



Aloha LKOC members and supporters,

We are excited to announce that we are collaborating with the Kailua Historical Society who has agreed to publish the history of our branch as part of their “**Kailua Way Back When...**” pamphlet series. These will be available for a nominal purchase price at various locations in Kailua, where proceeds will go to the Kailua Historical Society. Our 70-plus year history is quite remarkable, and we hope you will enjoy our story. Here is a snippet.

***“Kailua Way Back When . . .The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Began
Keeping Kailua Clean, Green and Beautiful”***

In May 1948, long before the Pali Tunnels made daily commuting from downtown Honolulu to the Windward side feasible, a small group of women gathered in the sleepy beach town of Kailua (population 3,619) to organize the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle. More soon joined them and the Circle grew to more than 200 members within a few years. Thus began their more than 70-year history of planting trees in neighborhoods, fostering environmental and educational outreach, and protecting the scenic, natural, and cultural resources that define the community of Kailua....In 1948, much of Kailua had no improved sidewalks and little street tree planting. So LKOC took on the project of raising funds to build a sidewalk in downtown Kailua (a remarkable \$3000 at the time) and began planting trees in Coconut Grove and Kainalu Tract. This was just the beginning of their long history of spearheading planting projects to beautify Kailua.”

In the past year, COVID restrictions have placed a heavy burden on all of us, but LKOC and its amazing volunteers have been able to continue their important work in Kailua, in large part due to your past financial support. With this in mind, I would like to appeal to you to consider making a donation to our branch to help fund the many on-going projects we are involved in, including the landscape maintenance of multiple public spaces in Kailua and the preservation of Kawainui Marsh. Despite the cancellation of our yearly major fundraiser, the “*I Love Kailua*” Town Party, both this April 2021 and last year as well, we remain committed to these efforts. By supporting our work, you will be contributing to the sustainability of LKOC’s present and future needs, as well as the livability of this singularly special community that we all call home. Any gift, large or small, would be so appreciated!

Mahalo from all of us at LKOC.
Diane Harding, LKOC President

Exceptional Monkeypod Trees Receive Their Trimming

In 2000, the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) began the process of trying to exceptionalize the monkeypod trees at the Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC) in Kailua. Finally, in November 2001, three trees were accepted for inclusion on the State of Hawaii Exceptional Tree Register by the Honolulu City & County Arborist Advisory Committee. At that time, noted arborist from Trees of Hawaii, Inc., Abner Undan said the girth of one of the trees at WCCC was bigger than “the granddaddy monkeypod at Moanalua Gardens!” Abner has been the arborist that LKOC uses to prune the trees every two to three years since 2002, and he has also been doing the maintenance on the Moanalua monkeypod tree for the same amount of time. So,



Trees of Hawaii, Inc. crew arriving for tree pruning

he knows his monkeypod trees. Exceptional tree status gives trees protection from being cut down or harmed, but it also requires that they be properly maintained to stay on the register. So LKOC made the commitment 20 years ago to provide maintenance for the trees to ensure they would be protected. The latest tree trimming at WCCC by Abner Undan and his crew occurred the first week of March 2021 and was funded by LKOC.

Big trunk of an exceptional monkeypod



Monkeypod trees were introduced into Hawai’i in the 1850s. The WCCC monkeypod trees are well over 100 years old. These trees are exceptional in size and beauty. They vary in height from 50 to 60 feet, have trunk diameters of about 90 inches, and have canopies that are more than 100-feet in width. All the trees have been rated in excellent condition. They are also doing their part to store and sequester carbon, produce oxygen, and intercept stormwater. Their leaves open out by day to screen the sun’s rays and then close at dusk shedding dew. They have pink leaves at the top in spring and flower from late spring to summer.



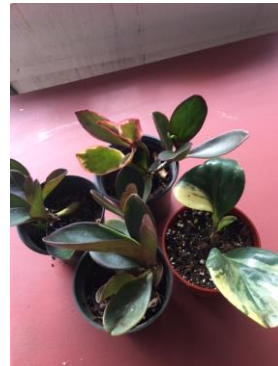
The WCCC monkeypod trees are not readily accessible for close-up viewing by the public since they are on the facility grounds. But if you are traveling towards Kailua on Kalaniana'ole Highway from Waimanalo, look over to the right and you can see two of the trees near the edge of the highway. Then you can marvel at the beauty of these exceptional trees!

Note: This article was part of a press release that was sent to the Windward O'ahu Voice (an insert in the MidWeek O'ahu newspaper) and appeared in the March 17, 2021 edition. <https://midweek.com/pdf/Windward/2021/0317/index2.html#p=4>



The Gardener's Corner

Paula Ress is a gardener who enjoys sharing clippings from her garden. You may have received some of her plants at past LKOC luncheons. Peperomia is a plant she enjoys because it comes in a lot of different sizes and colors. If you get one with red or white leaves, you have color without waiting for blooms. She says it is easy to propagate these plants by cutting off stems with a few leaves and sticking them in potting soil.



