



Cooper Center's Volcano Community News



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Permits for Backcountry Camping in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Available Online Starting December 14

HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, Hawai'i—Beginning Thursday, December 14, 2023, hikers who plan to stay overnight in remote backcountry areas in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will be able to make and pay for reservations online up to 90 days in advance through the Recreation.gov system.

Reservation holders will still be required to check-in up to seven days ahead of their trip to pick up their permit and to get a safety briefing at the Backcountry Office, which is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day including holidays.

Currently, backcountry overnight hikers can get a permit seven days in advance. Visitors to the new Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Backcountry Permits page on Recreation.gov will be able to make reservations 90 days in advance of their planned trek. Seventy-five percent of the backcountry permits will be available online. The remaining 25% will be available in person at the Backcountry Office seven days before your start date.



The beach at Halapē. NPS Photo/J.Ferracane

Backcountry permits will still be available for walk-ins at the Backcountry Office, but payment must be made through the Recreation.gov system. All backcountry permits are \$10 in addition to the park entrance fee payable by debit or credit card. The park's Backcountry Office will no longer accept cash payments.

"We are excited to offer a new online tool that gives local and out-of-state backpackers the option to make their backcountry adventure plans 90 days in advance," said Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Chief Ranger Jack Corrao. "Many backcountry enthusiasts have asked us to provide greater flexibility in our permitting system and Recreation.gov allows us to do that."

TOY DRIVE!

From now until December 17th, the Cooper Center will be collecting unwrapped \$15 - \$20 (unisex, if possible) toys for our annual toy drive.

Toys can be dropped off Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30am-11:00am or Sunday from 6:00am-10:00am.

Don't want to shop, but want to help with the toy drive? We will happily shop for you if you drop off a monetary donation at the book/thrift store during the above days and hours.

Want to shop online? Toys can be sent to Cooper Center Community Pantry, P.O. Box 1000, Volcano, HI, 96785.

More than 250,000 acres of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is managed as wilderness and is only accessible on foot. Each of the park's eight backcountry sites (Halapē, Keauhou, Ka'aha, 'Āpua, Pepeiao, Nāpau, Mauna Loa Summit and

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Cooper Center Community Pantry News



We have extended our rice drive to December 19th and are looking for donations of 15lb bags of rice. They can be dropped off at the Cooper Center Tuesday-Saturday from 8-11:30am or on Sunday from 6-10am. Monetary donations are also welcome.



This month's drive-through food pantry is on Wednesday, December 20th from 9:30-11:00am.

Contact Victoria:
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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 Golf Course 1.59
data collected by Janis Hamersma

Volcano Village 2.29
data collected by Jim Bush

Mauna Loa Est. 2.23
data collected by JJ Jasinski

Royal Hawn Est. 2.85
data collected by Tom Pico

Fern Forest 2.81
data collected by Drew Kapp

Ohia Estates 2.43
data collected by Phil Haysmer

Students Get Their Own Dictionaries From Rotary

Do you know how to spell service? Do you know what it means?



Thanks to our Rotary Club service project, more than 200 students in our area now can answer yes to those questions — and many more about the meaning of words.

Our club gathered and distributed 216 student dictionaries in September. The dictionaries are given to every third grade students in our local schools: Volcano School for Arts and Sciences (23) Na'alehu Elementary (89), Pahala Elementary (24) Na Wai Ola Elementary (20), and Mountain View Elementary (60). The cost of the dictionaries was covered through our club's fund-raising activities in the community.

Some of our club members also delivered the dictionaries in person and got to see how happy the students were to get their own copy. One of the things students liked the most was using the short sign-language chapter at the end of the book and learning to spell out their own names.

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One way to support efforts like this is to look out this month for our annual Christmas cookies at the Cooper Center Farmer's market. We'll be baking many different kinds of cookies and offering them for sale just in time for the holidays.

Submitted by Mike Leidemann



Volcano Seniors December 2023 Calendar

Dec 7 - Christmas Party

**Dec 14 - Business Mtg,
Games, Potluck**

**Dec 21 - Bingo, Games,
Potluck**

Dec 28 - Club Holiday

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 Mele Kalikimaka Me Ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Wishing You &
Yours a Safe & Joyous Holiday Season! 

Auntie Frances Roberts-Bennett

Backcountry Cont. from page 1:

Red Hill Cabin) are in remote wilderness areas and present challenging hikes.
Each site offers its own distinct beauty with cultural and natural resources most
visitors never experience.

