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Cooper Center's Volcano Community News

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Volcano Skatepark Update

In February 2012, the County of Hawaii and the Cooper Center Council (CCC) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to maintaining and managing the facilities at Volcano Park. In accordance with the MOU, the CCC relinquished responsibility for the skatepark portion of the Carlson Multi-Purpose Covered Court – that responsibility, at the time of the MOU, fell under the Kona Skatepark Association. It is my understanding that this association is no longer in existence.

The County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), through its Parks Community Partnership Program, entered into the MOU to engage in a partnership with the CCC for the purposes of:

- a. Facility improvements, maintenance, and programs that otherwise could not be provided by limited county resources;
- b. Enhancing the sense of community ownership and responsibility for facilities; and
- c. Facilitating uniqueness and appropriateness of County Parks and Recreation facilities.

With respect to the skatepark, Mayor's COVID-19 Emergency Rule No. 13 expressly closes all gyms and covered play courts through December 31, 2020. There is also a caveat that states "The Director may authorize limited term, specific uses of [covered play courts] for County-operated, managed, sponsored or approved activities, programs, services and functions." It is under this caveat that limited term, specific uses such as a farmer's market or community event can be allowed. We also require that any event's proposer submit a plan that sets forth appropriate management/oversight capabilities and satisfactorily addresses both staff/volunteers' safety as well that of any public participants.

We understand that there are limited public recreational opportunities available in the Volcano area for youth – especially skateboarders. We recently received a proposal from a group in Volcano that would manage the skatepark's use and ensure safe and responsible use by skateboarders that adhere to and enforce all safety rules. I am currently reviewing this proposal and our team plans to meet with the group as soon as possible to discuss options for opening and managing the skatepark.

We appreciate the partnership with CCC and will continue to work together to resolve policy questions, expedite decisions, inspect and monitor work performed at the facility, and insure compliance with department rules and regulations. Please contact me any time you have questions or concerns I can help address. Aloha,

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Farewell to a Beautiful Couple

If you read this newsletter every month you might already know that we are losing our Volcano Volunteer Fire Captain, Paul Lakin. Paul and his wife Nancy will be moving to Texas soon. I have lost a few friends this way and it makes me wonder why anyone would leave this beautiful place. Young people leaving the islands I understand. They are often searching for work or heading for military service or higher education. When I turned 18 in Kona I was excited to leave Hawaii for college. But, for the many times I left, I always returned to this island home.

The Lakins are travellers. Paul was born in Massachusetts and Nancy was born in the Philippines. It's amazing that they would even meet (on Oahu) and fall in love.

The COVID-19 pandemic is not the reason for them moving to Texas but it has temporarily delayed their departure. They originally planned to move last summer to be closer to the grandkids but the restrictions on flying made it too difficult.

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Volcano Newsletter

News Submissions

All e-mail submissions for ads, articles and Unclassifieds should go to Linda Ugalde at 936-9705 kilaueatutu@gmail.com Calls to my # between 8am-5pm only; it's treated as a business phone. Be sure to include your name! Please include a headline. Deadline -10th of each month.

