



Cooper Center's Volcano Community News



NEWSLETTER #405

JUNE 2023

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HAPPY ALMOST 4TH OF JULY

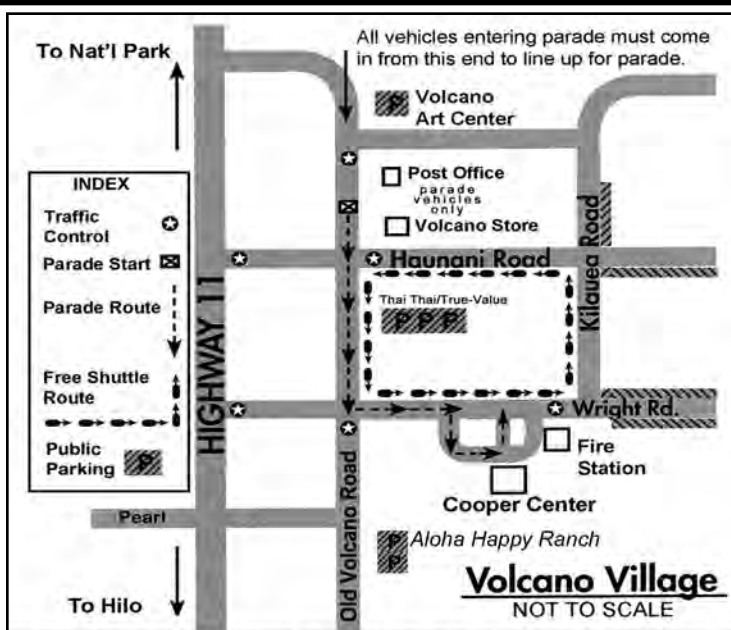
For long time residents, you know the drill and look forward to all the events. For all you newbies, I've heard this is the best small town celebration bar none!

Let's start with all the things you can look forward to:

- 30 CRAFTERS in the covered court
- 8 to 10 food vendors along the side of the parking lot
- Arrival of the PARADE around 9:30-10:00 (sponsored by VCA)
- Followed by great entertainment, even though KDEN has no musical this year because of the closure and upgrades to the KMC theater, they will still open our entertainment
- All ENTERTAINMENT has not been solidified yet, but guarantee we will have Boni to keep us going.
- Large SILENT AUCTION in the main building in the main building, sign up and look around...starts at 9 closes at 11, pickup by 12.
- CHILDREN'S GAMES sponsored by VCA, huge selection this year, with the shave ice nearby.
- Information tables from some of our Volcano groups

What more could you ask for?...Yes, I know the answer,...more parking....HOWEVER: THERE IS NO PUBLIC PARKING at Cooper Center. The spaces we have are for our food vendors, entertainers and the many volunteers it takes to put on this event. There are a limited number of handicap stalls, contact me as soon as possible to reserve one of those spaces. Sorry folks there is only room for so many!

As of the date of publication we still have a few craft spots available, Contact Tara to check and see what's available (808-464-3625)



The Volcano 4th of July Parade Route is just over a half mile starting at the Volcano Post Office, down along Old Volcano Road, left at Wright Road and ending up at Cooper Center. The parade starts at 9:00 am on July 4th. There will be some road closures from 8:15 am until about 10:30 am or until the parade finishes. permit # 23-32

EVERYONE'S FAVORITE...!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Starting **Monday July 3rd** at 1pm:

- ◆ We need community volunteers to help get this event all set up. First we have 2 tents to put up for the entertainment area.
- ◆ We have tables and chairs to set up in many locations.
- ◆ We have to put up all the outside decorations and flags

Then on **Tuesday the 4th** as the day ends around 1pm, and so we can all get to family gathers and fire-works (as none are allowed this community park)

- ◆ All tents, decorations, tables and chairs need to be wiped down and put away.
- ◆ Keep this in mind as you volunteer....many hands make light work.
- ◆ Mahalo, and we'll see you all on Monday July 3rd if you're volunteering, if not....on July 4th. Come and enjoy!

