



NEWS FROM LKOC

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Aloha LKOC Members and Supporters,

In our 67th year, LKOC continues its legacy of making a significant difference in our community through beautification and advocacy efforts that enhance and preserve the beauty around us. This has been possible for all these decades because of you, our loyal members, who continue to be committed to and actively support our mission and our vision for Kailua. Whether it's through attending our events, volunteering your time, or contributing financially, your membership and support has sustained us. And we at LKOC thank you!

Since some of you may not be aware of when your membership is due to expire, we are starting a new feature with this issue of the newsletter. For those of you in our individual one-year membership category, we have put your membership expiration date above your name on the address label. If the date shown is near or past due, we hope you will consider renewing which you can easily do on-line at LKOC.org, or you can use the form on the back of the newsletter. Your membership allows us to reach a much larger audience than just the Windward side, and we value your support!

Our 2014 Fall Membership Luncheon was enjoyed by all. We had a wonderful "Christmas in Paradise" Holiday House Tour with five beautiful homes on the tour and a lovely luncheon and craft fair afterward at Mid-Pacific Country Club. I hope many of you were able to attend these extremely special events.

Coming up, we have our 23rd Annual "I Love Kailua" Town Party and annual Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon which promise to be spectacular this year! Note that we elect our new LKOC Slate of Officers (listed on page 7) at the Spring meeting, so please try to attend, and invite your friends and family as well.

Our dedicated volunteers continue to be active with our Women's Community Correctional Center Partnership, "Learning to Grow" program, and our WCC Scholarship program at Windward Community College. These programs help so many people in our community and truly make a difference in the lives of those participating. LKOC continues its long tradition of taking an active interest in the preservation and restoration of the Kawainui watershed, as pointed out in "Maunawili Valley and its Importance to Kawainui Marsh".

As always, we are actively looking for ways to better engage our community and expand our membership base, and we welcome your input and feedback on any issue you feel is important. If you would like to take a more active role or participate on our board of directors or committees, please contact us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org or use the phone numbers listed at the back of this issue.

I would also like to ask all of you who have not supplied LKOC with an email address, if you have one, to please consider emailing us that information.

It has been a pleasure serving as LKOC President this year, and I hope you enjoy reading about our events and activities.

Again, thank you all for your commitment to LKOC!
Diane Harding, President, LKOC

THE 23rd ANNUAL “I LOVE KAILUA” TOWN PARTY

Dozens of Kailua restaurants and eateries are preparing for “A Taste of Kailua”, one of the features of the 23rd annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party, taking place on Kailua Road from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2015**. While the food is always a highlight of this annual gathering, the Town Party is also an opportunity for shopping, entertainment, and family fun. Over 50 Windward artists and handcrafters will have their work on sale; there will be plants and orchid displays and sales; Kama`aina Kids will sponsor a keiki fun zone with rides and activities; Castle Medical Center will have a mini health fair with free screenings; and a variety of community groups will have information to share.



The festivities will be opened by Michael W. Perry, sweet sounds of Kailua's Puamana, and Patty's Hula Studio followed by ongoing live entertainment. Kit Beuret will continue as Master of Ceremonies after Michael Perry, and the Marine Forces Pacific Band will be entertaining from 3 to 4. There will be lots to see and do including shopping at our plant booths or getting a collectable souvenir T-shirt and button featuring the Honu (turtles) that swim in Kailua Bay. Beth Anderson is the artist who created this year's colorful art work. Note that our buttons also give you terrific discounts at local-area merchants during the week following the Town Party. All proceeds go to fund projects around Kailua such as landscaping and maintenance of the public areas of Pohakapu, Kailua Triangle, Pali Palms Triangle, Kalapawai Triangle, and Alala (Lanikai) Point. So please join us in support of Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle and the "I Love Kailua" Town Party.

In addition to all the dedicated LKOC volunteers who make this event a success, we are also fortunate to have the support of some wonderful community sponsors, including Alexander and Baldwin Properties and Buzz's Original Steak House. For more information, visit our website at www.LKOC.org and click on the “Kailua Town Party” tab.