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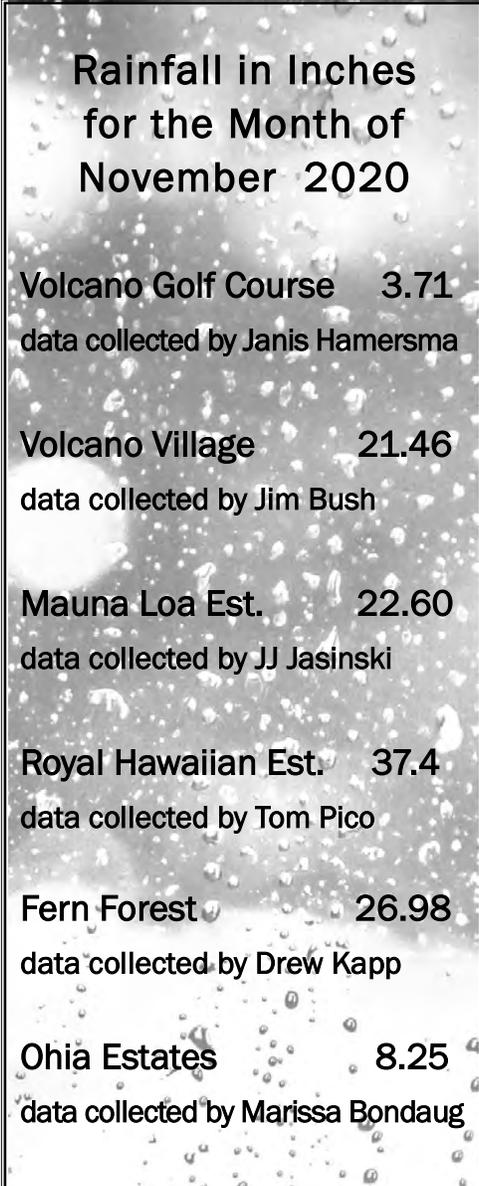
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Volcano Golf Course	3.71
data collected by Janis Hamersma	
Volcano Village	21.46
data collected by Jim Bush	
Mauna Loa Est.	22.60
data collected by JJ Jasinski	
Royal Hawaiian Est.	37.4
data collected by Tom Pico	
Fern Forest	26.98
data collected by Drew Kapp	
Ohia Estates	8.25
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Worship Services & Meditation Groups

Catholic Sunday Mass
St. Theresa's in Mt. View
5:30 pm on Saturday
10:00 am on Sunday

New Hope Christian Fellowship
Hilo Side of Akatsuka Orchid
Sunday Svc. 8:30 am
Pastor Ray Glory, Jr.
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Wright Road just past Road A
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Wed. Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm
Church phone: 967-8191

Society of Friends (Quakers)
Royal Hawaiian Estates
3rd Sunday of each month at 4 pm
985-7037

The Baha'i Faith / Mauna Loa Est.
6:30 pm Tuesdays
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Besides being a volunteer fire captain, Paul was also involved in training Big Island CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members. When the Volcano Emergency Response Plan was adopted a few years ago he worked closely with others in our community to create a planned response for disasters specific to the Volcano area.

Nancy was Team Leader for the Volcano CERT for 5 years. Before that she was on the Volcano Community Association Board for 3 years. Nancy is also involved with the Volcano Village Church group that cares for a 99 year old Volcano Resident by sleeping over one night a week.

If you see them around please thank them for their service. I will miss these two very much and so will Volcano. It won't be easy but we hope to find some new people willing to dedicate their lives in service to others.

submitted by Sher Glass

Volcano's Handy Guy

Phillip specializes

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Linda Ugalde editor



Volcano School of Arts & Sciences

The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences opened 20 years ago with students sitting on carpet squares, using clipboards instead of desks and eating lunch in shifts in the carport of a rented house. Now, the school has blossomed into a school with two campuses, over forty staff members, more than 260 students and hundreds of alumni around the world. This January, the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences (“Volcano School”) will celebrate its 20th birthday!

Xanthe Serafin, one of the founders of Volcano School who still teaches at the school today said that a team of parents and community members met weekly for almost three years to create the school’s implementation plan. On January 11, 2001, Volcano School’s charter was finally approved at a Board of Education meeting. “We all jumped up and down and hugged each other. And then, the real hard work began!” laughed Serafin.

Volcano School opened its doors to students in September 2001. Star Carlin, one of the school’s original teachers, remembers the feeling of creating everything from scratch. At first, the school only served students from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. The original location of Volcano School was rented park employee housing inside the Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park.