Volcano Newsletter News Submissions

All submissions must be by email, ads, articles, and unclassifieds to Linda Ugalde kilaueatutu@gmail.com, on or before the 10th of the month prior to month it's being submitted for. All ads must also give us their snail mail address for invoicing. Articles for non regular submissions may not be over 300 words. For additional information email me or call 808-936-9705. No calls after 5pm.

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Volcano, HI 96785,

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Janelle Akuna made a hole in one on Hole #3 at Volcano Golf Course on April 23rd. She used a hybrid club from the forward tees approximately 105 yards to the hole. This was her first HIO.

Cooper Center Community Pantry News

The next drive through food pantry is on Wednesday, June 28th from 9:30-11:00am.

The Food pantry can still **really** use canned vegetable donations.

Contact Victoria:
cccommunitypantry@gmail.com

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 Orchids
Sunday Svc. 8:30am
Pastor Ray Glory, Jr.
Pastor Jason Morton
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The Village Church
Sunday Service at 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm
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Society of Friends (Quakers)
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Every Sunday at 2 pm
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The Baha'i Faith / Mauna Loa Est.
6-7 pm Tuesdays
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The Unitarian-Universalists of Puna
10:30 am Sundays in HPP
Call: 967-7295 for a ride.

Hale Lokahi Retreat House
Mini Retreat every Sunday
10:30 am on Zoom
Call 808-896-7234

Volcano Insight Meditation Group
Mary Grace Orr, teacher
10 AM Sundays, on Zoom
Monthly in person at VAC
for info and link, email:
mgrace.orr@gmail.com

Family of Faith
Church of the Nazarene
18-1325 Old Volcano Rd - Mt View
Sunday Worship @ 9 am
(808) 491-8413

Rainfall in Inches for the Month of April 2023

Volcano Golf Course 6.96
data collected by Janis Hamersma

Volcano Village 11.14
data collected by Jim Bush

Mauna Loa Est. 12.62
data collected by JJ Jasinski

Royal Hawn Est. 12.7
data collected by Tom Pico

Fern Forest 14.31
data collected by Drew Kapp

Ohia Estates 12.03
data collected by Phil Haysmer



Rotary Club of Volcano June 2023 News

Congratulations go out to Dalilah Martin, the 2023 valedictorian at Kea'au High School and this year's winner of a \$5,000 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Volcano.

Dalilah will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, in the fall, where she will be studying biology in preparation for a career as a physician's assistant.

Our Volcano club judges were impressed by Dalilah's academic achievement (she had a 4.0 GPA), her leadership and communications skills, and her athletic prowess (she was captain of the school's paddling and water polo teams and was part of a Hawaii paddling team that participated last year in the international championships in London, England.) She also works in a coffee shop in downtown Hilo as a barista.

Each year since 1976, participating Rotary Clubs throughout the state, working with the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, throughout the state have awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to students in their local areas to help further their education after high school and to invest in our community's future.

We know we'll be hearing great things about Dalilah for many years to come.

The Rotary Club of Volcano meets at 8 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Volcano Arts Center. The meetings are open to all

submitted by Mike Leidemann



Volcano Seniors June 2023 Calendar

June 1 - Business Mtg,
Games, Potluck

June 8 - Games, Potluck,
Line dance lesson

June 15 - Line dance lesson,
Games Potluck

June 16 - Line Dance at
Afook Chinen Auditorium

June 22 - Games, Potluck
Joint w/ Mt view

June 29 - Bingo, Games,
Potluck

The Volcano Senior's Club meets every Thursday morning at Cooper Center from 9-12.

ALOHA KAKOU FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

E komo mai to June's Volcano Swap Meets. Held 2nd & 4th Saturdays, June 10th & 24th from 8AM to 12Noonish in the Historical Heart of Volcano Village at the Cooper Center on Wright Road.

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Hau'oli La 'O Kamehameha & Hau'oli La Makua!
(Happy King Kamehameha Day & Happy Father's Day!)
 Have a Happy Juneteenth & a Fun First Day of Summer.