“I Love Kailua” Town Party & Spring Luncheon CANCELLED for the Second Year



Once again, LKOC must cancel the annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party as well as the Spring Luncheon due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors, volunteers, and all who support our Town Party. We hope that all will be well next year so we can continue our events which provide so much to our mission to keep Kailua a beautiful place for all. The voting for officers that usually takes place at our Spring Luncheon will be completed by mail-in ballot which is included in this newsletter.

**NOTICE OF ACTION BY BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS**

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the General Membership of the Lani-Kailua Branch of the Outdoor Circle (LKOC) will be electing its Board of Directors Officers via ballot for the year starting June 1, 2021. The ballot below is being solicited by the Board of Directors of LKOC for all members in good standing and shows the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee.

Twenty-five (25) members must respond and send in a ballot to reach a voting quorum. A majority (51%) of ballots received must show approval in order to validate the slate of officers shown.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE BALLOT FORM BELOW AND MAIL OR EMAIL SO IT IS RECEIVED BY **Friday, May 14, 2021.**

By order of the LKOC Board of Directors
Secretary Paula Ress

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominating Committee Candidate</u> OR <u>Other Candidate</u>	
President:	Diane Harding	_____
Vice President:	Teddi Baumgartner	_____
Treasurer:	Kathleen Bryan	_____
Assist. Treasurer:	Francine Mendes	_____
Recording Secretary:	Paula Ress	_____
Corresponding Secretary:	Nani Vermillion	_____
Nominating Committee:	TBD	_____
Advisor:	Margaret Brezel	_____
Advisor:	Leigh Prentiss	_____
Advisor:	Lyn Turner	_____
Advisor:	Claudia Webster	_____

Signing below indicates that you approve the above slate of officers. If you write in a candidate for an office, cross off the corresponding Nominating Committee Candidate. **Return this ballot by Friday, May 14, 2021.**

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print name and address:

Please mail your completed ballot to LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734 Attention: Secretary. You may also scan this ballot with your signature and other information completed and email to: Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

WCCC/LKOC Has an Angel Named Faith

The Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) has been able to make a thriving business out of their hydroponic lettuce-growing venture despite the facility being in lockdown due to COVID restrictions. The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) chairs of the WCCC Partnership are Terry Beuret and Ann Latham. They have spent countless hours getting this business to function more on its own and to have all the necessary tools they need. One of the last things they needed was a supply of decent sized and clean boxes to transport the lettuce to the Foodland Supermarket distributor. Each week, they would run around to various stores scrounging for boxes. Then one afternoon, Terry was at Target looking for boxes when she ran into this man who was standing beside these beautiful boxes. His name was Jimi Faith. He had moved to Kailua in 2007 when he purchased his Pepperidge Farm distributorship for the Windward side. Since then, he has filled stores with Pepperidge Farm cookies and goldfish from Kailua to Haleiwa. Faith has a giving heart and is always the first to volunteer to help anyone with anything. When he heard Terry's story, he graciously volunteered to donate boxes to LKOC. You might run into him helping at different non-profit fundraising events. You may also see him in the supermarkets and the mom-and-pop shops on the Windward side of the island. Stop and say Hi or honk and wave (if it will not be a distraction) when you see him driving by in his big white Pepperidge Farm truck.



Pepperidge Farm boxes holding
20 cases of WCCC lettuce



Jimi Faith and his
Pepperidge Farm truck



FLASHBACK

From the Windward Sun Press, May 13, 1981, **Study reveals historical tidbits**, by Peter Wolf, Assistant Publisher. [*A report that Windward Oahu could become a separate county independent of the City and County of Honolulu was started but not completed.*]

A report aimed at studying the feasibility of alternative governmental systems for Windward Oahu was never completed, but it does offer some interesting historical facts. Here are a few highlights.

*Kailua, formerly known as Kai Alua, was once the capital of Oahu. An 11th century king resided there.

*Mokapu, meaning sacred land, was the home of a 16th century king.

*Madame Pele, the goddess of fire and volcanoes, made her Oahu home at Ulu Pau, near Kaneohe.

*In 1937 the owners of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel decided to build a second resort at Kailua Beach, but local residents managed to win a case against the zoning and the hotel never came to be.

*In 1912, a wireless system with 40,000 feet of antenna and 440-foot towers (the second highest in the world at that time) was established at a rice plantation in Heeia to transmit messages nightly to San Francisco, 2,100 miles away, for 25 cents a word.

*Lanikai was once famous for watermelons.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Program Events 2021

The Programs Committee of LKOC has come up with a fantastic series of events for 2021. The presentations will be shown as Zoom meetings on the third Friday of the month beginning at 9:30 a.m. The events will be recorded so that you can view them later if you are unable to view at the scheduled time. You will receive emails once the recorded events are available for viewing. If the restrictions for COVID-19 are changed so that we can meet in person, we will send out email notices to alert you. Please let us know your email address so we can keep you informed of the events. Email: Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org

March 19, 2021: Easter Basket or Pot et Fleurs Class. Pam Ross, the LKOC event planner, gave a wonderful presentation on assembling an Easter basket or Pot et Fleurs (a style of flower arranging that combines potted plants and cut flowers). There was a full class, and all the baskets were beautiful. The participants can look forward to changing the cut flowers and bows to match the seasons. Pam showed examples of other pots including one with an orchid plant and herbs for use in the kitchen.