Volcano School then moved to its current location on Old Volcano Road in Volcano Village. It expanded to offer two more Middle School grades, and eventually moved its Middle School to the Keakealani Campus on Haunani Road. In recent years, Volcano School has added a community-based option, “Kula ‘Amakihi,” led by another teacher-founder, Lisa Barnard. In align-

ment with its mission and vision, Volcano School became a Hawaiian-Focused Charter School in 2016. In 2020-2021, a high school with grades nine and ten was added. “Even though the school has gotten much bigger, we have kept the sense of ‘ohana intact,” reflects Carlin. “Having the opportunity to be part of creating a school has

indeed been a most excellent adventure.”

The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences will be celebrating its 20th birthday with a virtual global celebration on Sunday, January 10, from 4:00-5:00pm (HST). Parents, students, alumni, and community supporters are welcome to attend. Please check the school’s website at www.volcanoschool.net for more information. Happy 20th birthday, Volcano School!

~ Erica Jensen

January Happenings at Kilauea Military Camp

New Years Brunch: Friday January 1, Crater Rim Café from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm. Celebrate the new year with our special brunch featuring Ham, Cajun Salmon, Vegetarian Quiche, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Roasted Asparagus, Waffles, Fruit & Yogurt Parfait and Beverage. \$21.95 Adults. Kids Meal Options: Waffles, Herb Roasted Buttered Potatoes, Bacon, Milk or Beverage. \$10.95. Reservations Required. Call 967-8356

KMC Patrons: With COVID-19, KMC has adjusted Hours of Operations for many of our facilities. Below are the phone numbers to our facilities so you can contact them directly for any inquiries you may have.

Reservation Desk: 967-8333

Crater Rim Café: 967-8356

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Saturday - Breakfast: 6:30 am - 11:00 am

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Recreation Lodge: 967-8352

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Follow KMC on Facebook or view our website at <https://www.kilauea-militarycamp.com/> for current events.

Please remember face coverings and 6 feet social distancing are required in common areas.

KMC is open to all authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees may apply.



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute Presents

SUNDAY WALK IN THE PARK – HALEMA'UMA'U TRAIL

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

This monthly program on second Sundays is aimed at bringing together the members of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to explore the park's beautiful trails.

Descend 425 feet (130m) at the southern edge of Kilauea Caldera through a rain forest that has been re-established numerous times, to the floor of Kilauea Caldera.

Of interest: A unique biological diversity of plants, birds, insects; formations of "pahoehoe" lava, steam vents, walk on the 1974 lava flow and a panoramic view of a volcanic caldera.

Difficulty: Moderate. Distance: .8 miles one way, 1.6 miles round trip.

Bring: water, food, hat, sun protection & rain gear. Be prepared for hot, dry, wet, and windy weather conditions.

This event is presented by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Program cost is FREE for Friends members. Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to attend. And, of course, additional donations are always accepted.

Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Please check <https://www.fhvn.org/events/20210110-sw/> for updates and for more information about this event.

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The Voice

of the Volcano Community Association



January 2021

2020 - an Odd Year in Review

Looking back on 2020 I feel we were lucky to live relatively safe here in Volcano. The year started out with a bang of fireworks and the VCA had their annual meeting on January 27th, 2020 at the Cooper Center with guest speaker Bill Kucharski, Director of Environmental Management for the County of Hawaii. Delicious delectables were prepared by Michael and Victoria of Georgette's along with some coffee and tea. Since we were attempting a "zero-waste event", attendees brought their own cups or borrowed some our own we brought from home. We said goodbye to some of our board members and hello to our new board for 2020. Everyone who stayed for the business meeting went home with some sort of prize donated by local vendors and VCA Business Partners.

Our first board meeting of 2020 was held in February at the Kipuka Room at Kilauea Lodge where we elected officers and planned the year ahead of us. There were just hints of the new coronavirus but Hawaii was not yet affected. In March the governor enacted a mandatory 14 day quarantine for anyone coming to Hawaii. Cooper Center was closed by the county one weekend for overall sanitation and we got permission to use the Village Church parking lot up the road just for that Sunday. Thank you Ellen O'Dunn for your help sending people to the temporary location.