A Hui Hou,
Auntie Frances Roberts-Bennett

Pin-to-Pin: Where to Begin?

The intractable issues of a community. You all know what I mean. The ones where the kids go away to college, have their own kids, leave the rat race behind, retire to the community they grew up in—and yep, still there. Decades have passed, but how would you ever know? The headlines remain stuck in time.

In a 2006 article, “Upset by Clearing” featuring the all too memorable caption, “The Californication of Volcano”, a group of residents stand around looking rightfully bewildered in a vast pin-to-pin cleared lot. The photo could literally have been taken today. Or just run again and most would never have noticed.

But one wants to protest, to champion all the efforts made by so many over so many years to stop this destruction of our incredible tropical montane forest—which from a biodiversity perspective is literally one of one of the most precious forests in the world for our collective future. But as it says straight out of 2006, “nothing illegal has been alleged and nothing illegal has apparently been done”.

Which is to say that throughout all this effort, through blood, sweat, and tears (and if you’ve ever hand-cleared a lot in Volcano—you know just what I mean), we as a community have not yet succeeded to use THE KEY TOOL—used by people everywhere—to say what is RIGHT and what is WRONG. To lay out what will just keep happening—and what stops NOW:

Laws.

Which is also by no means to denigrate grassroots community-driven protest and action—without it, all is lost. However, reality check for us Volcano: It has not worked.

Which is to say it is necessary—our community’s life’s blood even—but clearly not sufficient.

Remember: This very morning in the forests of Volcano a 100,000+ pounds D9 bulldozer can obliterate 5 million years of one-of-a-kind forest evolution from pin-to-pin in an hour—and no one here can do much of anything to stop it—without getting arrested that is.

SO....how about it? Are we ok to keep it this way Volcano? Is that good by you? Because what if instead—we were to actually make a change?

What if instead we start this year to write a County Ordinance that will codify our passion for our native forest in Volcano? What if we finally move this legal means called a “Forest Protection Overlay” out of the arena of community passion and into the realm of solid public policy?

I know firsthand and for certain that there is direct support from Hawai’i County Long Range Planning for codifying forest protections in Volcano that will have a truly lasting and generational impact. In other words, the moment—for that once in a lifetime type of rare alignment one typically only sees in the stars—is actually here.

This does not mean it will just be easy however.

For anyone who has tried in Volcano to make positive systemic change, one might understand if in the end they chose to return to the easier work of hand-clearing lots. But I do not believe this is not because of our community itself—but rather because the thicket of regulatory bodies and powers-that-be in Volcano—is as remarkable in its complexity as the forest can be impenetrable, at first, to the simple human hand.

Indeed, it will take a remarkable level of dedication and focused

mind if we are to successfully seize this moment we have now been given. But I for one believe that the small team—that will make this happen—lives now already in the Volcano area and will read this article or hear about it soon in their own way.

So consider this your call to action! Stand up and be counted! Dedicate a portion of your time to something that will make all your other time on Earth more satisfying, more meaningful. Let’s make the last 5 Million years of evolution’s sacred work here—just a down-payment on the 5 Million years of unfolding biodiversity yet to come!

Please contact the VCA at volcanocommunityassociation@gmail.com or President Scott Fossel at scott.fossel@gmail.com or Nature and Environment Committee lead James Morgan at

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New Yoga Class at Cooper Center Starting June 5th

Tues 830-945am Hatha Yoga with Danielle, \$15/class. This is an all-level, "meet your body where it is" kind of class. All are welcome.

Bring: mat, strap, bolster/block.

For questions, discounts, details and to sign up: 808.276.0608 or danielle.pacific@gmail.com



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

SUNDAY WALK IN THE PARK – KAHUKU PALM TRAIL
Sunday, June 11, 2023 - 10:00 am to 2:00 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. This month we will walk the Kahuku Palm Trail.

Palm Trail is a moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop traversing scenic pastures along an ancient cinder cone, with some of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. Highlights include relics of the ranching era, sections of remnant native forest and amazing volcanic features from the 1868 eruptive fissures.

