



All newsletter submissions MUST be in by the 10th of the month.



Cooper Center's Volcano Community News

NEWSLETTER # 372

SEPTEMBER 2020

VSAS Remote Learning Center

There will be a Volcano School of Arts and Sciences remote learning center at Cooper Center. Date and hours are pending. When you see them set up on the lower level at the far end please respect the space.

Keakealani Campus Breaks Ground!

After twenty-two years of visioning, community involvement, and collaboration with the state and its partners, The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences achieved a major milestone by breaking ground for facilities expansion at our Keakealani Campus on July 25th, 2020. The beautiful ceremony led by Kaho'okele Moses Crabbe was held via Zoom with a few socially-distanced special guests including Representative Richard Onishi who has been instrumental in securing funding for the campus.



Left to right. Ian Cole, Richard Onishi, Kalima Kinney, & Jeffrey Mermel were there for the ground breaking ceremony held via Zoom online.

Governor David Ige, Mayor Harry Kim, and County Council Representative Maile David all sent video messages of congratulations and support. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Friends of Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Chair, Ian Cole, and Vice Chair, Jeffrey Mermel; VSAS Governing Board Chair Joan McDonald; Kalima Kinney, VSAS Principal; Dina Kageler representing the VSAS Founders, Seth Warner representing the Keakealani Project team, and members of The Friends of the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences.

Representative Onishi said that he was pleased to be able to carry out the legacy of the late Senator Gil Kahele who worked to secure initial state Grant-in-Aid funding for the design and planning phase of the campus on state land. Since that time, with Mr. Onishi, Senator Russell Ruderman, and also Atherton Family Foundation support, over 13.4 million has been raised for the project, most recently \$12 million in state Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds.

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VERT Needs Your Assistance

The Volcano Emergency Response Team has developed a plan to manage potential disasters in our isolated community of Volcano until other assistance arrives.

We are currently in our hurricane season, while at the same time handling COVID-19. Plus there is always the potential of our beloved volcanoes making their presence known.

In order to address these disasters quickly and efficiently, we need supplies and equipment to assist the Volcano community in the event a disaster.

To this end, VERP has set up a GoFundMe website to address our needs. We would be extremely grateful if you could contribute any amount that you can manage to help us be fully prepared when we are needed. The website is [gofundme.com/volcano-emergency-response-plan](https://www.gofundme.com/volcano-emergency-response-plan). Or you can find GoFundMe information along with additional information about VERP on the VERP page at [thecoopercenter.org](https://www.thecoopercenter.org).

While we have many of the items that we need, we still need large and small items such as face masks, tarps, radios, blankets, generators, medical supplies, etc.

Members of our team are anxious to assist when we are needed. What we need now are the funds to purchase supplies and equipment to assist our community during an emergency.

Mahalo for your kindness!

submitted by Carol Slatterly

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.

For any scheduling, contact
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Un-Classifieds

FREE: Computer monitor. Children's books-many educational & multiple copies of same book. Great for home, teaching, or school.

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WHAT IS 2-1-1?

2-1-1 is Aloha United Way's free and a confidential statewide helpline connecting individuals and families with resources and information.

WHAT CAN 2-1-1 HELP ME FIND?

2-1-1 specialists can search through over 4,000 government and nonprofit services and programs to find the information and resources you need. Requests include finding food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance, childcare, parenting support, elderly care, disability services and more! You may also do a direct search of the service categories in our online database.

www.auw211.org

Rainfall in Inches for the Month of July 2020

Volcano Golf Course 1.64
data collected by Janis Hamersma

Volcano Village 5.53
data collected by Jim Bush

Mauna Loa Est. 6.64
data collected by JJ Jasinski

Royal Hawaiian Est. 6.98
data collected by Tom Pico

Fern Forest 8.07
data collected by Drew Kapp

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.
967-7129

The Village Church A/G
Wright Road just past Road A
Pastor Lani and Ted Bair
Sunday School at 9 am Sunday
Worship and Service at 10 am
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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Buddhist Meditation
Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus
3-5 pm Second Sunday of each month
985-7470
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The Unitarian-Universalists of Puna
10:30 am Sundays in HPP
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Christian Hebrew Roots
Saturday, 10:00 to 12:00
Call William: 937-2311

Hale Lokahi Retreat House
Mini Retreat every Sunday
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Helping Kids Cope with Disasters

Disasters can leave children and teens feeling frightened, confused and insecure. Their responses can be quite varied. It's important to not only recognize these reactions, but also help children cope with their emotions.