I give loads of credit to Linda Ugalde and her dedicated volunteers for getting Cooper Center outfitted for the

pandemic and making sure we were all safe. We were not able to have our VCA Table at the Volcano Farmers Market from March 29 till June 14, therefore missing 11 weeks of fundraising. We attempted to sell our tee shirts, hats, etc. online but were not very successful.

In April I called the County of Hawaii to ask if we would be able to get a permit for our 4th of July Parade. I was told that there would be no permits given out at least through the end of July. So no parade, no festival and no keiki games.

On June 14th my faithful VCA directors were able to set up our table inside the great hall and start fundraising again. It was very *S-L-O-W* because people were out of work (i.e. no money) and no visitors were coming to our island. We did talk to people and got some new members signed up or at least handed out our rackcards. We ran a sale on keiki shirts and all our tie-dyed shirts during the summer and fall just to have some funds coming in and to make some space in our storage.

Caren Loebel-Fried stopped by our table one Sunday to show her new book "**Manu, The Boy Who Loved Birds**". She offered us a sample book to show the public more of her art. We were not selling the book but we promoted it to people who were interested in the artwork on the shirts we sell. Thank you Caren for your many years of support. Everyone loves your art!

The VCA board was not allowed to

meet at Cooper Center because it was closed except for the Bookstore/Thrift Shop and the Farmers Market. So I had to figure out this new fangled technology called Zoom. The VCA board has been meeting on Zoom ever since.

We were able to get one event going in 2020 and that was the COVID19-Safe Halloween Trunk or Treat. We followed the requirements of the CDC and made quite a few children and parents happy. A video was created from this event and if you go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "**Volcano Village Trunk or Treat 2020**" you should be able to see it. Thank you Mary, Gabby, Cindy, Henry and Chris. It was a lot of work but worth it to see the keiki so happy. Thank you to our trunk decorators who all received a prize from the VCA board.

We started to see a few visitors coming back in October and November so we ordered a new batch of black tee shirts. I hope you will stop by our table sometime or if you are not around here then you can visit our website at www.volcanocommunity.org. We stay in touch with our members by email once a month with our eBlast which contains updated info that did not make the newsletter and a link to a color copy of "The Voice".

Our Annual Meeting is Monday, January 25th at 6:00pm and will be on ZOOM. If you do NOT have email we will have a copy of the budget for 2021 and our slate of new board members at our Farmers Market table on Sundays. Those who vote AND are current VCA members will be put into a drawing for some really

Volcano Community Association (VCA) Mission Statement

To improve and protect the quality of life in Volcano, County and State of Hawaii, on behalf of all residents of the area. To promote the social and educational advancement, increase recreational opportunities, ensure health, protect natural environment, and develop community spirit. Also, it will undertake any consonant project the community may be moved to assign to it.

However, it will remain nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

nice local gift certificates. We will send out a link to our members that have email addresses in January. There will be a surprize guest speaker for the first 10 minutes. Check your email for the next VCA news.

*Submitted by Sher Glass
VCA President*

Pictures below are from the **Halloween Trunk or Treat COVID-safe event** at Carlsons Court on Oct. 31, 2020: Marilyn Shigetani's Hocus Pocus display won 1st place (left) The shark family really stood out from the crowd. (right) and the O'Dunn folks (below) were quite photogenic.

Photos by Mary Narito



Time to join or renew your membership?

Membership Form -- Volcano Community Association

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Mahalo!

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Do you know that we have a qualified and recognized organization dedicated to assisting the Village in crises; VERP, The Volcano Emergency Response Plan. Doug and Mark introduced me to the 'Go Bags' displayed at Farmer's market. Come to an emergency of some kind, you grab the bag, and you are good to go for days. Intrigued to know more, I scoped VERP out on the Cooper Center website. Jaw drops to the floor. I had no idea!