Enter the Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on the mauka (uphill) side of Highway 11 near mile marker 70.5, and meet near the parking area.

Sturdy footwear, water, raingear, sun protection, and a snack are recommended.

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. Park entrance fees apply.

Please check https://www.fhvn.org/events/sw_20230611/ for updates and for more information about this event.

Note: Effective July 2023, Sunday Walk in the Park will have a \$5.00 non-refundable fee, still limited to Friends members.

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Dear Newcomers of Volcano

I want to extend a warm welcome to our community, but I also want to express a heartfelt message. As you settle into our beloved town, I urge you to leave any arrogance behind and embrace the unique culture of Volcano. We are a tight-knit community that looks out for one another and deeply cares about the natural beauty that surrounds us.

I understand that you may have moved here to escape the hustle and bustle of the mainland, and I encourage you to hold onto that sentiment. Volcano is a place to slow down and appreciate the simpler things in life. Our buffer zone rainforest is a treasure that we protect fiercely, and we ask that you do the same.

Please don't bring your life from the mainland with you. Instead, try to immerse yourself in the local culture, get to know your neighbors, and explore the beauty of the area. Embrace the aloha spirit that pervades our community, and I am sure that you will find a sense of belonging here.

If you find that you still crave the fast-paced lifestyle of the mainland, I urge you to consider whether Volcano is truly the right fit for you. We want newcomers who are willing to integrate themselves into our community and contribute positively to our way of life.

In conclusion, I wish you all the best in your new home. Please take care to respect the culture and environment of Volcano, and I look forward to getting to know you better.

Sincerely, a long time Volcano resident

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NEWS FROM THE VOLCANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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THE VOICE OF THE EARTH

Earth Day SUCCESS!

The 1st Annual Earth Day Festival recently held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Volcano Village Cooper Center was a huge success!

The festival was a great opportunity for people to learn about sustainability and to take a action to protect the planet.

With an estimated 150 attendees, the event featured booths from

a range of local environmental organizations, County of Hawaii Recycling, the Big Island Invasive Species Committee, and the UH-Hilo Forestry program educating on preventing the spread of Rapid Ohia Death. Gracing us were special Guest Speakers including Native Hawaiian Practitioner, Kumu Meleana Manuel, and one of the original Founders of Earth Day and Volcano resident, Dr. Bruce Miller. Some vendors selling sustainable products were Rainbow Repurpose and Grow Native—just to name a few.

Highlighting our event was the Mana'o Room, where attendees and residents gave voice to their feedback on a wide range of potential future topics, projects, and initiatives of the Volcano Community Association (see more on right).

VCA plans to make the Earth Day Fest an annual anchoring event for the community, and they hope to see many more people attend next year. So if you missed us this year, be sure to mark your calendar for 2024!

COMMUNITY VOICES: Your Feedback

Visitors to the Mana'o Room at VCA's Earth Day Fest were asked to share their opinions on 80 possible initiatives for the VCA to pursue in our mission of improving quality of life in Volcano. A digital survey was also sent out to the community, garnering 80 responses.

Celebrating Earth Day and offering opportunities for feedback were in the Top 10 (and we plan to keep doing both). Some other popular ideas for the Volcano Community:

1. Library
2. Summer Arts Festival
3. Skatepark Updates

All three of these ideas got an additional boost from grants VCA has already identified to possibly make them a reality.

Volcano is really in love with the idea of having a true coffeehouse. Ideally, I would guess, the kind of great community place where people can hang out for hours and talk story.

Along with a garden center and a full service bookstore, which were also very popular, our community would appear to be ready for a few new businesses. Though, from what I'm hearing, only businesses that further anchor us to what we already value: education, community, the arts, and nature (oh, and a fine cup a' Joe).

Also popular was the idea of an online events calendar where everyone could access events in one place. It's a great idea and we are looking into it.

Of course, Volcano still wants its HI5 service back. This this is currently tied to unlocking more funding at the State level, because no one bid on the current contract as written.