Preparation and knowing one's limits are critical for an enjoyable backcountry
visit. A backcountry planner, safety tips and detailed information about each
backcountry site is available on the park website.

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service em-
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A hiker in the distance walks on hardened pāhoehoe lava to-
wards the backcountry trailhead at Mau Loa o Maunaulu.
NPS Photo/J.Ferracane



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Presents

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK SPECIAL EVENT
HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH OLA LOA AND GUEST STAR LANDON SCOTT
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium

Local Volcano band Ola Loa invites you to a magical evening of holiday music Hawaiian style! This FREE concert features Christopher Miller on guitar, Gary Dikito on 'ukulele and Jeff Hamilton on the stand-up bass. Bring along your singing voice because you may feel inspired to join in with this talented trio and their guest Landon Scott, as they perform familiar tunes.

Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing After Dark in the Park programs and sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Free, but park entrance fees apply.

Please check <https://www.fhvn.org/events/adip-20231212/> for updates and for more information about this event.

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News from the Volcano Community Association

December 2023

An Invitation to Join the VCA and Take Your Place at the Heart of the Volcano Community

Volcano Community Association invites community-motivated volunteers to participate or join the board of directors.

The VCA is a Community Association currently composed of 369 active members, 6 serving Board Members and a dedicated handful of volunteers all contributing to the service of the Volcano Community. Current Board Members are Secretary: Mahi Snell, Treasurer: Ida Gager and Directors: James Morgan, Daniel Morimoto and Sherrie Galdeira.

Founded on May 7, 1980 by a handful of Volcano community residents, the VCA was instrumental in the successful construction of The Cooper Center, named after John Cooper, a VCA founding member and The Volcano Fire Station presently operating by continuing to serve the Volcano community today.

VCA continues a cooperating relationship with the Cooper

Center Council Association, Volcano Community Foundation, The Volcano Arts Center, Volcano School of Arts and Sciences and more in service to our community.

VCA has centered around the continued service of our wonderful community, and we're always looking for dedicated individuals who share our passion for improving and protecting the quality of life of our community. Your contribution is vital to our community by helping to create a lasting impact and we welcome your interest to serve as a VCA Board Member or Volunteer.

Help serve as a volunteer on our VCA Market Table during the Cooper Center Sunday Market. Available shifts are:

6:00 am: Open and setup.

8:00 am: Manage and shutdown.

By volunteering for a shift or 2 at the VCA Market Table, you'll be helping to generate funds to maintain current and projected expenses, get to know your neighbors and build meaningful connections.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our close-knit community and want to be a part of the exciting changes happening with the Volcano Community Association, for inquiries or to express your interest in serving, please reach out to any of our Board Members below or stop by our VCA Market Table located inside the Cooper Center most every Sundays to learn how.

Mahi Snell, VCA Secretary

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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, Ohia Estates, Volcano Golf Course, Royal Hawaiian Estates and Hawai'iian Orchid Isle Estates.



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VCA: A Brief History

submitted by Aubrey Hawk

(reprinted from Nov. 2021)

Don't you love Volcano?
Volcano's history, the cool
green sub-alpine rainforest climate,
the awe-inspiring national
park in our backyard and the
unique artist/scientist/farmer character
of our residents—it's the perfect
combination of "live and let
live" plus can-do community activism
that really inspires me.

That's why I have been honored to serve
as a member of the board of the
Volcano Community Association.
The VCA represents the residents of the
greater Volcano area including
Volcano Village, Volcano Farm
Lots, Cymbidium Acres, Mauna
Loa Estates, Ohia Estates, Volcano
Golf Course, Royal Hawaiian Estates,
and Hawaiian Orchid Isle Estates.

Founded in 1980, the VCA supports
local organizations and
causes both financially and logistically.
VCA organizes presentations
and meetings on current events,
respond to pressing community
concerns with education, information
and action, sponsor annual
events such as the Fourth of
July parade and recently the Halloween
"Trunk or Treat" event,
and help to connect Volcano residents
with the many groups and
resources already active here.
Profits from the sale of VCA Tshirts
and logo items go back into
the community by generous donations

to Volcano CERT, the Volcano
School of Arts & Sciences and
many more community partners.
The monthly newsletter you're
reading now was a creation of the
VCA. Over the years, it expanded
with VCA keeping these two center
pages, known as "The Voice."
Other important highlights include
supporting the community in the
prevention of a heliport at the Volcano
Golf Course; assisting with
the creation of Kahauale'a as part
of DLNR's Natural Area Reserve
System (NARS) on Hawaii Island
and part of the Three Mountain Alliance
Management Plan; the spacious
new Volcano Transfer and
Recycling Center on Highway 11,
and the Volcano Long Range Plan,
a blueprint for how we wish to cocreate
and manage our community
as it grows in the future.