I Love Kailua

2015 T-shirts in black, aqua, and cobalt blue



Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Friday, May 15, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

45-680 Luluku Rd., Kaneohe



Cost: \$20.00



Lunch will be provided.

Election of Officers for 2015 will be held.

Guest Speaker: The Hibiscus Lady

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker, Jill Coryell, a leader in the field of hybridizing tropical hibiscus here in the Islands. Jill is the owner of Hibiscus Lady Nursery in Waialua. Hibiscus Lady Nursery is on one and one-half acres and was founded in 2000. The nursery is divided into sections. A small portion of the nursery is certified by the State of Hawai'i which allows plants grown in this area to be shipped to the U.S. mainland. A different section is reserved for plants available for O'ahu customers. A third area is kept for new hybrids that are awaiting their first blooms. With a few exceptions for plants of historic value, the hibiscus plants sold by Hibiscus Lady have been created by Jill through cross pollination. The clones of these hybrids are grown from cuttings which are taken off of the original hybrid. None of the hibiscus plants are grafted or air layered. She feels that this "own root" method creates the hardiest and healthiest plant. Jill has a fascinating story to tell about the history and legacy of hibiscus hybridization in Hawaii and will demonstrate this intricate process for us.

Name: _____ # of tickets: _____

Guest Names: _____

**Make checks payable to LKOC and mail by May 8 to:
Diane Harding, 167 Ainoni St., Kailua, HI 96734**

WCCC Partnership

Since 2000, members of LKOC have been going to the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) to educate the women about planting and growing. We obtained multiple grants in the early years to renovate some existing buildings, to put down extensive cement slabs, and to erect large shade cloths in support of a lucrative hydroponic system. When up and running, the hydroponic unit added significant quantities of lettuce to the women's diet which was a nice side benefit to the learning that went on in the nursery. Two plant sales a year added to income for the program.

As with any project of its kind, there are periodic challenges to overcome. At the moment we are without electricity related to storm damage and there is no "quick fix." Planting goes on in soil beds, but home grown lettuce is off the menu for now, and we have an insufficient number of plants prepared for sale. So stay tuned and learn how we turn this crisis into a positive move forward. Share your ideas and join us if you will. To get involved, email us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org

WCCC Partnership Chairs, Mora Stanley and Terry Beuret, at Fall 2014 Plant Sale



2014 Fall Membership Luncheon a Flowering Success

New and long-time members of LKOC were treated to a wondrous display of flower arranging by Beverley Grimmer, the award winning horticulturist and designer. She showed us how to use plant containers that were inexpensive and sometimes, right in our own backyards. Beverley was an inspiration and a wealth of knowledge showcasing her lifelong passion for flowers and gardening. We could see why she has received awards such as Best in Show at The Garden Club of Honolulu.



Windward Community College Scholarship Fund

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle recently donated \$6,000 to fund scholarships at Windward Community College (WCC). This gift will be awarded to students during the 2015-2016 academic year.

“As part of our educational outreach, all of us at LKOC have been proud to provide these scholarships to the next generation of stewards of our ‘aina,” said Diane Harding, Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle president.

This new gift will support existing LKOC scholarships at Windward Community College — the LKOC Environment Studies Scholarship and the WCC Agriculture Scholarship. To date, the LKOC Environment Studies Scholarship, established in 2007, has awarded \$17,500. The Agriculture Scholarship was established in 1993 and has awarded a total of \$24,000 in scholarship support.

"Our students are fortunate to have donors like LKOC step forward and offer financial help," said Windward Community College Chancellor Doug Dykstra. "We have many students struggling to pay for tuition, books and fees, so every scholarship gift is critically important to both student success and persistence."

If you are interested in contributing to this WCC Scholarship program, you may use the form on the final page, and mark your donation line with "WCC Scholarship".



Scholarship Chair, Claudia Webster, presenting WCC Chancellor, Doug Dykstra, with scholarships gift at the LKOC Holiday House Tour luncheon held at Mid-Pacific Country Club

LKOC Scholars' Successes at Windward Community College

What happened with some of the scholarship recipients over the years at WCC? We do not know about all of them but would like to share some of the facts.