What an incredible group of volunteers, all dedicated to disaster preparedness. A year ago, I suggested hauling off into the rainforest with kids, and the family cat in tow was probably not the best solution if some disaster strikes. I didn't know about VERP then, and many of us still are not aware that we have an organization dedicated to saving our asses. Now you do.

Directly to the vital information now, what will go in my Go Bag? Over and above the 70 plus items that I can put together myself or buy ready-made, I have other requirements. Beyond Soap, Wipes, Personal Papers, Illumination Sticks, Whistle, Disposable Poncho, and Duct Tape, these to keep my body intact; what will maintain my precious individuality during a cataclysm? What do I gain if I save my body, but not my significance? Some lightweight, compact, and meaningful 'thing' to sustain my quintessence. Pith. Marrow. Core. A letter?

Photograph? Keepsake? How about my 1968 - Third U.S. Army Tournament of Plays - Best Supporting Actor Trophy? No, too heavy, and not comprehensive enough to succinctly impart who I am to me when I need it most. Ok. Let me search the house for this elusive item. I'm back. I'm disheartened. It can't be! There is no Go Bag for my ego.

Peter Charlot came to Volcano in 1986 from his hometown in Honolulu to write and direct a play for the Volcano Art Center on Dr. Thomas Jaggar for the 75th anniversary of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. Items and ideas for content are welcome. Contact; amidmost@gmail.com.



Above: sample GoBag pre-packed and ready for you to "Bug Out".



↕ Training Day Sept 2019 for VERT and Volcano CERT together at Carlson Ct.



Volcano Rotary January 2021

The Rotary Club of Volcano would like to thank everyone who purchased Christmas Cookies at the Farmers Market during their sale. We hope you enjoyed the cookies. The proceeds will help provide scholarships to two deserving students next year.

Volcano School of Arts and Sciences work project – While students were on break, the club worked at the lower school campus to remove invasive species and spruce up the grounds.

The monthly cleanup of our two mile section of Highway 11 is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st. We welcome anyone who would like to help to come join us. We meet at Cooper Center at 8:00 to get organized and the work takes about an hour. We appreciate the drivers who honk their appreciation when we are on the road.

Finally, the club hopes everyone in the Volcano community had a good holiday season. We are looking forward to living up to our motto of Service Above Self in the New Year.



Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park January 2021 News

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park Announces Entrance Fee-Free Days for 2021
Hawaii National Park, HAWAI‘I –



Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park will waive its entrance fee on six days in 2021. The fee-free days support the park’s commitment to increase access, promote recreational opportunities, improve visitor facilities and conserve natural and historical treasures for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

The six entrance fee-free days for 2021 will be:

Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Saturday, April 17 – First Day of National Park Week

Wednesday, August 4 – Great American Outdoors Act anniversary

Wednesday, August 25 – National Park Service Birthday

Saturday, September 25 – National Public Lands Day – Veterans Day

“We encourage our community and visitors to mark these days on your calendars, and come visit the constantly changing landscape, shaped by Kīlauea and Mauna Loa volcanoes,” said Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park Superintendent Rhonda Loh. “Most of the park is open, and the changes since the 2018 eruption and summit collapse of Kīlauea are extraordinary, and are explained in a series of new exhibit signs near the crater rim,” Loh said.

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park normally charges \$30 per vehicle, \$25 per motorcycle, \$15 per pedestrian or bicycle, and the pass is good for seven days. The entrance fee waiver for the fee-free days does not cover camping or backcountry overnight permit fees.

The park is one of approximately 100 national parks that has an entrance fee. There are more than 300 other national parks that do not charge an entrance fee. The National Park System includes more than 85 million acres and is comprised of more than 400 sites, including national parks, national historical parks, national monuments, national recreation areas, national battlefields, and national seashores.