Encourage dialogue and answer questions. Listen to your kids. Ask them about their feelings and validate their concerns. When they ask questions, give just the amount of information you feel your child needs.

Make time for them and find support. Help kids understand that they are safe and secure by talking, playing, and doing other family activities with them. Build support networks with friends, family, and community organizations to help your children cope.

Limit media exposure. Intense media coverage of disasters can frighten young children and disturb teenagers as well. If your children watch TV or use the internet, try to be available to talk with them and answer questions.

Keep to a routine. Help your children feel as if they still have a sense of structure, which can make them feel more relaxed. When safe, help children to return to normal activities like going to class, sports and play groups.

VolcanoCERT.org



Volcano School of Arts & Sciences

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The new campus, designed by Volcano architect the late Boone Morrison, will have 16 classrooms, including arts and culture classrooms, 2 STEAM labs, indoor and outdoor spaces for small group learning activities, garden areas, covered walkways, a multi-purpose center large enough for all-school assemblies and community events, a commercial kitchen, and an administrative building. The design reflects our "learning village" surrounding a center *piko* courtyard for gathering, outdoor learning, and play.

In keeping with a commitment to environmental responsibility and stewardship, the master plan incorporates solar electricity, solar hot water, radiant floor heating, effective use of natural light and air flow, and the use of local and renewable resources. It provides adequate teaching space, maximizes open play space, and preserves the existing, historic 2-story Keakealani school house.

Friends of VSAS is working to raise the remaining \$3 million needed to complete construction and is hoping to become a a qualified low-income community investment to participate in the IRS New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) program. NMTC would bring the \$3 million needed in funding.

Friends of VSAS would also like to thank those who have worked on the project team: Tamar DeFries, Project Manager, Ho'okupa'a; Yen Wen Fang, Brian Funai, and Mark Grant of Engineering Partners, Inc.; Seth Warner, Architect Consultant; Lance Oliveira of Civil Construction. Video of the ceremony Jesse Tunison, Volcano photographer/cinematographer, director, producer, and VSAS alumnus, and Hal Treddinnick, VSAS Digital Media teacher, Hal Treddinnick, will be released soon.

We apologize that due to construction and COVID-19, the Keakealani Campus is closed to all visitors at this time. We are so sorry for the inconvenience. We realize that the community has long used the campus as a park and we thank you for your understanding and patience.

Enroll in Volcano School

Volcano School now offers PreK through 10th grade! VSAS is offering full remote and in person options depending on the current COVID-19 impact and risk level. Space is available in the Kula 'Amakihi Community-Based Education. There are a few spaces available and short waitlists for Campus program K-10th grades. To enroll now, get your child on the waitlist for the on-Campus program, or find out more information, call 808-985-9800 or download an enrollment form from volcanoschool.net. For more information, visit volcanoschool.net or give us a call at 808-985-9800.



Kaho'okele Moses Crabbe led the beautiful ground breaking ceremony.

Experience Volcano
"Second Saturday"
September 12th, 2020



Experience Volcano's 2nd Saturday was a success and brought local visitors to Volcano to enjoy all the cultural and dining possibilities. It's planned again on Saturday Sept 12th from 10 am to 4 pm. A number of restaurants will be having specials, along with Volcano Art Center's free hotdogs and BBQ for purchase. Volcano Garden Arts will have the "Secret Garden" open to enjoy. Our membership special of \$20.00 for 2020 is still happening - please, consider joining us.

Our Mission Statement:
To promote, perpetuate and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and environmental wonders of the Volcano area as an exceptional destination, and Volcano as a gateway to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

www.ExperienceVolcano.com



Got something you don't need anymore?

You can sell it in the unclassifieds (page 2) or donate to the Cooper Center Thrift Shop. The Bookstore / Thrift Shop is open from 8am to 11:30am Tuesday - Saturday and also during the Sunday Farmers Market (6am to 10am). Please wear your mask and use the disinfectant upon entry. On Sundays enter through the great room and exit through the main door.



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

SUNDAY WALK IN THE PARK
Sunday, September 13, 2020
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.