Other ideas which garnered popular response and which the VCA is already working on currently, include a walking trail network repurposing the unused paper roads, a new vision for the Cooper Center and the much broader plan for "Volcano Park", and putting the force of law behind conserving our native forest. That said, there are more than enough talented folks in Volcano to make far more of these initiatives a reality, so please reach out and get involved!

To learn more go here:
<https://rb.gy/fo6mi>

Are you new to the community but want to support the values the first drew you to Volcano? Do you love our Volcano Community, but your VCA membership has lapsed? Please support the VCA in 2023 and beyond by starting or renewing your membership now! Just cut this form out and send it to us at PO BOX 600 below!

VOLCANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

**** ALL CONTACT INFO IS REQUIRED ****

Name(s): _____
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VCA is an all volunteer organization serving Volcano. We welcome your help! Please select from these volunteer teams:

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| <input type="radio"/> Events | <input type="radio"/> Nature/Environment | <input type="radio"/> Transit |

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Please make your check out to Volcano Community Association and send with this form to: Volcano Community Association, PO Box 600, Volcano HI 96785. You can also join or renew at www.volcanocommunity.org!

MAHALO!!!



VCA MEMBERSHIP + VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE: Let's roll our sleeves up together!

Elaine Lee

2023 VCA Membership + Volunteers
Coordinator

talkelaine@mindspring.com

**Pā Ka Leo: The Voice of Our Community
is Our Community of Voices!**

The Volcano Community Association represents Volcano Village, Volcano Farm Lots, Cymbidium Acres, Mauna Loa Estates, Ohi'a Estates, Volcano Golf Course, Royal Hawaiian Estates and Hawaiian Orchid Isle Estates.

"The Voice" is published by the VCA Board of Directors: Scott Fossil, Molly Dolphin, James Morgan, James Sutton, Mahi Snell, Sherrie Galdeira, Elaine Lee, Daniel Morimoto and Ida May Gager. Questions? Comments? Feedback? Concerns? Call, text, or email our 2023 President, Scott at scott.fossil@gmail.com or 510-414-4478. *We always want to hear from you!*

A NOTE FROM OUR MEMBER COORDINATOR

It is a great pleasure to have a part in the VCA! As the Lead for the Membership/Volunteer Committee, I hope to encourage greater participation and involvement from more individuals within our precious community. Everyone has ideas, opinions and aspirations for Volcano, and those need to be heard!

- Elaine Lee and 'Akamai!



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Kapapala Ranch to be Subject of Talk

The evolution of Kapapala Ranch will be the subject of a talk and slide-show presentation this month at Volcano Art Center.

Lani Petrie, who along with her husband Bill, have leased and run the historic ranch just south of Volcano since 1977, will cover the ecology and history of the area, taking people on a trip through the earliest days of the area, the Great Mahele, plantation days, and more than 160 years of Kapapala as a working ranch.

She will also discuss the ranch's relationship to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, state forest reserves, Highway 11, Ohaieka, Kipuka Ki, and the recent transfer of the property to the state Department of Agriculture.

The presentation is sponsored by the Volcano Community Association in association with the Volcano Art Center. It will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 in the Art Center's Varez Hall. The talk is free but donations are welcome.

Submitted by Mike Leidemann

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Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park June 2023



All events are free, but entrance fees may apply. Some programs are sponsored by Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association. Programs are subject to change or cancellation without notice. Check the park calendar for more information.

Battle of Midway: A Japanese Perspective. The Battle of Midway, June 4 – 7, 1942, marked a turning point in World War II. The U.S. Navy and the Imperial Japanese Navy would stand toe-to-toe battling for control of the Pacific. From the first decoded messages to the strategic decisions that would alter the course of history, Ben Hayes, historian and program manager for the park's Interpretation & Education team, takes us through this epic conflict from a different perspective. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing After Dark in the Park programs and sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free, but park entrance fees apply. **When:** Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center auditorium

