



# Cooper Center's Volcano Community News



NEWSLETTER # 399

DECEMBER 2022

All newsletter submissions MUST be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Ads placed must provide us with snail mail addresses or ad will not be placed.

## Toy Drive

From November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Cooper Center Community Pantry News

The next drive through food pantry is in Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-11:00am.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our first annual Food Drive!

As always, our food pantry can use canned vegetables, tuna and beans.

Contact Victoria:  
ccccommunitypantry@gmail.com

## Holiday Concert Returns to KMC

The Volcano Festival Chorus and the Kilauea Drama and Entertainment Network (KDEN) are pleased to announce the return of their annual 'Gift to the Community' Holiday Concert. The musical performance is on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Due to the ongoing remodeling of the Kilauea Theater, the concert will be located in the Lehua Room of the Kilauea Military Camp.

After a 2 year hiatus the chorus, made up of community members who love to sing, is delighted to be singing again. They are under the direction of Roch Jones with Melanie Oldfather accompanying and Cheryl Shine on the flute. The concert will be a mixture of both sacred and secular selections. There will be a sing-along where everyone gets to join the festivities.

As always, admission is free, donations will be gratefully accepted. Come join with us to celebrate the season. For additional information, you can contact KDEN at 808-982-7344.



## Hele On Down To The Jingle Bell Rock Swap Meet

Treat yourself! Come join us for December's only CHRISTMAS Volcano Swap Meet. Held Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 12Noonish at Cooper Center on Wright Road in the Heart of Volcano Village.

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Good fun & food, live music, nice prices. It's sure to be your One-Stop Shop for Christmas Presents & Stocking Stuffers. PLUS NO NEED TO DRIVE INTO TOWN OR SHOP WITH THE MASSES. We'll see you there!

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

Auntie Frances Roberts Bennett 

## Volcano Newsletter News Submissions

All submissions must be by email, ads, articles, and unclassifieds to Linda Ugalde [kilaueatutu@gmail.com](mailto:kilaueatutu@gmail.com), on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## UNCLASSIFIEDS

**Come to the Annual Christmas Fair** on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at New Hope Volcano Church, just Hilo side of Akatsuka Orchid Gardens. Shopping hours are 8 am - 1 pm. All of your favorite vendors will be there with wreaths, food, handcrafted pottery, jewelry, soaps, T-shirts, books, jam and much more! One lucky shopper will win a Christmas basket full of goodies donated by the vendors! Shop local and join us for a great time!

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

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New Hope Christian Fellowship  
Hilo Side of Akatsuka Orchids  
Sunday Svc. 8:30am  
Pastor Ray Glory, Jr.  
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Society of Friends (Quakers)  
Royal Hawaiian Estates  
Every Sunday at 2 pm  
new phone # 808-443-9202

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The Baha'i Faith / Mauna Loa Est.  
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Mary Grace Orr, Teacher

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## Rainfall in Inches for the Month of October 2022

**Volcano Golf Course**      **2.94**  
data collected by Janis Hamersma

**Volcano Village**      **4.45**  
data collected by Jim Bush

**Mauna Loa Est.**      **5.99**  
data collected by JJ Jasinski

**Royal Hawn Est.**      **6.42**  
data collected by Tom Pico

**Fern Forest**      **6.84**  
data collected by Drew Kapp

**Ohia Estates**      **4.0**  
data collected by Marissa Bondaug



## Volcano Seniors December Calendar

**Dec 1** - Business mtg  
election on next year's  
officers; Potluck, games

**Dec 8** - Christmas party  
bring a grab bag;  
potluck & games

**Dec 15** - Games, Potluck

**Dec 22** - Bingo, games,  
Potluck

**Dec 29** - Club holiday

**T**he Volcano Senior's Club  
meets every Thursday  
morning at Cooper Center  
from 9-12.

## What is VERT?

**It's All In the Name.**

**V**olcanoes. Earthquakes. Hurricanes. Wildfires. But wait, there's more...

Hawai'i Island has certainly had its share of natural disasters in recent years, and it's possible that the Volcano area could be cut off from the rest of the island. Volcano Highway (Hwy. 11) is the only ingress/egress for the Volcano area. Fallen trees, road cracks, and washouts are just a few of the things that can isolate Volcano, making it difficult or impossible for emergency service organizations such as the Red Cross, Civil Defense, the fire department, police, and others to access the area during or immediately after a major crisis.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a nationwide volunteer organization for local community emergency response, has been inactive in the Volcano region for a couple of years. That's where VERT comes in. A volunteer organization formed by Volcano residents aims to fill the void.