This month we will hike the **Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs Trail**. Walk in the footsteps of the kūpuna (elders) to Pu'u Loa (hill of long life), a sacred and awe-inspiring gallery of ki'i pohaku (images carved in stone). These simple etchings document the life and culture of the native Hawaiian people and spiritually, cradle the piko (umbilical cord) of their children. It brought hopes of receiving the blessings of a long and prosperous life.

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.

Note: Subject to cancellation due to Covid-19. This newsletter content is submitted over a month in advance. Please check <https://www.fhvn.org/events/20200913-sw/> for updates and for more information about this event.

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Rotary Club of Volcano September 2020 Service Above Self – The Big Picture

The Rotary motto is “Service Above Self” and articles about the Volcano Rotary club that appear in this newsletter usually deal with how members of our local club are fulfilling that pledge here. However, Rotary is an international organization, with 35,000 clubs, and over 1.2 million members all of whom are dedicated to this idea service. To provide focus Rotary International suggests six areas of service: fighting disease; providing clean water; saving mothers and children; supporting education; creating jobs and promoting peace.

These areas of service are met by Rotary clubs around the world working together. In the area of fighting disease the campaign to eradicate polio is one example. When Rotary joined the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988 there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries. By 2019 there were fewer than 100 cases in 2 countries; a 99.9% decrease. During that time, Rotarians around the world (including members of the Rotary Club of Volcano) donated over 1.2 billion dollars to the effort and participated in providing mass inoculation for millions of children.

Rotary offers a path to service for your neighborhood, the nation or the world.

To learn more about Rotary International's “areas of service” check out “The plus in PolioPlus Rotary International” on-line. Then check out a Rotary club.

Volcano Updates:

Road Cleanup will take place on Thursday, September 17. If you would like to help pick up trash on our two mile stretch of Highway 11, meet us at Cooper Center at 8:00.

submitted by Paul Field



Building in Volcano

This photo (right) of a newly cleared lot in our community posted recently on Facebook generated a lot of conversation. Some people expressed dismay; others said owners can do whatever they want on their land. Here's what we learned in this Facebook discussion and beyond.

Building codes have changed

While necessary, these changes are designed for the majority and therefore affect unique communities differently. For example, in Hilo most homes are connected to county sewer systems and a municipal wastewater treatment plant. Here in Volcano, we provide our own utilities and haul our own trash.

Concrete slabs are now mandated for new construction

The once commonly used post and pier foundation is no longer permissible. New construction requires cement reinforced poured footings and brace walls, which call for significant grading. This is costly and more destructive to our native forest.

Cesspools are banned

Hawai'i has about 88,000 cesspools. They can contaminate groundwater and leach pollution into the ocean, which is both gross for swimmers and surfers, and harmful to coral reefs and fish. In 2016, Hawai'i became the last state to ban cesspools. All properties with cesspools must upgrade to a sep-



tic tank and drain field by 2050 (or sooner if they are sold). Although a tax credit is available, there is a significant cost in both dollars and land.

Small lot size

Some lots in the Volcano area are so small that it is difficult to install septic systems and meet all the new requirements without substantial clearing and grading. A water catchment tank must be a specific distance away from the septic tank, drain field and house. Setbacks also play a role – some lots have a 15-foot setback requirement on the sides and a 25-foot setback from the front and back property lines. Clearly, smaller lots are better suited to places with public utilities.

Next Steps

While VCA will always recommend selective and/or hand clearing and careful planning that preserves as much of the native rainforest as possi-

ble, we've learned, sadly, that this may not be as feasible on smaller lots because of new county and state codes. But pin-to-pin clearing and lot scraping can harm trees on nearby lots because their roots don't understand human property boundaries. Several large 'ōhi'a trees in our community have died from Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD) after their roots were damaged by clearing on adjacent lots.

It's complicated, but we want to share accurate information with one another, help new neighbors to understand when and where they can preserve our native forests, and consider what changes or exemptions could be requested for our community.

VCA's next step is to update our "Building in the Forest" brochure (available at our table at the Sunday Cooper Center Farmer's Market) and we could use your help. Please share your ideas and thoughts by email at vcainfo@yahoo.com or at www.facebook.com/coopercentervolcanocommunityassoc/.

submitted by Evelyn Wight



The ʻIiwi (scarlet honeycreeper) was once a common sight (and sound) in Volcano Village. Habitat loss and mosquito disease have led to a dramatic reduction in their population.

photo credit Bryan Berkowitz

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.