Ulana Lau Hala Demonstration. Learn to weave lau hala with practitioners from 'Aha Pūhala o Puna. Hawaiians have used hala (pandanus) tree to create many useful and beautiful items for centuries. Learn to weave lau hala and take home your own small piece of lau hala art. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's ongoing 'Ike Hana No'eau (Experience the Skillful Work) Hawaiian cultural programs, and co-sponsored by Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association and the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free, but park entrance fees apply. **When:** Wednesday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon **Where:** 'Ōhi'a Wing (across Crater Rim Drive from Kīlauea Visitor Center)

Saving Wahi Pana (Storied Places) in Ka'ū. Discover how the County of Hawai'i Public Access, Open Space, Natural and Cultural Resource Commission (PONC) program and your tax dollars are preserving public access, open space, and natural and cultural resources in Ka'ū. Presented by Alexandra Kelepolo and Jodie Rosam. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing Kahuku Coffee Talk programs and sponsored by Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association. Free admission, and Ka'ū coffee will be available for sale. **When:** Saturday, June 17 at 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Kahuku Visitor Contact Station

Bert Naihe in Concert. Come be entertained by the Hawaiian music of Bert Naihe. Born and raised in Hilo, Bert enjoys the art of Hawaiian music and performs with Hālau o ka Ua Kanilehua and Kumu Hula Johnny Lum Ho. Bert's first CD, You're the One, was released in 2014 and features his own catchy versions of longtime favorites. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's ongoing Nā Leo Manu Hawaiian cultural programs, and co-sponsored by Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association and the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free, but park entrance fees apply. **When:** Wednesday, June 21 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium

Uēkahuna, Thomas A. Jaggar Museum, and the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. For decades, the Thomas A. Jaggar Museum has welcomed people from all over the world, sharing volcano science and Hawaiian culture adjacent to the awe-inspiring view that is Kīlauea volcano. The earthquakes of the 2018 eruption and summit collapse damaged the foundations of the historic buildings beyond repair. Join Jadelyn Moniz-Nakamura, Ph.D., as she takes us on a journey through the past of this sacred place known as Uēkahuna. The evolution of the area will be shared on the eve of the park's efforts to restore a more natural landscape and provide a dramatic viewing area and rest stop for locals and visitors alike. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing After Dark in the Park programs and sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free, but park entrance fees apply. **When:** Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center auditorium

Artist-in-Residence Comics Journalist Andy Warner Returns! Join the park in welcoming back New York Times best-selling comics journalist, author and artist Andy Warner as the artist in residence for June. Come meet Andy as he presents the creative mind behind the art. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing After Dark in the Park programs and sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the National Parks Arts Foundation. Free, but park entrance fees apply. **When:** Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center auditorium



VSAS Students Initiate Legislation for Indigenous Peoples' Day & Bill Passes!

Beginning this year, Indigenous Peoples' Day will be an official Observed Holiday in the state of Hawai'i. Senate Bill 732 passed unanimously in both houses of the State Legislature and on May 3 was sent to Gov. Josh Green for his signature. None of this would have happened without VSAS middle school students, who were passionate about creating a holiday that honors indigenous cultures.

The effort began when Kumu Barbara Sarbin's students learned that in a previous session a similar bill hadn't even gotten a legislative hearing, so they contacted their state senator, Dru Kanuha (Kona, Ka'u, Volcano). "[The students] really wanted to bring awareness to the state's obligation to protect all rights traditionally exercised by Native Hawaiians, as well as other indigenous cultures through the world," said Kanuha. Ultimately, the students convinced him to introduce a new bill. The concepts, and even the wording in Kanuhua's bill, came directly from the students.

"The legislature finds that indigenous peoples, including Native Hawaiians, have thrived and remained resilient for generations, contributing to the world through rich histories, knowledge and cultural practices.

"However," the legislation continues, "generations of federal and state policies sought to bring shame upon, assimilate and displace indigenous peoples and eradicate native cultures....resulting in an 84% decline in Native Hawaiian population in the first



sixty years since Captain James Cook's arrival in the islands in 1778."

