



Aloha LKOC members and supporters,

As we start our 76th year, in addition to our planting projects, LKOC will once again be partnering with Smart Trees Pacific, to host its annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway on Saturday November 4, 2023. It will be similar to last year’s highly successful event, where hundreds of trees and plants were given away free to loving homes. “Trees for Honolulu’s Future” will be announcing its annual “We ♥ Trees” keiki art contest winners. There will also be plant experts on hand to help in tree selections as well as arborists giving tree pruning demonstrations in which attendees can participate. This was a real crowd pleaser last year. The event is free to the public although it will require that people make a reservation for a time slot beforehand. In the next few weeks, details on signup and a description of what plants will be available will be posted on LKOC’s Facebook and Instagram pages as well as on our “Activities and Events” webpage <https://www.lkoc.org/Activities-and-Events.html#ArborDay>. As in the past, the trees to be given away, which are purchased from island nurseries, will be nurtured by the women in LKOC’s Learning to Grow plant nursery at the Women’s Community Correctional Center. If you are interested in donating plants for the event, please email us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

Although it is still months away, save the date for our annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party on Sunday, April 28, 2024. As the event nears, information on how to participate or volunteer will be posted on our Town Party webpage <https://www.lkoc.org/Town-Party.html>. Mahalo from all of us at LKOC for your continued support and commitment to keeping Kailua clean, green and beautiful!

Diane Harding
LKOC President

We Will Never Forget

This past September 11, in memory of Christine Snyder, who perished on Flight 93 in 2001, flowers were placed under a lovely puakenikeni tree fronting Aikahi Fire Station. Christine was a much beloved arborist for the Outdoor Circle and this tree was planted in her honor by LKOC after her untimely passing. Every year since, many have taken the time to place flowers there on September 11 to honor this remarkable woman for her profound contribution and enduring spirit. We will never forget her.



LKOC Past Events



Photo by Lori Lloyd

***Koko Head Crater Botanical Gardens Tour.** On Friday, April 14, 2023, LKOC hosted a docent-led walking tour of Koko Crater Botanical Garden. The garden was in full bloom, and the guests enjoyed the spectacular setting and lovely flowering trees and plants. To view Lori Lloyd's pictures of this event, go to <https://www.lkoc.org/activities-and-events.html/#SpecialEvents>

***I Love Kailua Town Party.** Thirty years ago, the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle presented its first "I Love Kailua" Town Party. Sunday, April 23, 2023 was the happy resumption of the first Kailua Town Party since 2019 when COVID cancelled all activities. All event proceeds are used for our beautification and tree planting projects in Kailua. Go to the website below that shows some of those projects:



https://www.lkoc.org/uploads/3/7/9/7/37971713/ktp_2023_sponsor_appeal_page_2_final.pdf

***Town Party Beautification Awards.** Awards were presented to five winners for their beautiful plantings. To learn about this year's winners as well as past winners go to <https://www.lkoc.org/beautification-awards.html>.

The following were recognized for 2023:

Whole Foods living wall of plants on Kailua Road



Keolumana United Methodist Church on Keolu Drive for their street frontage monkeypod and royal poinciana



The Meister family on Mokapu Road for their monkeypod tree



Kalapawai Café for the trees in their parking lot and the hau arbor on Kainehe Street



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (on Kanapuu Drive and Keolu Drive) for the orchid trees in their parking lot. View these Hong Kong orchid trees during their usual blooming months of January through April.

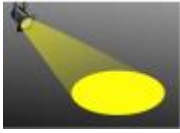
***Business Meeting/Luncheon.** On June 16, 2023, the annual meeting of LKOC was held at the Kalama Beach Club where members voted in the 2023-24 Board of Directors. President Diane Harding gave an excellent review of the Highlights of LKOC Activities Over the Past 10 Years. You may download the file that describes these activities at <https://www.lkoc.org/whats-new.html> and see how busy LKOC has been.



Board of Directors for 2023-24 (L to R): Advisor Claudia Webster, Treasurer Kathleen Bryan, Recording Secretary Teddi Baumgartner, Advisors Margaret Brezel and Paula Ress, Asst. Treasurer Francine Mendes, President Diane Harding, and Advisor Lyn Turner. Not present: Vice President Ken Curtis, Corresponding Secretary Nani Vermillion, and Advisor Leigh Prentiss. Photo by Betsy Connors

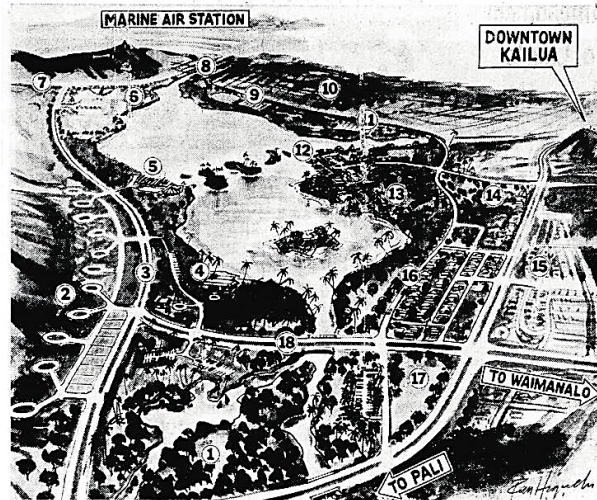
***Fourth of July 2023 Parade.** LKOC has been participating in the Kailua Fourth of July Parade since the first parade in 1949. This year, LKOC celebrated its 75th anniversary by having members walk with signs showcasing some of the achievements it has made over those years. Go to <https://www.lkoc.org/activities-and-events.html#parade> to see an overview of some of those parades.