VCA produces the Building in the
Forest brochure, which has just
been updated and reprinted.
Beyond these physical
accomplishments, the VCA is always
looking to see what the greater
need is, and to build a sense of
trust and safety in the community
where we look out for one another
like a good neighbor.
Join the VCA and join the community as
a member or a volunteer or a director:
Pick your event, committee, task or
project and attend a monthly
board meeting !
Mahalo to Marti Lockwood and Jeffrey
Mermel for historical data.



Volcano School of Arts and Sciences December 2023 News

LONOIKAMAKAHIKI!

Makahiki season is in full swing, and the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences is celebrating with various educational and cultural events including art shows, games, and performances.

VSAS students in grades 2, 3, and 4 recently completed a three-week AITS (Artists in the Schools) hands-on workshop in kapa making, allowing the students to directly experience one of the guiding principles of a VSAS Hawaiian-focused education: *Mai Pale I Ke A'o A Ka Makua* (Do not set aside the teaching of your elders). We wish to especially thank our partners who made this workshop possible, the State Foundation of Culture and the Arts and the Donkey Mill Art Center in Holualoa. Mahalo nui loa!

Under the guidance of kapa master Puakea Forester, students completed gorgeous self-portraits and decorated canvas tote bags using traditional tools and materials. To obtain the various indigenous colors needed, students soaked traditional plant materials. "It's way more fun than crayons," said one 3rd grader. Skin tones were achieved using red clay from Kauai.



Kapa, known as "the fabric of Hawai'i," is made from the bark of the wauke (paper mulberry) tree via a long, arduous process. In ancient times kapa was used to make malo for men and mu'u mu'u for women, as well as for bed coverings, decorative wall hangings, jewelry, and other uses. Kumu Puakea used the process to teach cultural understanding. Each student is in the center of his/her self-portrait, with the kala (sun) and hina (moon) above on either side, representing everyone's masculine and feminine sides.

Students also learned about the traditional Hawaiian "triple piko": the soft spot on a baby's head (the connection to one's ancestors), the belly button (the connection to one's living 'ohana) and the reproductive organs (the connection to one's descendents). Students displayed their completed work at the Volcano Art Center Niu-lani Campus gallery and discussed their experiences. 4th grade Ryder most enjoyed pounding the kapa on a kua pohaku (a carved, wooden, anvil-like surface). Aubrey's favorite part was cutting the traditional pattern to make ohe kapala (bamboo stamping sticks). "To get the pattern on the kapa you had to press really, really hard," she said.



Left: Kapa self portrait. Center: Kumu Puakea with student. Right: Student examines his work

"I love how traditional this is," said 4th grader Hawk, "on the weekend I just wanted to walk around in nature."

Since 2018, VSAS has also hosted an 'Ai Pono (local healthy food) Makahiki banquet and sleepover for the annual 'Aha Pule 'Āina Holo prayer relay run around Hawai'i Island organized by Kumu Lanakila Mangauil. At 6:30am on November 9, 60 runners and support staff started from Honoka'a, arriving at VSAS at 7pm after the 60-mile trek and pule at Kilauea. This year, some 30 runners from the Ojibwa Nation represented during the 4-day run.

On December 12, VSAS 'Ike Hawai'i Kumu Ku Thomson will be taking VSAS 4th and 5th graders to compete at the Makahiki Games in Nā'ālehu. (This is separate from the VSAS Makahiki, which will happen later in December). In addition, Coach Xanthe Serafin has been including Makahiki games in P.E. classes. "This is brilliant," said VSAS parent Heather Heinz.

We wish all of you a magnificent holiday season.

December 2023 Events at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park



The festive season is upon us and your park has special events to unwrap including the Holidays in Kahuku family fun festival and two holiday concerts at Kīlauea Visitor Center! Decorate your December calendar with these upcoming events at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park:

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 website calendar for more information.

