



Aloha LKOC Members and Supporters,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Holiday gathering last December and be able to connect again after so many months!

As the effects of the pandemic start to ease, we are happy to announce that the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) will be hosting its “Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon” in person for the first time in two years! An invitation for the May 13 event is included in this newsletter. To further help us stay connected, we will once again be starting our Friday series of events with visits in the coming months to the Bayer Estate in Aina Haina and the Koko Crater Botanical Garden. And for the first time in several years, we are planning to hold our “Annual Plant Sale” in late May or June, featuring plants nurtured and grown by the students in our “Learning to Grow” program at the Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC). We will let you know details about these event as they approach.

We are also pursuing several tree planting projects and a workday event at Kalama Beach Park to be announced as they are finalized. We continue to respond to concerned citizens’ inquiries about tree removals and potential threats to trees in our neighborhoods and parks. In addition, LKOC has been actively involved in the protection of the Exceptional Trees at WCCC to ensure they are not adversely affected by new facilities under construction there. And as always, we continue our protection and preservation efforts at Kawainui Marsh.

For those who missed getting a copy at our December Holiday Luncheon, the Kailua Historical Society’s latest booklet publication, “Kailua Way Back When...the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle”, is available for \$5 on our website <https://www.LKOC.org/LKOC-Store.html#HistoryBooklet>. All proceeds go to the Kailua Historical Society that graciously published our story. The booklet details LKOC’s remarkable 70-plus year history of shaping the Kailua we all enjoy today. Starting in 1948, the 20-page booklet takes you through the years to the present, highlighting our history through historical vignettes and narratives with vintage and recent photos and media reports at the time.

In closing, I’d like to mention how saddened we all were to hear of the recent passing of Joan Wood Fleming, one of our most dynamic and beloved leaders who did so much for LKOC and Kailua over the past 45-plus years. She was a wonderful mentor and inspiration to many of us and will be greatly missed. Her legacy lives on and stands as a testament to the dedication and commitment that so many of you have for the work that LKOC continues to do in our community. We are forever grateful for your support for our mission!

Mahalo from all of us at LKOC.

Diane Harding, LKOC President



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.

LKOC Past Events

The “Third Friday” zoom events were spectacular occasions. They were something to look forward to each month when we had to curtail so many activities because of the pandemic. To view videos of the events, go to the LKOC website <https://www.lkoc.org/activities-and-events.html/#thirdfriday>.

Boettcher Estate

The sixth "Third Friday" event, held October 15, 2021, was a zoom meeting to highlight the deteriorating condition of the Boettcher Estate at Kalama Beach Park in Kailua. The renowned architect, Vladimir Ossipoff, was chosen to design the house in the 1930s. For a fascinating story about the kidnapping of Charles Boettcher II which may have led to the creation of the Boettcher Estate, go to <https://historichawaii.org/2016/03/18/boettcherestate/>. LKOC members were heavily involved with the estate in prior years, spearheading its landscape preservation. The event was hosted and commentated by our Programs Committee Chair Pam Ross, and it featured a video by Diane Harding’s son, Jason Hills.

Holiday Garland Centerpiece

The seventh and final "Third Friday” event, held November 19, 2021, featured Gail Hutchinson, noted wreath maker, florist, and past President of The Garden Club of Honolulu. She gave a zoom demonstration on how to make a beautiful garland for your holiday table. The garland used "backyard" local materials that were provided for everyone and included croton, ti, Song of India, and other tropical plants.



Holiday Luncheon

The final event of the year was an in-person holiday party with boxed lunch at Kalama Beach Club. A commemorative T-shirt to honor the art of past-president Joan Fleming was showcased. Holiday jewelry, ready-to-gift potted plants, and Hawaiian shirts by Ginger Leong were also available to purchase. Hilary Aipa provided wonderful Hawaiian singing and dancing with guitar accompaniment by Damian Farden.



