.S. Forest Service. She said there was no phone and wifi

service, but there were bears, mountain lions, poison oak and poison ivy. “We did hikes, grass identification and seed harvesting. We swam in the river...so cold and refreshing.”

Kobzi was able to welcome the group to Hawai‘i Island, “where I had the opportunity to share my beautiful home with my new found friends. We spent five days with James Akau at Kahuku Ranch. We had the opportunity to help rebuild rock wall at Kawā, listen to stories from elders of Ka‘ū. We did invasive species clean up and native planting at Ka‘iholena with The Nature Conservancy.”

Blue Water Exchange spent a few days at Kīlauea Military Camp cabins for a few hikes and met with Mauna Kea Water Alliance. “We had makawalu workshops and mo‘olelo workshops. We also did a very unique, diverse cultural ceremony for tutu Pele, which made it such a manaful experience, especially being a well seasoned hula



dancer of Hālau Hula o Leionalani with Debbie Ryder,” said Kobzi.

The group spent the last week in O‘ahu attending a conservation conference. “It was inspirational to see such young youth so confident in knowing how to strengthen their communities and ‘āina. We learned to make lauhalu mats with tutu Lorna Pacheco. We worked on a invasive rhino beetle larvae removal with Kanaloa, we planted wetland taro with aunty Donnie and uncle Wally in the valleys of Ioleka‘a.”

Kobzi said she stayed an extra day to fulfill a life long dream of go-

ing to the Bishop Museum to see the rich history. “And spent relaxing moments with my new friends on the shore of Kula‘ila‘i in Waianae. It was a life changing experience that needs to be shared with the world...and I hope a few other kids from Ka‘ū can have the opportunity one day.”

Read more about Blue Water Exchange program at <https://sites.google.com/bluwaterexchange.org/program/home?authuser>.

**Aquarium Fish, from pg. 11**

our case to the Board that the industry’s plans for reopening collection in West Hawai‘i are deeply flawed, and that permits must be denied.”

Meanwhile, DLNR has continued



Achilles tang are often collected for the aquarium trade. Photo from Waikiki Aquarium to push forward with commercial collection permitting. In late August, the Board was poised to approve terms and conditions for eventual permits, but the Board’s decision was contested by West Hawai‘i community members, effectively halting any Board decision on permits until the contested proceeding is resolved. The public provided

overwhelming testimony against the permitting proposal, and the Board will ultimately decide, after further public input, whether to grant or deny the community’s contested case request and any permits.

“Ending this collection ban leaves Hawai‘i’s delicate reef fish completely exposed to the dangerous whims of a pet industry that couldn’t care less about their wellbeing,” said Maxx Phillips, Hawai‘i director and attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity. “This decision jeopardizes the fragile balance of our reef ecosystems. We’ll keep fighting these permits and working to make sure that Hawai‘i’s marine wildlife is protected for future generations.”

**Vote, from pg. 7**

selection process of district court judges the same as other judges.

Three Hawai‘i County Charter Amendments are on the ballot. One asks, “Shall the Hawai‘i County Charter be amended to provide that any vacancy on the County Council that occurs or exists after a person was duly elected to fill that seat for the upcoming Council term shall be filled by that duly elected successor for the remainder of the unexpired term?” The second asks, “Shall the Hawai‘i County Charter be amended to require the Mayor to ap-

point department heads within 30 days of the start of each mayoral term and within 60 days for any vacancy in office that occurs during the mayoral term?” The third asks, “Shall the Hawai‘i County Charter be amended to increase the term length for members of the Cost of Government Commission from 11 to 22 months and extend the deadline for the Commission to submit its report from 11 months after appointment to 20 months after appointment?”

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**Ka‘ū Coffee Run, from pg. 5**

49 male division, Matthew Patrick of Hawai‘i National Park won in 37:32. In the 20-29 female division, Mekhia Desfor won in 41:40. In the 70 and older men's division, Clement Hirae of Pāhala, won in 45:38. Nadine Ebert of Punalu‘u won the 70 and older female division in 1:39:31. In the male 19 and under division Kaiden Kaluahine-Salmo of Pāhala won in 46:57. In the female 19 and under, Nia Pule of Nā‘ālehu won in 1:32:15.

Among the local women, Jaysha Alonzo-Estrada of Pāhala finished in the 20-29 division with 59:29 and Tiffany Clark of Nā‘ālehu finished in the 30-39 division in 1:32:13. Jessica Gerdel of Volcano finished in the 40-49 division in 56:36 and Marie Hernandez of Nā‘ālehu finished in 59:25. Kathy Baxter of Ocean View finished in the 50-59 division in 45:38. Shirley Sarbay of Volcano finished in 1:22:04.

Among the local men in the 5K, Kaweni Ibarra of Pāhala finished in 59:16 and Noeau Pule of Nā‘ālehu finished in 1:32:14.

Nick Muragin of Hilo won the 5K in 23:05, followed by Collin Saxby of Kailua-Kona in 25:21, Gary Beuschel of Papaaloa in 29:13 and Naga Nakata of Pāhoa, in 30:21 and Dylan Garrison of Pāhoa in 36:41.



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There is much left to be done. We need to make health care more accessible to all who need it, no matter where you live. We need to keep supporting our schools and the teachers and staff who inspire our next generation. And we need to protect our heritage, culture, and those things that make Ka'ū so special.

I would be honored to keep working for you in the Hawai'i State Senate. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve as your Senator.



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