April 16, 2021: Haku Lei Wristlet. Renowned lei maker, Jean Kellerman, will show us how to assemble a haku lei wristlet. Pieces needed for the wristlet will be provided either by delivery or pickup.

May 21, 2021: Updated information on Hawai'i Green Growth. Celeste Connors, Executive Director of Hawai'i Green Growth, will update the conversation she had with us at our May 2018 luncheon meeting. We will learn what this hub of public-private partnerships has been doing to advance its economic, social, and environmental goals. In 2018, this organization was young and just beginning to make inroads into its stated mandate. Celeste will talk us through a video of accomplishments and share plans for what lies ahead.

June 18, 2021: Lei Making with the Much-Maligned He'e Berry. Hillary Aipa, halau kumu, teacher of Hawaiian studies and music, and member of the Palapu Street Band, will share with us a way to fashion a lei from the berries of the octopus tree. She will talk with us about proper protocol for caring for this tree and its fruit. While it grows wild in Hawaii, it is highly invasive and needs appropriate care.

July 16, 2021: Tour and Discussion at Foster Gardens. Foster Gardens and The Outdoor Circle share an especially important early history. Learn about this and so much more during this tour. Stay for a picnic lunch! This event will be subject to the whims of COVID-19.

What's New on the Internet



LKOC Website

Go to <https://www.lkoc.org/whats-new.html> where you will find:

- For those history buffs in our midst, we have highlighted a fascinating historical recounting of life in Kailua from 1950-2000, written by one of our past LKOC donors, Remy Latour. Click [HERE](#) to view the details.
- **Did you know...** When clicking on a hyperlink using a device without a touch screen, you may need to hold down the Control (Ctrl) key, then click when you see the hand cursor.

LKOC Facebook and Instagram Pages

<https://www.facebook.com/LaniKailuaOutdoorCircle/>

Five pictures are shown that were taken during the pruning of the exceptional monkeypod trees at the Women's Community Correctional Center.

<https://www.instagram.com/LaniKailuaOutdoorCircle/>

A view of one of the exceptional monkeypod trees is shown. There are many hearts and some comments.

Click on the "Like" icon at Facebook and the heart on Instagram to show your appreciation.

Please Renew Your Membership. If your membership has an expiration date, it is shown on the top line of your address label. We hope you will consider renewing if you are near or past your expiration date. Send in the form on the last page or go to <https://www.lkoc.org/join-the-circle.html>. Email newsletter recipients will be notified through email if your membership is expiring.

Help us save a tree and money. Think about viewing newsletter pictures in color, going directly to hyperlinks, saving trees and money, and read your newsletter via email. If you would like to do so rather than receive it through postal mail, simply email us at Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board Roster 2019-2020 Officers

President: Diane Harding>262-1826

Vice President: Teddi Baumgartner

Treasurer: Kathleen Bryan

Asst. Treasurer: Francine Mendes

Recording Secretary: Paula Ress

Corresponding Secretary: Nani Vermillion

Nominating Committee: Ad Hoc committee

Advisors: Margaret Brezel, Leigh Prentiss,
Lyn Turner, & Claudia Webster

Website: <http://www.lkoc.org>

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Committee Chairs

Beautification: Steve Mechler>341-1802

Communications: Teddi Baumgartner>888-9977

Education: Betsy Connors>261-8839

Historian: Ann Latham>254-2249

Holiday House Tour: Debra Creps>262-0231

Kailua Town Party: Diane Harding>262-1826

Membership: Barbara Krasniewski>384-2879

Programs: Carole Arnote>261-8342 & Pam
Ross>754-0257

Public Affairs: Pauline MacNeil>261-6423

Scholarship: Betsy Connors>261-8839

Signs: Leigh Prentiss>263-6121

Volunteers: Cheryl McIlroy>783-3382

WCCC Partnership: Terry Beuret>389-0188 &
Ann Latham>254-2249



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New Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: [per person annually unless otherwise noted]

\$25 \$50 \$100
 \$150 \$250 \$500
 \$1,000 \$2,500 one-time life pledge
 Donations \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
 (Tax Deductible)
 You may also go online (lkoc.org) to pay your dues (Join the Circle).

Your membership alone is a very worthwhile contribution. If you wish to take a more active role in any of the categories listed, please check below and return this sheet with your remittance.

Membership

**LKOC
 P.O. Box 261
 Kailua, HI 96734**

- Workday Projects
- I Love Kailua Town Party
- Learning to Grow (WCCC)
- Lettuce Delivery to Foodland
- Beautification
- Public Affairs
- Luncheons
- Sign Control
- Publicity/Newsletter
- Clerical



On occasion, can you supply?
 Flowers Greens Other:

Email me the newsletter instead of mailing through the US Postal Service.