The Gardener's Corner

Have you thought about creating a butterfly garden? Pulelehua is “butterfly” in Hawaiian. Butterflies are exceptional pollinators that spread pollen as they fly from flower to flower. You might consider planting plants such as kalanchoe, lantana, salvia, plumbago and other brightly colored nectar and pollen-rich flowering plants in your garden to attract the butterflies. Most importantly, you will need to choose plants that will provide a place for the butterflies to lay eggs that turn into caterpillars. Each type of butterfly lays eggs on specific types of plants.



Monarch in the plumbago

The only two native (endemic) species of butterfly in Hawai'i are Blackburn's blue (*Udara blackburni*) and Kamehameha butterfly (*Vanessa tameamea*). In 2009, the fifth graders at Pearl Ridge Elementary School successfully campaigned to have the Kamehameha butterfly named the state butterfly. The caterpillars of the Kamehameha butterfly are attracted to the native mamaki tree. This tree is being grown in Hawai'i to be used in making leaves for tea. The mamaki requires a lot of moisture, so they are often found in the wild on mountains and in damp valleys.

Another butterfly to consider is the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexipus*) where the primary caterpillar plant in Hawai'i is the crown flower, a milkweed plant whose flowers are used to make lei.

Choose your plants for your garden, and perhaps your butterflies will arrive. If you are lucky to have eggs on the leaves, and then caterpillars, you may want to create small “tents” made of netting that can serve as the butterfly nursery. This may help to protect the eggs and caterpillars from predators such as birds, wasps, and ants. After a caterpillar creates a chrysalis, it will usually take from ten to twenty-one days to become a butterfly. Then sit back and watch your butterflies fly among your flowers.

For a picture of the Butterflies of Hawaii, go to <https://www.butterflyidentification.com/butterflies-in-us/hawaii-butterflies>



Caterpillar on the crown flower leaf

Town Party Cancelled Again



For the third year, the “I Love Kailua” Town Party will be cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. We have seen many ups and downs in the number of new COVID cases each day in Hawai'i. A tremendous amount of planning goes into the Town Party, so we had to make the decision months in advance to cancel again. Let's wait until next year, and hope for the best.

Aloha ‘Oe



Farewell to thee, dear Joan Fleming, one of the most remarkable leaders and supporters of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle.

Joan was an accomplished watercolorist and active in the Windward Wanderers. She was devoted to The Outdoor Circle, particularly the Lani-Kailua branch where she was a past-president and devoted many hours in its service. We can appreciate many beautification projects around Kailua in which she was involved. When we awarded certificates to women at the Women’s Community Correctional Center, Joan wrote their names in her expert calligraphy. Joan was in her element at the Town Party, with her famous hat with all the buttons from years past, and always with a smile for everyone. How we will miss this truly remarkable woman!

Joan’s passing was expected as Parkinson’s disease had taken its toll on her body and mind. She was loving and kind until the end. She was wonderfully supported by her family and the staff at The Plaza Assisted Living at Kaneohe. She lived a long and happy life raising four kids and multiple grandkids. She found joy and fulfillment in her work at Punahou (her alma mater), watercolor painting, and community projects. Think of her when you see the trees in the medians as you drive into Kailua, and down Mokapu Boulevard, and at Aikahi Park. The work she did with the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle made our town clean, green, and beautiful and this will be her legacy.



“Coral Hibiscus”, from an original painting by Joan Wood Fleming©

The Women Are Back in Action Again

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CarMKlzrt6y/> by Nani Vermillion



After a several-month hiatus due to recent Covid outbreaks within the facility, it’s great to see the Community Service Work Line from the Women’s Community Correctional Center back at work again in Kailua beautifying our roads and scenic areas. What a difference their hard work makes! The Kailua Road median coming into downtown Kailua and the Alala Point lookout at the entrance to Lanikai will once again be looking beautiful. Kudos to these dedicated women for their efforts. LKOC is proud to sponsor them.



**Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon
Friday, May 13, 2022
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Kaneohe Yacht Club
44-503 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe, HI**

Tickets: \$45.00



Please join us for our in-person Spring membership meeting and luncheon. A delicious Mediterranean buffet luncheon will be provided by the Yacht Club. Choose a beautiful plant to take home provided by our Officers and Committee Chairs.

Our guest speaker will be Bill Hicks, Chairman of the Kailua Neighborhood Board. He served twenty years in the Navy and was a Commanding Officer of a submarine based here in Hawai'i. He has lived in Kailua

for 27 years, and his children went to school here.

Bill has served on the Kailua Neighborhood Board since 2011 and as Chair since 2017. He believes the needs of the community are best known and solved at the local level by people who love Kailua and pledge to work together. He has recently submitted a plan on the Electoral Redistricting Map for Oahu and led the public charge to suggest a final proposal to the state Reapportionment Commission. He does not believe the Commission's final map meets the Constitutional responsibility of our State.

Name: _____

Number of Tickets _____ **Amount Enclosed** _____

Guests' Names:

**Make checks payable to LKOC and return by Friday, May 6 to:
LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI, 96734 Attn: Luncheon**

**THE LANI-KAILUA BRANCH OF THE OUTDOOR CIRCLE
NOTICE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT**

[The following must be filled out ONLY if you will NOT be attending the May meeting.]

The General Membership Meeting of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle (LKOC) will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Kaneohe Yacht Club, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors.

ONLY IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, please sign and date the proxy form below and mail so it is received by Monday, May 9, 2022 to: LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734, Attention: Secretary.

By order of the LKOC Board of Directors,
Secretary Paula Ress

PROXY STATEMENT

The proxy below is being solicited by the Board of Directors of LKOC for all members in good standing **who will not be attending** the General Membership Meeting. Your interest represented by this proxy will be voted if it is properly signed and received by the Secretary by the deadline listed below.

If you select Diane Harding, your proxy will be voted in favor of the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

If you do not select Diane Harding, your designated proxy must be present to vote.

PROXY

I, the undersigned member of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle, acknowledge receipt of the Notice of the General Membership Meeting of said Branch.

I hereby appoint: [] Diane Harding, President OR [] _____
(Name of Proxy- Please Print)

with full power of substitution, for and in my name, to vote as my proxy at said General Membership Meeting on the following matter: Election of Officers.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominating Committee Candidate</u>	<u>OR</u>	<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		_____

PLEASE SPECIFY CHOICES ABOVE, SIGN AND DATE BELOW. RETURN BY 5 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print name and address:

Please return proxy to LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734 Attention: Secretary by Monday, May 9, 2022.



FLASHBACK *[The efforts of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle led to the inclusion of Ulupo Heiau into the Territorial Park System in 1954. It subsequently became part of Hawaii's State Parks system, and it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.]*

From the Windward Oahu Reporter, Thursday, April 12, 1951, Outdoor Circle May Clear Area Near Old Heiau.

An ancient Hawaiian temple, unmarked on modern maps, soon will be cleared for public view by the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle, president Velma Brittain announced today.

The heiau, bearing the name, Ulupo, is located on the Kaneohe side of Kailua Rd. about midway between Kailua Center and the Waimanalo Junction.

Legend allows, according to one of the Circle's historians, that the temple was built prior to the 13th century by menehunes, slave laborers of the ancient Polynesians.

Mrs. Richard Summers is chairman of the local committee seeking permission from the Board of Forestry and Agriculture to clear the land surrounding the heiau site. This effort would allow for more intense archeological inspection.

Lava rock ranging in size from small stones about hand-size to larger ones 18 inches oblong, are both strewn and set all over the area, now visible from the new elevated Kailua Rd. Access to the sight is across an irrigation ditch and uphill among dense underbrush.

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:** Pam Ross>754-0257 and Carole Arnote>261-8342
- 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



Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
 P.O. Box 261
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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?
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