We know about fifty-four scholarship recipients who received a degree or certificate from Windward Community College. Twenty-two received their certificate in plant landscaping; twelve received certificates in agriculture/agriculture technology; three received certificates in subtropical tree care; two received certificates in Hawaiian studies; twelve received degrees in liberal arts; three received degrees in bio-resources technology.

Twenty students continued their studies after completing their programs at Windward Community College. Thirteen went on to the UH Manoa (College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources, College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Social Work, School of Earth Science & Technology, and School of Hawaiian Knowledge). Four went on to the Kapi'olani Community College. One each went on to the Honolulu Community College, UH Maui College, and the UH Hilo.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle scholarships have made a difference in the education and lives of these students.

Maunawili Valley and Its Importance to Kawainui Marsh

On February 2, 2015, Dr. Paul Brennan, president of the Kailua Historical Society, led a group of LKOC members and friends into Maunawili Valley. In order to truly understand the dynamics of Kawainui Marsh, one must know about the surrounding streams vital to its existence, in particular Maunawili and Ainoni streams. About 50 springs recharge these two streams that then flow through Kawainui Marsh and on into Kailua Bay.

The valley was once a busy agricultural site for early Hawaiians. Queen Liliuokalani would retreat in the valley. We stopped by the “Queen’s Bath” and saw the columns of the once stately Royal Palms. After King Kamehameha’s Great Mahele (land division), plantations and ranches took hold in upper Maunawili, and even coffee growing was attempted there.

What is lacking in the recent development plans for the marsh is a thorough hydrology study of the entire ahupua’a. This study is crucial to assuring the continuing health and productivity of this aquifer and should be done before any development within Kawainui is undertaken.

If you are interested in contributing to any legal expenses we may incur in our efforts to protect the Marsh, you may use the form on the final page, and mark your donation line with “Kawainui”.



LKOC Network in Action



Many of you may have noticed that last December, right before Christmas, a crew from the City & County started to cut down the ailing Kailua Road monkey pod tree near the Salvation Army. Our LKOC Beautification Committee and Board had been monitoring this tree in conjunction with the City arborists for some time, so it was a surprise to see this action being taken so abruptly. However, thanks to an alert LKOC member, we were able to alert our Beautification Committee Chair who immediately went down there, stepped in, and got them to stop short of full removal. Saying she was from 'The Outdoor Circle' made them listen! But the tree does have problems, and the City has given LKOC assurances that they will replace it with a significantly sized monkey pod if it doesn't survive this severe pruning. Urban Forestry is monitoring its progress and the City has made efforts to check the underground utilities to make sure they are not affecting the tree. This incident shows the power of our members and, that by stepping up, we do make a difference!

LKOC Past Beautification Project: We Make a Difference!



Kailua Road fronting
Kailua Elementary School



Kailua Road without LKOC
beautification

We are looking for a few good Chairs. The committees for our annual Holiday House Tour and our WCC Scholarship Program are in need of leadership. Our wonderful long time heads of these two committees, Holly Turl and Claudia Webster, are stepping down. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all they have contributed to the success of these events and programs, and we are going to miss them. Luckily, they have compiled very good documentation on the details of what is involved in each position, so if you are interested, or know someone who might be, please, please e-mail us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Slate of Officers 2015-2016



President: Diane Harding
1st VP: Mora Stanley
2nd VP: Win Bennet
Treasurer: Kathleen Bryan
Asst. Treasurer: Francine Mendes
Recording Secretary, Website: Paula Ress
Corresponding Secretary: Katie Fagan
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 Spring Luncheon: Fri., May 15, 2015
 LKOC 4th of July Parade Float: Sat., July 4, 2015

<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<i>Your membership alone is a very worthwhile contribution.</i>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Membership</div>
Name: _____	<i>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.</i>	
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday House Tour Hostess	LKOC P.O. Box 261 Kailua, HI 96734
City: _____ Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Circle	
Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I Love Kailua Town Party	
E-mail: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Exchange	
MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship: \$5,000 per sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Newsletter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship: \$5,000 per sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Control	
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