In the Spotlight: Force for Good Award

In the Honolulu Star Advertiser, Bob Sigall's Rearview Mirror column gives annual awards "to those who made, preserved or wrote about Hawaii history." In the Friday, December 30, 2022 issue, Sigall gave the Force for Good Award to the Outdoor Circle. He "learned that in 1961 the nonprofit fought to keep Kawainui Marsh in Kailua from being developed into 4,000 homes, an 88-acre shopping complex, a 350-acre lake and recreation facilities. It would be sort of like Enchanted Lake today. The Outdoor Circle and the community resisted, and the plans were dropped. Kawainui Marsh is the largest remaining wetland in the state."



The Lani-Kailua branch (LKOC) of The Outdoor Circle (TOC) was the force behind this action. To this day, LKOC continues to fight to protect the Marsh from development and to keep the area clean, green, and beautiful. The column goes on to mention several other areas on O'ahu that The Outdoor Circle has helped to beautify or prevent development over the past 110 years. It is nice to have LKOC and TOC recognized for these achievements.

To see the full article go to <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/12/30/hawaii-news/rearview-mirror/rearview-and-now-the-envelope-for-the-annual-awards/>.



The Gardener's Corner

At the June 2023 business meeting and luncheon, Steve Mechler gave a demonstration on re-potting orchids.

To begin, cut out the stems that have no leaves, then remove some of the bottom root system. Put some pieces of broken ceramic pots (or rocks) in the bottom of a pot that has drainage holes. After repositioning the orchid plant and making sure the plant is centered in the pot, fill in around the plant with fresh mulch. Continue to compress the mulch as the pot is filled.

Over-watering or sitting in water is one of the downfalls of orchid growing. Watering once a week provides more than enough water. Water when the plants are dry. Growing orchids on trees is a good plan since there will be no over-watering. Fertilize monthly with deodorized chicken manure.

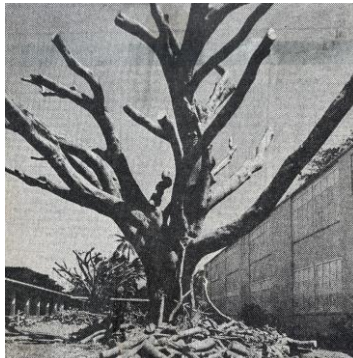




FLASHBACK [LKOC continues to be concerned about the quality of tree trimming of public trees in Kailua. TOC is actively looking into this problem.]

From the Honolulu Advertiser, August 25, 1990, “Outdoor Circle says state, city trimmers are botching tree jobs”

Tree trimmers have done hatchet jobs on beautiful trees at public schools in Kaneohe, Kalihi and Kaimuki, the president of the Outdoor Circle said yesterday. On Thursday, the Outdoor Circle got an earful from tree lovers who were shocked by what had been done to the prized banyans in the Kaimuki High School parking lot. “They are just mutilated,” [said the president of the Outdoor Circle, Betty Crocker]. “Here it is, nearly 95 degrees, the kids are going back to school and there’s not a leaf left on the trees.” [The state] ... hires school tree trimmers on a lowest-bid basis.



Trees at Kaimuki High after they were trimmed. Advertiser photo by Richard Ambo

The Outdoor Circle also received complaints after trimmers “devastated” shower trees in the parking lot at Castle High School. “It’s a matter of opinion,” said the Castle High Principal. “In my opinion, they look all right.” For good measure, Crocker also fired off a letter to the city, which did a bad job of trimming trees on Wilder Avenue, she said. City Parks Director Walter Ozawa said a city crew was “overzealous” when it chopped low canopies that had grown too thick for high trucks. “I will admit that our crew gets a little overzealous on some of those trees,” Ozawa said. “We try to do a good job and sometimes we make mistakes.” City crews will get additional training as a result of the incident,” he said.



MAHALO NUI LOA

Thank you very much to volunteers Wai Lee and Alex Ress who undertook the big job of repairing the very large shade cloth at the Women’s Community Correctional Center. The shade cloth covers all the hydroponic systems in addition to providing overhead protection for the whole nursery area. They bought repair materials and worked at three-hour clips to do the strenuous job. The threat to the lettuce production was real, and now we are happily back to full lettuce production. Prior to this, our duo also went down and repaired the electricity for the systems which had limited our production capabilities. This was not an easy fix, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Wai and Alex.



Photo by Betsy Connors

Aloha 'Oe

LKOC was deeply saddened to hear the news that **Anna Laahia Lui**, from First Hawaiian Bank, Kailua, recently passed away on the Fourth of July, 2023. Anna was a dear, dear friend to our organization for many years. She helped with our Town Party each year for decades, and we will all miss her smile and grace. She was such a special person and will always be remembered fondly.

★ **Mark your calendars:** The annual Holiday Meeting and Luncheon will be held Tuesday, **November 28, 2023** at Oahu Country Club in Nuuanu. Invitations will be sent out to members in the next few weeks. Our special speaker will be Myles Ritchie, Program Director for TOC, who will update us on important projects that TOC is undertaking including some exciting new developments with the State's Exceptional Tree Program. At Oahu Country Club, you will get to see the landmark clubhouse which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. The original lava-rock building was opened in 1907. We hope you will join us for this festive holiday occasion.

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, email us at:

Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

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.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board Roster 2023-2024

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