Last year, 327 million people visited national parks and spent \$21 billion which supported 340,500 jobs across the country and had a \$41.7 billion impact on the U.S. economy. In 2019, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park welcomed 1,368,375 visitors who contributed \$116 million to the local economy.

Park visitors can also opt for the Hawai‘i Tri Park Annual pass for \$55. The pass provides entrance to Hawai‘i Volcanoes and Haleakalā National Parks and Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park for one year.

Earlier this year, U.S. military veterans, Gold Star Families and fifth graders were granted free access to all national parks, wildlife refuges and other Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior. Fifth grade students were granted the reprieve through this academic year as some of last year’s fourth graders may have been unable to make full use of the Every Kid Outdoors Annual Fourth Grade Pass due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Active duty military and fourth grade students will continue to have free access, and discounted passes are available for senior citizens. For other visitors, the annual \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks.

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A spectacular morning sky above Kīlauea caldera in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Taken behind Volcano House on 11/15/2020.

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Volcano Art Center wishes you all a **Happy New Year!**

To kickstart the new year, we're pleased to announce that the popular *Zentangle* workshops are back! This month, get *Back to Basics* with Valdeane Odachi on January 9 from 10am – 1pm.

Erik Wold will teach the *Saturday Clay – High Fire!* 8-class workshop series starting January 9 from 11am – 2pm.

Immerse in Hawai'i Island's magnificent landscapes and plants through Catherine Robbins' evocative oil paintings at her solo exhibition, *A Brush with Light – Volcanic Island Reflections*, at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The show runs from January 9 through February 14, 2021, 9am – 4pm, Wednesday – Sunday. A special virtual opening reception with Robbins will occur via Zoom on Saturday, January 9 beginning at 11am. To register for the Zoom link please RSVP by January 6 to gallery@volcanoartcenter.org.

How long has writing been on your bucket list? Are you ready to make 2021 the year you finally get started or restarted? *The Strategies to Jump-Start Your Writing* livestream Zoom workshop with Jacquolyn McMurray and Kristin Wolfgang is perfect for beginning writers seeking new inspiration and strategies. Join us for a stimulating morning on January 23 from 9am – 12pm.

Introducing a series of children's classes: *East African Handbuilding for Keiki* with Erik Wold is a series of 6 ceramics classes for children ages 8 – 15 on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5pm, January 5 – February 9. *The Kids Drawing Class* with Ken Charon is a series of 6 drawing classes for children ages 8 – 14 on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5pm, January 6 – February 10. *Beginning Bead Embroidery with Cabochons* with Rona Smith is a series of 6 bead embroidery classes for children ages 10 – 14 on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5pm, January 7 – February 11.

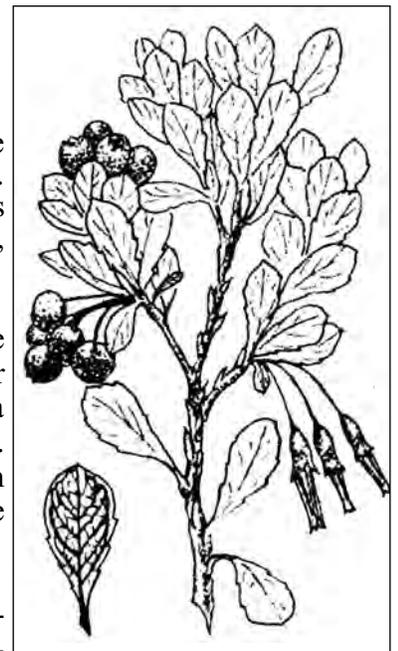
The Volcano Art Center is a non-profit educational organization created in 1974 to promote, develop, and perpetuate the artistic and cultural heritage of Hawai'i's people and environment through activities in the visual, literary, and performing arts. Please visit www.volcanoartcenter.org for full event details and more.