Why Should I Care About Native Forests?

-Special: It's beautiful, unique, and home to more than 10,000 species found nowhere else on earth.

-Endangered: We've lost so many native plants, birds and animals that Hawai'i is known as the 'endangered species capital' of the world.

-Provides Water: Layers of trees, plants, moss, and ferns evolved to enable Hawai'i's forests to capture fresh water. While many of us are on catchment locally, in urban areas across Hawai'i, replenishing fresh water supplies is much more difficult without native forest.

-Rooted in Culture: Hawaiian cultural practices, from hula to lā'au lapa'au, are directly linked with native forests.

-Sacred: Forests are the wao akua – the realm of the gods. Native Hawaiians only visited this area where we live with specific tasks in mind after following careful entry protocols.



Above: Kirsten Snook (far right) and 2 volunteers from Puna Precious Plastics set up at Carlson Court Saturday, August 8th. Please visit their website or Facebook page for future collection events.

www.punapreciousplastic.org

www.facebook.com/groups/VolcanoPreciousPlastic/

Time to join or renew your membership?

Membership Form – Volcano Community Association

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VCA is a Group of Volunteers serving the wider Community. We welcome your help! Please check your interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Misc. Grunt Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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Mahalo!

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"To think how we stood, sweatin', shakin', an' d--d wi' dread."

E. Wm. F., February 22nd, 1865.
Volcano House Register

It is assumed someone stole a volume of the Volcano House Register that covers the years from 1923 thru 1926. Here larceny deprived us of hundreds of souls' encounters with the then active Kilauea. Many beautiful observations are lost, scientific information as well. The Register was available for guests to write their comments regarding their visit here.

Yet, perhaps it wasn't stolen.

We may have a mystery whose solution resides on a Village shed shelf. Consider, for what possible reason would a person steal the Register in question? I can't think of a useful purpose. Here is not a shiny pearl to purloin, the prized object of a youthful whim. No value to a professional thief. A philologist? Perhaps. Yet, why the whole album? Mark Twain's and other celebrity signatures were ripped from the remaining VH registers (and are vanished). Fold the sheet up, tuck it, and walk away. Trying to do the same with a hardback, the size of a ledger would be risky, awkward, and weird. How might it then evanesce more realistically? We don't know when the album went missing.

Perhaps a guest wanted to write more fulsomely than a trite remark. Wanting solitude, the inspired one took the album to a room (115 of them then), and there wrote with enthusiasm. Pleased

and sleepy from the effort, the individual retired, leaving the volume forgotten beneath a bed, slid away from inquiring brooms for fourteen years. On February 21st, 1940, the hotel burned to the ground consuming the lost volume. End of story. Or, it is retrieved by a hurried village firefighter from the ashes and taken home. Because the exterior is blackened, the pages fused, better to fuss with the unknown object another day. Eighty years later, this lost Register awaits your discovery.

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.

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Some of the most relaxing and mind clearing activities we can do to relieve the stress of the pandemic is to immerse ourselves in the beauty of nature in our little paradise on earth called Volcano. Enjoying strolling, jogging and biking in our rainforest neighborhoods is one of the many bonuses of living in such an amazing place on the planet, yet, this joy is often taken away from us by aggressive dogs who threaten our safety and peace of mind. Residents who unthinkingly allow their pets to roam free in our neighborhoods endanger them with traffic of moving vehicles and threaten leashed pets or neighbors walking by. Some residents and pets have even sustained injuries from these aggressive dogs and fear walking in their own neighborhoods.

Although there are existing leash laws, many residents ignore these regulations and the problem burdens their neighbors and their animals with possible injury and unwanted disturbances. Many Volcano community members no longer want to endure this situation and want safety and peace of mind brought back to their neighborhoods. We are disgusted with the fact that we cannot walk peacefully in the place that we live. We are formulating a task force and have contacted the Hawaii Rainbow Rangers who have taken over animal control services previously performed by the County and by the Hawaii Island Humane Society. We will also network with law enforcement and mediation services if needed. Our goal is to bring all our residents into compliance with existing leash laws and animal control and make our streets safe for all residents to walk, jog or bike ride. Please call 967-8294 (Arlene Buklarewicz) for info, to volunteer or to report an incident. Citizen Complaint Forms will be available to submit to Hawaii Rainbow Rangers.

submitted by Arlene Buklarewicz

Hawaii Rainbow Rangers

Hawaii Rainbow Rangers — a branch of Rainbow Friends Animal Sanctuary — has assumed the animal control responsibilities previously conducted by Hawaii Island Humane Society.