The measure further notes that South Dakota was the first state to rename the holiday honoring European colonizer Christopher Columbus with a day recognizing the true natives of the land. Although Hawai'i has never celebrated Columbus Day, in 1988 it began observing Discoverer's Day (honoring the first Polynesian explorers to land here). This new measure goes even further. According to the new law, "Indigenous Peoples' Day will serve to educate Hawai'i's people about the original inhabitants of the 'āina....as well as to celebrate the revival of previously-taboo cultural practices, such as hula and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, and all cultures that form Hawai'i today."

This is just what VSAS students were after. They didn't want an official state holiday when schools would close. Rather, they hoped for an "observed holiday," when school would be in session and the day devoted to sharing and celebrating a variety of indigenous cultures. Henceforth, the second Monday in October will officially be Indigenous Peoples' Day in Hawai'i. "This process has really empowered the kids," Kumu Sarbin said. "They learned they really can make a difference in important ways."

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Exhibition: **A Celebration of 50 years Exhibiting with Daniel Van Zyle** at VAC gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park from May 27th to July 9th, 2023. The exhibit presents original paintings and lithographs from Daniel's long career of art making. Daniel will be present at the exhibition opening on Saturday, May 27th, from 2-4 pm at VAC Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. While the exhibit and reception are free, park entrance fees apply. The exhibit will also be available for viewing on VAC's website upon opening. For more information, please contact Emily C. Weiss at (808) 967-7565 or email sales@volcanoartcenter.org

The Volcano Wood Show Exhibition continues through June 10, 2023. The show is open to the public Wednesday – Sunday, 10am – 4pm at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. The exhibit will also be featured online at www.volcanoartcenter.org.

Volcano Art Center's Hula Arts at Kīlauea 2023 performance series continues Saturday, June 10th, with a presentation by Kumu Hula Mana'olana Keawe with Halau Hula o Mana'olana o Kohala. The performance begins at 10:30am at the pā hula in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Although, the event is free, Park entrance fees apply.

A series of 5 **drawing classes for children** ages 8 to 14 with Ken Charon at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus. Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, June 6 – July 11, 2023 (NO CLASS ON JULY 4th). Visit www.volcanoartcenter.org for more information or call (808) 967-8222.

Enjoy the outdoors and take your painting beyond the four walls of a classroom in the **Pastel On-Site Landscape Painting workshop with Patti Pease Johnson** on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9am – 12:30pm at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village.

The Volcano Art Center is proud to offer the **Liko A'e Keiki Summer Day Camp1 Program**. A weeklong summer camp will be held at VAC's Niaulani Campus from June 12- June 16, 2023, from 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. The camp is open to Keiki ages 7-13 years of age. The Camp will include ceramics, Hawaiian rhythms & dance (an introduction to hula and Hawaiian instruments), drawing, painting, and It's a Honu World Puppetry (original music and puppetry celebrating life stories of the sea turtles of Hawaii). Please call the Volcano Art Center for more information (808) 967- 8222. Cost: \$250 per child/ \$230 for members of VAC. Deadline to register is Friday, June 2. Financial scholarships are available for those in need.

Jazz in the Forest: JP and the Jazztones will be performing on June 17, 2023, | 5:30 pm. at VAC Niaulani Campus. Tickets are \$30/ \$25 VAC member.

Thursday Night at the Center: Join Lani and Bill Petrie, **"The Evolution of Kapapala Ranch"** on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 6pm, at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village.

Join Big Island artist, **Patti Pease Johnson for the Experimental Watercolors** workshop on Saturday, June 24, from 9am – 12:30pm at Volcano Art Center. Cost for the workshop is \$75 and \$70 for VAC Members plus a \$15 supply fee. Beginner and intermediate artists are welcome.

A Movie Night Special Series: **Wine of Pleasure, History, & Crime:** Inspired from VAC's previous wine series, this three-night series of films aims to educate and entertain its viewers about the world of wine through the senses. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend these events. Red Obsession (June 16th, 7pm), Sour Grapes (June 23rd, 7pm), Bottle Shock (June 30th, 7pm).

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.



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