Holidays in Kahuku. Santa is coming to Kahuku with presents, free shave ice minis, and face painting for keiki. Bring the family for food, music and crafts at the fourth annual Holidays in Kahuku – free! Food vendors include the Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, 4 Scoops of Aloha and more. Performances by the Kīpapa Sisters, Hot Potaytahs, the Jazz Gardeners and others. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. For more info call 808-985-7373 or visit www.fhvn.org. **When:** Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Where:** Kahuku – located at the 70.5 mile marker off Highway 11 in Ka'ū

Holiday Concert with Ola Loa and Special Guest Landon Scott. Local Volcano band Ola Loa invites you to a magical evening of holiday music Hawaiian style! This free concert features Christopher Miller on guitar, Gary Dikito on 'ukulele and Jeff Hamilton on the stand-up bass. Bring along your singing voice because you may feel inspired to join in with this talented trio and their guest Landon Scott as they perform familiar tunes. 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, December 12 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium

Coffee Talk: the Koa and Sandalwood Forests of Hawai'i Nei. Come learn about the sustainable management of the majestic acacia koa and almost harvested to extinction 'ili'ahi (sandalwood). Dr. J.B. Friday, the extension forester for the University of Hawai'i, will share his knowledge about these two incredibly important trees in the Hawaiian forest. **When:** Saturday, December 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Kahuku Visitor Contact Station

Holiday Concert with Lito Arkangel. Local musician, entertainer and educator Lito Arkangel returns to the park auditorium with a magical holiday concert! Born and raised in Hilo and Puna, Lito grew up loving music and sitting next to his grandmother awhile she played piano for their church. As an adult, Lito's music career has taken off, with two albums nominated for Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards, the Hawai'i version of the Grammys. Join us in welcoming Lito back to the park for an evening of holiday music and local favorites. Part of Nā Leo Manu (Heavenly Voices of Hawaiian music) concerts and presentations at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and co-sponsored by Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association. Free, but park entrance fees apply. **When:** Wednesday, December 20 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium

Explore Kahuku. The Kahuku Unit, one of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's best-kept secrets, is open Thursday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it's free! Guided ranger programs and talks are offered on the weekends, check the park calendar for more info. Sturdy footwear, water, rain gear, sun protection and a snack are recommended for all hikes. **When:** Thursday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Where:** Kahuku is located in Ka'ū, about a 50-minute drive south of the park's main entrance. Enter Kahuku on the mauka (inland) side of Highway 11 near mile marker 70.5.

Stewardship at the Summit Rainforest Restoration. Volunteer to help remove invasive, non-native plant species that prevent native plants from growing in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants. Bring a hat, rain gear, day pack, snacks and water. Gloves and tools are provided. Under 18? Parental or guardian accompaniment with written consent is required. Visit the park website for details. **When:** December 2, 8, 16 & 22. Meet at 8:45 a.m. **Where:** Meet project leaders Paul and Jane Field at Kīlauea Visitor Center on any of the above dates.

Stewardship of Kīpukapuaulu. Help remove troublesome plants at Kīpukapuaulu, home to diverse native forest and understory plants. Bring clippers or pruners, sturdy gloves, a hat, and water. Wear closed-toe shoes and clothing that you don't mind getting permanently stained from morning glory sap. Be prepared for cool and wet or hot and sunny weather. New volunteer? Contact Marilyn Nicholson for more info: nickem@hawaii.rr.com. **When:** Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Meet at the Kīpukapuaulu parking lot, Mauna Loa Road, off Highway 11 in the park.

After the Attack: Life in Hawai‘i Under Martial Law

Volcano Community Foundation, in cooperation with Volcano Art Center, will sponsor a special program on Thursday December 7th. The program begins at 6pm at the VAC Niaulani campus. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Ben Hayes, VCF board member and the interpretation and education manager at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, will be the featured speaker.

The December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on O‘ahu not only brought the U.S. into World War II, it began a series of sudden and unprecedented changes here on the Island of Hawai‘i. Under martial law imposed in response to the attack, the Army imprisoned civilians without trial, suspended trial by jury, censored private mail and school curriculum, confiscated private property, determined the prices of goods, services, and wages, restricted travel, required civilians to get permission to quit their jobs, and even restricted how much cash people were allowed to keep.

The Army kept martial law in place until late 1944, years after a depleted Japan was no longer a threat to Hawai‘i. The sudden and continuous arrival of servicemen triggered massive construction of military facilities, exposure of multiracial Hawai‘i to the harsh realities of North American racial prejudices common in the 1940s, and even the legalization of prostitution. During and after the war, interests from national political leaders and civilian grievances from living under martial law upended island politics, bringing Hawai‘i closer to Washington and ultimately statehood, never to completely resume its former status as an isolated territory run by sugar oligarchs. The Japanese attack on December 7, 1941 brought the United States into World War II but what happened next changed Hawai‘i forever.