Animal control services include issuing dog licenses and county-funded spay and neuter coupons, removal of deceased animals on public property, intake of stray or trapped animals, providing monthly spay and neuter clinics and responding to calls for strays, dangerous animals and loose livestock.

Hawaii Rainbow Rangers can be reached at 666-9589 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday for requests for services and complaints regarding animals from the public. Messages left on the answering machine will be responded to on the next business day, inclusive of those concerning lost pets.

Below is a list of wish items as of August 16, 2020. Although they are based in Kona at this time they are securing drop off locations around the island.

submitted by Sher Glass



HRR WISH LIST ITEMS

as of Sunday, August 16

Gift Cards: HPM, Lowe's, Home Depot

Gift Cards: Miranda's, Del's, Petco

*we are happy to take gently used items in good condition

Animal supplies:

1. Small animal cages & accessories (for bunnies, etc)
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12. Karo syrup
13. Bandage materials
14. Pet shampoo
15. Poop bags
16. Small food bowls

Cleaning supplies:

1. Paper towels
2. Contractor trash bags
3. Ziploc bags
4. Laundry hamper
5. Laundry detergent
6. Dish soap
7. Dish brushes
8. PPE (disposable masks, gloves, hand sanitizer)
9. 8 large trash cans
10. Bags to fit large trash cans

Office supplies:

1. Printer paper
2. HP 564XL printer ink
3. Pens
4. Notepads/notebooks
5. Metal clipboards

Large Equipment:

1. Carports
2. Storage sheds

Donations may be dropped off at the Kona shelter
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 during business hours. We are securing an east side drop off location, and hopefully a north and south location—please see our Facebook page (/hawaiirainbowrangers) for updates.

Volcano Art Center is pleased to ease back into offering in-person workshops and classes, with important safety measures in place! Our Niaulani Gallery in Volcano Village and Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park are open, with new hours of operation. Please visit our website for more details and to register for any of this month's upcoming events highlighted here.

Learn the basics of making your own paper and recycle at the same time in the Introduction to Papermaking workshop with Mary Milelcik on Saturday, September 12, from 10am – 3pm! This papermaking workshop, using a household blender, will introduce you to papermaking using recycled papers with various additives, including cotton linters, and local plant materials.

The exhibit, Hawai'i Nei Invitational: Nā 'Aumākua continues through Saturday, September 12 at VAC Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The exhibit is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9am – 4pm and also online 24/7 at volcanoartcenter.org/shop.

Patti Pease Johnson will teach the Catalyst Abstract Watercolor workshop on Saturday, September 19, from 9am – 1pm.

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.

Killing a Forest-Killer Weed in Volcano, KĀHILI (HIMALAYAN) GINGER

One of the most rewarding benefits of being a Volcano resident is the opportunity to live in Hawaiian native forest. Volcano is one of the very few communities in the Islands located in native forest. However, if you want to perpetuate or restore your home native forest you will probably have to deal with a highly invasive forest-killer, kāhili ginger (which I call Himalayan ginger, based on the origin of this species; “kahili” implies a Hawaiian origin for this invasive plant). Himalayan ginger, a highly invasive weed in New Zealand and other countries, is deservedly rated as one of the world's 100 worst weeds by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Himalayan ginger can form “wall-to-wall”, single species stands in the understory of our `ōhi`a forests, displacing native shrubs, ferns, and herbs, and preventing the regeneration of native trees like `ōhi`a, `ōlapa, kōlea lau nui, and kāwa`u. For this reason, I am calling Himalayan ginger a “forest-killer.”



Dense, forest-killer patch of Kāhili (Himalayan) ginger in rainforest understory.

