



Aloha LKOC members and supporters,

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) is excited to announce our new **Street Tree Planting Project** in Kailua for 2020! As many of you may remember, in the early 2000s, LKOC was instrumental in the city's efforts to plant 21 tecoma trees along Oneawa Street, from Kawainui Street to Kuulei Road, a three-block long section of Oneawa in Kailua's central business district. This produced an attractive arbor of trees on both sides of the street, providing much needed shade, and an inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

However, of those 21 original trees, now 20 years later, 13 have failed and been removed, and only 8 remain standing. The loss of these 13 trees leaves this central area quite barren and out of character with the adjacent well-treed Kuulei and Kailua Roads. In keeping with our mission to follow through with our planting projects, LKOC is happy to announce that we are actively working, in coordination with the city, to have these 13 tree locations replanted with new trees in 2020! Visit our website to learn more about this exciting project. <https://www.lkoc.org/lkoc-projects.html>

We are also happy to announce that LKOC will once again be participating in the “**Arbor Day Hawai'i Tree Giveaway**” this November in Kailua. For the past year, our students in the “Learning to Grow” program at Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) have been nurturing over 400 trees in our nursery there, to be distributed at the event. We hope you will all come by to receive a free tree. The WCCC students will be available on that day to help instruct attendees on how to care for their trees. Knowledgeable Master Gardeners and plant experts will also be on hand to provide advice and answer your questions. Location: Kailua United Methodist Church, Saturday November 2, beginning at 9 a.m.

As we move into the holiday season, we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. We sincerely thank you for your commitment to our mission and for placing your trust in us over the years. That support has made all the difference!

Happy Holidays and Mahalo from all of us at LKOC!

Diane Harding
LKOC President

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Celebrates Its 71st Annual Membership Meeting



The annual membership meeting and luncheon of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) was held at Mid-Pacific Country Club on Friday, May 3, 2019. Shown in the picture above are: Steve Mechler, President of The Outdoor Circle (TOC) and Beautification Chair for LKOC; Diane Harding, President of LKOC; guest speaker Eliza Lathrop, Punahou Academy Faculty member; Jackie Wah, Operations Director, TOC; and Winston Welch, Executive Director, TOC. Officers for 2019-2020 were sworn in during the meeting, and Eliza Lathrop gave an informative talk about her classes at Punahou. In addition to being an English faculty member, she is the garden resource teacher and teaches Beginning Beekeeping to the school's middle school students.



Goats in the Garden Arrive at the Women's Community Correctional Center

The Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) has awarded the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) a \$5,000 grant for an innovative new project, "Goats in the Garden", a project at Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC).

LKOC has operated a successful horticulture project at WCCC for 20 years. Over this time, more than 350 women have been involved in the Learning to Grow (LTG) program. LTG includes

lessons in plant propagation, growing food for the kitchen, and the flagship hydroponic lettuce system which sells lettuce to Foodland Super Markets. Certificate classes on topics such as financial and small business management, market gardening, and leadership are provided. LKOC members had seen opportunities for expansion of the agriculture projects but were faced with acres of invasive growth. A participant mentioned she raised goats on her family property as a child, and thus the idea was born. Goats in the garden could dine on the invasive growth!

Four goats have been hand-raised specifically for this project and recently arrived from the Big Island. Staff, inmates, and volunteers have worked together to transform an old shed into a goat home. Training on goat care has been conducted, and everyone is enthusiastic and eager to be involved.

The initial team managing the goats consists of 8-12 women, many of whom are approaching release from WCCC. The team includes several women with longer sentences who will be consistent through implementation and manage the training of new participants. Over the course of 12 months, it is expected that more than 40 women will have direct exposure to working with the animals.

There is evidence of successful prison-animal programs in facilities on the Mainland. Studies show significant positive therapeutic outcomes including improved physical and mental health, communication skills, socialization opportunities, and increased confidence and sense of self. These increases in human and social capital are soft skills deemed important by employers, thus the project could also deliver vocational outcomes. Opportunities for caring and nurturing are limited in an institutionalized setting, and we have seen a positive outcome already. For the first time, women will be allowed into the garden on weekends to care for the goats. The positive impact on relationships between staff and inmates is already evident.