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VASH Hawaii Island is Seeking Volunteers in the Volcano Area

VASH Hawaii Island, a local non-profit organization established in 2000, is actively seeking volunteers in the Volcano area to assist visitors facing a range of challenges, including theft, burglary, illness, injury, physical assault, sexual assault, being stranded, lodging scams, and even death.

In 2023, VASH Hawaii provided assistance to 657 visitors, including 21 cases involving unexpected deaths. Over its existence, VASH has supported over 20,000 visitors. Your volunteer involvement can significantly impact the well-being of those encountering adversity on the island.

By volunteering with VASH Hawaii Island, you play a crucial role in relieving the strain on our already limited and overworked police force and hospital staff. VASH offers diverse opportunities for volunteers to make a meaningful impact, such as transporting luggage, facilitating hospital-to-airport transportation, delivering emergency food and essentials, picking up prescriptions, providing interpretation services, offering bereavement support, participating in fundraising efforts, delivering gifts of Aloha, or simply offering a comforting presence by holding a hand or giving a hug. Your contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of those facing adversity.



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December Events at the Volcano Art Center & Gallery

Christmas In The Country: Wreath Exhibit at VAC gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park continues through Dec 31st, 9am – 5pm daily. This fun group exhibition presents one-of-a-kind wreaths in a variety of imaginative media, techniques, and styles.

VAC gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will be open on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and New Years Day. (closed on Christmas Day). VAC administrative office/gallery at Niaulani Campus closed on Christmas Day & New Years Day.

Jazz in the Forest: Holiday Spirit with JP Thoma and the Jazztones: The Volcano Art Center's Jazz in the Forest series continues on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 5:30pm at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Tickets are \$25 for VAC members (\$30 non-members)! Visit www.volcanoartcenter.org.



Thursday Night at the Center: Join Ben Hayes on Thursday, December 7, 2023 | 6pm, at VAC Niaulani Campus. December 7, 1941 is known throughout the world as a day of infamy but the Japanese attack on Oahu not only brought the U.S. into World War II, it began a series of sudden and unprecedented changes here, on the Island of Hawai'i, for its people and society. In response to the attack, the territorial government placed the Hawaiian Islands under martial law, a regime so restrictive and unconstitutional as to be unimaginable today. At the same time almost a million soldiers, sailors, and Marines arrived in Hawai'i to train and fight.

The Sounds of Niaulani Musical Forest Tour: Join us on December 4, for free family fun in the Hawaiian Rainforest. A 45-minute playful and educational event suitable for all ages. You will learn about distinctive Hawaiian native plants and environment through song and story by Dina Kageler. Adults and children of all ages are welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This special event will begin at 9:30 am, at VAC Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. (19-4974 Old Volcano Road).

Volcano Art Center's Heritage and Archive Program presents the first of the **Archive Film Series** on December 14, at 6pm, at VAC Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. This project shares a glimpse of VAC's unique 50-year history. Digitized and restored footage is now available for public viewing highlighting the people and events that have shaped the arts and community at the summit of Kilauea.

Exhibit: Niaulani Sculpture Garden Exhibit – Worth of Water – Sculpture Garden Opening and Artist Reception, December 17, from 2pm – 4pm. (19-4074 Old Volcano Road).

Volcano Art Center (VAC) turns 50 years old in 2024! Join us in celebrating the **Past, Present and Future of the Arts**. VAC's incredible yearlong celebration kicks off with the 19th Annual Love The Arts fundraiser on Saturday, February 17th, 5-8:30 p.m. This year's theme is A 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee. Let us entice you with an evening of tasty treats, fine wines, and entertainment. The live and silent auction is not to be missed. Auction items include original artwork, hotel stays, custom tours, unique jewelry, pottery, gift certificates and more. You will have an opportunity to bid on these items while celebrating the Past, Present and Future of the Arts, supporting the vital role of VAC, engaging the community in rejuvenating the role of art and enriching our lives. Tickets on Sale now! General \$120, VAC Member \$90, Golden Circle \$500, Golden Circle Pair \$1000* Purchase Your Tickets on our Website. For more information visit www.volcanoartcenter.org or call (808) 967-8222.

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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