So, how can you control Himalayan ginger? The most virtuous way, avoiding chemical herbicides, is manually or mechanically, i.e., uprooting by hand or using a pick or even a shovel. However, this is feasible only in areas with minor infestations. In addition, you have to make sure you remove all rhizomes, even tiny fragments, or there will be resprouting. Fortunately, the fibrous ginger roots do not resprout and do not need to be removed from the soil. Another challenge of manual or mechanical control is what do with the uprooted ginger rhizomes; they will continue to resprout. I recommend you compost the uprooted ginger beneath thick black plastic. The rhizomes will resprout under the black plastic, but without light and green leaves, the resprouting rhizomes will eventually be depleted and die. Initial manual or mechanical control will require some follow-up for a few years to monitor for germinating seedlings from the soil seed bank and resprouting from left over rhizome fragments.>>>

There is also a “better living through chemistry” approach to controlling ginger--using herbicides. I used herbicides on the 2 acres of wall-wall ginger on my 3 acre residence in Volcano Village--too much ginger for manual/mechanical control. Herbicidal control is most effectively done in summer, when the ginger plants are actively growing. First, cut off the shoots at about knee height. You can leave the cut off shoots on the ground, but gathering them up into small piles away from cut ginger helps expose the standing, cut-off ginger shoots and also any exposed rhizomes to be sprayed with herbicide. Within the next few days spray the exposed, live ginger shoots, including any exposed rhizomes present.

I would recommend using an herbicide called MSM Turf, which is available at BEI on Kekuanaoa Street in Hilo, and possibly other stores which sell herbicides. I actually use another herbicide, Escort, because I bought lots of it several years ago. They both have the same active ingredient at the same ratio. Both are dry, granular herbicide to be mixed with water. I apply the herbicide solution in a backpack sprayer at 10 level teaspoons of the granular herbicide in 10 liters of water. If you use just a 1 gallon hand sprayer, 4 level teaspoons (I mean a real, measured teaspoon, not necessarily one from your silverware drawer) of the granular herbicide will work. By the way, there is a third herbicide with the same active ingredient, Cimarron or Cimarron Plus. You need 12 teaspoons of Cimarron for a 10 liter sprayer and a little over 4 teaspoons for a 1 gallon sprayer. I spray the cut-off ends of the standing ginger shoot, the stem, and any leaves left or rhizomes visible. After spraying, you have to be patient; it may be months before your herbicide-treated plants turn yellow and die. You will also find out then, which cut-off ginger plants you missed. To help with this problem, I add a water-soluble blue dye made for mixing with herbicides, Turf Trax Blue. I wear a full Tyvek suit and water-proof gloves to keep the herbicide and dye out of my clothing and off my skin.

By the way, there are more detailed and illustrated instructions on how to kill Himalayan ginger, on the Volcano Community Association website (volcanocommunity.org). On the third line down on the opening page, click on “Resources” to bring up A MANUAL FOR CONTROLLING VOLCANO’S WORST WEEDS. Once you open the Volcano weed control manual you have no excuse for not controlling the other bad invasive plants affecting native Hawaiian forest; control methods for an additional dozen invasive species are described, including Himalayan raspberry, faya tree, blackberry, strawberry guava, tibouchina, grasses, and others. If you want a hands-on tutorial, volunteer on some Friday morning with the Stewardship at the Summit program in the National Park, once this program resumes after the pandemic (check the Park website).



Kāhili (Himalayan) ginger roots or rhizomes will keep sprouting after you cut the plants. Spraying with a herbicide should eventually kill the plant. Details are available on the VolcanoCommunity.org website under resources.

submitted by Tim Tunison

September Happenings at Kilauea Military Camp

Oktoberfest: Saturday, Sept. 19, 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the Crater Rim Cafe. Our plated German Sausage Dinner will be available for Dine-In or Grab & Go. This year's menu will have Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Bockwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Tossed Salad & German Chocolate Cake. \$14.95 per person. Call 967-8356 to book your reservation for Dine-In, or to place your Grab & Go orders.

Revised Hours of Operation:

Crater Rim Cafe:

Friday - 5:00-8:00 pm (Dinner)
Saturday: 6:30-11:00 am (Breakfast) 5:00-7:00 pm (Dinner)
Sunday: 6:30-11:00 am (Breakfast)

Recreation Lodge, Java Cafe:

Sun-Thurs 6:30 am - 7:00 pm
Fri-Sat: 6:30 am - 7:00 pm

Bowling Lanes: (Reservations Required): Mon - Fri: 6:30 am - 7:00pm Sat - Sun: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

10-Pin Grill: Mon - Fri: 6:30 am - 11:00 am (Breakfast) Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm (Lunch/Dinner) Sat - Sun: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm (Lunch/Dinner)

Fitness Center: Daily 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

General Store: Mon - Sat: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Sun 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lava Lounge: Sun - Thurs: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Fri - Sat: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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