The grant from Women's Fund of Hawai'i will be used to cover all implementation related expenses plus three months of supplies, a veterinary contingency fund, and the employment of a project manager for three months. Project Manager, Kate Wiechmann, will be responsible for all Goats in the Garden activities. These will include training staff, inmates, and volunteers who will go on to manage the project after the initial three months, designing and implementing project evaluations, and creating a sustainable project model. Kate will work on creative funding ideas such as Adopt a Goat and crowd funding such as Go Fund Me (or Goat Fund Me). The Women's Fund of Hawai'i has provided the means to a wonderful venture for the women of WCCC. The opportunities are boundless and the benefits to the women, staff, and the community enormous.



Goats at WCCC

Fourth of July Float



Jason Hills, designer and builder of the float, and Lori Lloyd, driver of the float, stand beside the LKOC 2019 4th of July float. This structure will be on display at Kalapawai Market.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Works to Beautify the Entrance to Lanikai

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle has completed the refurbishing of the landscaping at Alala Point across the street from the Lanikai monument overlooking Kailua Bay. The iconic monument, installed in 1926, is a simple stone pillar. It was designed by Hart Wood, the renowned architect working during the Golden Age of Hawaiian style architecture. He was the grandfather of LKOC long-time board member, Joan Wood Fleming.

The LKOC re-landscaping included revitalizing and upgrading existing landscaping, adding new wax ficus hedging and grass to the upper parking lot, and repairing 32 damaged wooden bollards encircling the parking area. As part of this project, at LKOC's request, the City & County resurfaced the severely deteriorated coral parking lot.

The original landscaping of the entire Alala Point area, from the boat ramp to the monument, included the upper and lower parking lots on the mauka side of the road. That landscaping was installed by LKOC in 1994 with proceeds from their first "I Love Kailua" Town Party held 27 years ago.

The landscape architect, Steve Mechler, at right, and the landscape installer, Steve Dewald, at left, who implemented the original landscaping in 1994, once again spearheaded this current effort.

The Women's Community Correctional Center's community service work line will continue their long-standing landscape maintenance of the area, under LKOC auspices.



The photo at the left shows the old wax ficus plants in the foreground and the newly planted wax ficus in the background. This new plant border extends the entire length of the parking area.



Kailua Calabash Spotlights LKOC

<https://www.facebook.com/KailuaCalabash> In a Facebook post dated July 25, 2019, Kailua Calabash highlighted the work at Lanikai's Alala Point. Mary Zanakis, the creator of Kailua Calabash, interviewed Steve Mechler in a video that showed the work that has been done. We were then treated to a nostalgic view of Kailua beach in the "old days".

What's New at the LKOC Website

<https://www.lkoc.org/whats-new.html> *****Important:** LKOC just received a response to our input regarding the **Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh Master Plan DEIS**. See our Kawainui Marsh webpage for important details. <https://www.lkoc.org/Kawainui-Marsh.html> The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife responded on August 8, 2019 in a 17-page-letter that disagreed with the majority of the 28 concerns that LKOC posed in its letter dated January 22, 2018.

For a pictorial history of The Outdoor Circle Tree Planting Projects since 1912, visit [TOC Tree Plantings](#) page. Our 2019 Town Party Commemorative Tee Shirts are now for sale! Go to [Town Party](#) to order. Visit our [Historical Fact of the Month](#) Page, where you will find interesting and little known facts about The Outdoor Circle and our Lani-Kailua Branch.



Sign Education Committee Is on the Job

No Illegal or Outdated
Signs

The LKOC “behind the scenes” committee for Signs Education does an excellent job of keeping Kailua clean, green, and beautiful. The City & County of Honolulu, The Kailua Chamber of Commerce, Alexander and Baldwin (landlord for many of the businesses in Kailua), individual businesses, and the public at large are the groups that the committee interacts with. The Land Use Ordinance’s sign rules are the guidelines we use. LKOC produced a handy brochure

on what types of signage are permitted and what types are not permitted. We are so fortunate to have this excellent committee helping to beautify Kailua!

https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ocs/roh/ROH_Chapter_21_art7-9_.pdf

https://www.outdoorcircle.org/uploads/2/6/1/4/26147365/sign_brochure_2017_pdf_2.pdf