Oh, Hello!

'**O**helo belongs to a group of plants called pioneers. They are among the first to brave fresh lava flows where their small, stiff leaves are perfect for surviving a blazing sun. 'Ohelo is distinguished for being associated with Pele whose territory it inhabits and for its luscious round berries. These berries, formed from bell-shaped flowers, turn red, orange, yellow and even blue and purple in higher elevations.

After a few hundred years, when bare lava has changed to woodland, its pioneer days are over, and our little guy takes up a more sociable role by living in community with other plants. His favorite friends are 'a'ali'i and pukiawe. They can be easily found on the Mauna Loa strip road; and the higher up the road goes, the more these three amigos stick together. At the higher and colder elevations, 'ohelo shows up by turning blue. The berries can turn blue and purple and the leaves take on a blue tinge. This is a notable variation to what we usually see.

There are three species of 'ohelo, but in Volcano we only come across two. There is *Vaccinium reticulatum*, which is found in open forests and lava flows, and *Vaccinium calycinum*, otherwise known as 'ohelo kau la'au or tree 'ohelo. This name is very descriptive as it translates directly into "putting 'ohelo onto a tree." When the forest becomes crowded and shady, 'ohelo begins to fade away and his cousin, tree 'ohelo, appears. This shady cousin is not as remarkable looking as its sun-loving relative. Tree 'ohelo tends to be spindly, its berries are not as tasty, and for part of the year all its leaves drop. But it must have its admirers in the bird world because it can be readily found all over our rain forest.



submitted by Marcia Stone

Volcano Community News

School Preparedness Questions for Parents



General School Emergency Policies

- Does the school have written emergency policies and plans?
- How do parents find out about the policies?
- What about emergency contact forms for each child? How are they distributed? Where kept? How detailed? How often updated?
- How will parents be notified in emergencies?
- What are student pick-up policies? What are alternative pick-up locations if school has been closed? Who can pick up your child if school is shut down? How will they be notified? How will they be identified before child is released? What if child won't go with them?

Emergency Drills

- Does the school face any particular threats because of its location? (near railroad tracks, busy traffic or airport, environmental hazards from neighboring businesses, etc.)
- How are teachers and students notified of an emergency? (site-wide PA system, internal phone system, etc.)
- How can teachers advise the office of an emergency?
- What emergencies does the school train for other than fire or storm? (Earthquake, tornado, wildfire, active shooter.)
- Does the school train for evacuation as well as shelter in place?
- What should parents know about how these drills are called and how conducted?
- Who does the training and how often?
- How are substitute teachers included in these drills?

Emergency Supplies and Equipment

- What food and water supplies are maintained in the school?
- Are supplies kept on school buses?
- What food, water and hygiene supplies are in the classroom in case of extended lockdown?
- Are first aid supplies available in each classroom?
- What first aid training do staff members get? Do they get age-appropriate training? (For example, CPR for infants and children is different than for adults.)
- Where is emergency equipment located? (fire extinguishers, AEDs, wheelchairs, etc.)
- Who is trained in equipment use?

Security Features

- Does the school have security cameras? Are they monitored?
- Has the school made any changes to the way visitors are allowed onto the campus or into the buildings? What are the policies?
- Does the school have a security force? How many officers with what credentials, what training and what weapons? Their role?

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- 1/5 - After School East African Handbuilding with Erik Wold
- 1/6 - Kids Drawing Class with Ken Charon
- 1/7 - Beginning Bead Embroidery with Cabochons with Rona Smith
- 1/9 - Zentangle: Back to Basics with Valdeane Odachi
- 1/9 - Saturday Clay - High Fire! with Erik Wold
- 1/9 - EXHIBIT: A Brush With Light by Catherine Robbins
- 1/23 - ZOOM workshop: Strategies to Jumpstart Your Writing with Jacquolyn McMurray and Kristin Wolfgang



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