The Gardener’s Corner

At our Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon, Kevin Mulkern of Mulkern Landscaping and Nursery gave us an informative presentation about growing water lilies in home gardens. Lotus plants and water hyacinths may also be grown in your water garden. If you are planning a koi pond, this is NOT the place to plant your water lilies. Koi like to eat water lilies, so do not put them together. Goldfish or guppies are better. Water lilies like full sun and heavy clay soil. Do not use potting mixture with manure. For more help in starting your water garden, Mulkern Landscaping and Nursery is open on Saturdays only, or by appointment. Call 808-396-6595. <https://mulkernlandscaping.com>



Save the Dates

****Saturday, October 26, 2019:** Help plant 11,000 trees in a single morning with Trees of Promise. To volunteer with LKOC, contact Christine Feldman at c.feldmann4@gmail.com

****Saturday, November 2, 2019:** Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Kailua United Methodist Church beginning at 9 a.m.

****Saturday, November 30, 2019:** WCCC Plant Sale, Kailua Elementary School, 8 – 11 a.m.

****Saturday, November 30, 2019:** Deadline for artwork submissions for “I Love Kailua” Town Party. Email submissions to Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

****Thursday, December 12, 2019:** LKOC Annual Holiday Luncheon, Mid Pacific Country Club, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

****Sunday, April 26, 2020:** “I Love Kailua” Town Party, Kailua Road in downtown Kailua, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See our website for details. <https://www.lkoc.org/town-party.html>

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle

Invites You to Our



Country Cacao Holiday Luncheon



Thursday, December 12, 2019, 11:30 – 2:00
Mid Pacific Country Club, Lanikai

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker, the Manoa Chocolate Company, a bean-to-bar chocolate factory. They have been making quality, dark chocolate in Kailua on the Windward side of Oahu since 2010. Sourcing single-origin cacao from across the Hawaiian Islands and around the globe, their goal is to make socially responsible fine chocolate. Learn about the growing of cacao and the making of chocolate. Bring a friend new to the Outdoor Circle and enjoy the crafts and handmade wreaths for your holiday shopping. **Holiday attire and hats are encouraged.**



Cost is \$45 and includes a delicious buffet lunch. Please RSVP with your check to arrive by Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Debra Pfaltzgraff, 658 Kaimalino St., Kailua, HI 96734.

2019 Holiday Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Yes, I would like to attend the Luncheon on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Number of tickets _____ @ \$45.00 each Amount enclosed _____

MY NAME: _____

GUEST NAMES _____

Make checks payable to LANI-KAILUA OUTDOOR CIRCLE.

MAIL TO Debra Pfaltzgraff, 658 Kaimalino St., Kailua, HI 96734 to arrive by Nov. 30, 2019.

Email Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org with questions.



FLASHBACK *[[Lucky we live Hawaii.]*

From Pali Daily Press's column, Ho'oulu (To Make Grow), November 27, 1968, by Laura N. Dowsett, editor of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle's gardening booklet.

Did you know that we who are lucky enough to live in Hawaii have a special reason to be thankful? When we read the papers and realize that on the mainland as far south as the Carolinas, snow has already fallen and windstorms are tearing down trees and shrubs, we should look around us and count our blessings.

We in Hawaii often express a longing for seasonal weather. Those of us who were brought up to enjoy the brilliance of autumn leaves, snow on the tips of evergreen trees and the thrill of the first crocus in spring, are very apt to forget the discomforts that accompany these wonders. It has been said that no matter how bad the weather is in Hawaii on any given day, it is always better than anywhere else!

Don't moan when it rains for our plants and trees are parched and thirsty... After a heavy rain...it is a good idea to check your potted plants to make sure the drainage is good and that the soil is drying out. Also, after rains, DO check all cans and dishes around the property to make sure that you have no standing water where mosquitos can and will breed.

And, when it rains, realize how lucky you are to live in a garden spot where plants are green all year. Then thank your lucky stars that you live in Hawaii.

Membership Reminder: Your membership term is shown above 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. *Mahalo if you recently renewed!*

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>
Email: Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org



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 & Christine Feldmann>263-8800
- Kailua Town Party:** Diane Harding>262-1826
- Membership:** Barbara Krasniewski>261-8133
- 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.