"The Volcano Emergency Response Team's primary mission is to bring together available physical and human resources within our Volcano community in response to any emergency that may affect our residents, until other assistance arrives," explains VERT Incident Commander Doug Wilson.

Unlike CERT, which can be deployed islandwide, VERT's emergency response plan encompasses only the immediate Volcano area from Kahaule'a Road (Akatsuka's) to MM 40 on Highway 11 and focuses on disasters that are most likely to occur within that area.

"One of the Volcano CERT's missions is to support VERT... and also to deploy to other areas of the Big Island when called upon," says Wilson. "Although the Volcano CERT has been inactive... it is hoped that it will be re-started again in the not-too-distant future."

Until then, VERT's volunteers will be planning and gearing up to support the Volcano community for the next "big one."

### HOW TO VOLUNTEER:

VERT wants to hear from you! VERT is currently seeking dedicated volunteers living between Kahaule'a Road (Akatsuka's) and MM 40 with the following skill sets:

Medical training and triage. This includes nurses, doctors, EMTs, those with first responder/ disaster training and experience, and veterinarians.

Planning and Logistics. Those with logistics and planning experience, military veterans who have held leadership positions (particularly combat veterans); those with experience in disaster response operations, i.e. Civil Defense, fire, police dispatch, NGO relief organizations, and so on.

Interested persons can email [verthawaii@gmail.com](mailto:verthawaii@gmail.com) and [doucelle@aol.com](mailto:doucelle@aol.com).

For more information about VERT and the Volcano Community Response Plan (VERP), please visit <http://thecoopercenter.org/> and click on "VERP" at the top of the page, or visit VERT's table at the Cooper Center's Sunday Farmer's Market.



# Volcano School of Arts & Sciences

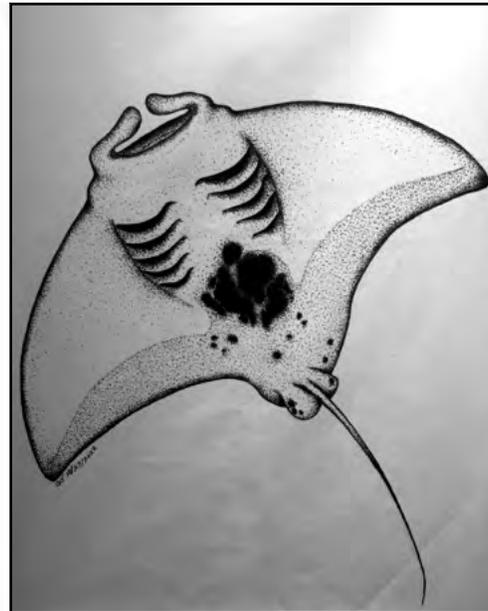
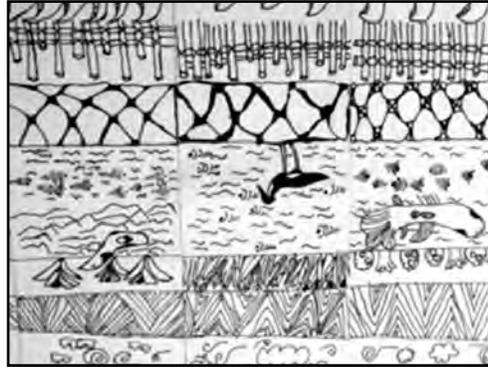
## Volcano School Represented at Hawai'i Nei Art Show

Congratulations to Kumu Laura Warner's 3rd grade class, Bergamot Fossil, gr. 7 and Quincy Tobey, gr. 7 (and her younger brother Julian), VSAS graduate Hezekiah Keohulua-Aldaya, who all had entries accepted into the Hawai'i Nei Juried Art Show. Grade 3's group entry, "Ke Kaianoho Alialia" won an honorable mention, as did Quincy Tobey's ink drawing on canvas, "Charles", of a hāhālua /reef manta ray, and her brother Julian's pen crayon and pencil drawing "Inter-tidal Treasures".

In addition to the art, an estimated 200 Koa seedlings grown by PreK through Grade 11 students were given away at the November 4th opening of the art show. Thanks to the support of Lauren DeMent from the Hawai'i School Garden Network, elementary grades also produced posters, flyers, seed packets, and planting instructions for the seedlings. \$405 in donations for the VSAS Ka Mala Maluhia project were gratefully received in exchange for the seedlings, which will help hugely to buy more plants, soil, seeds, and other materials for Kumu Barbara's Mala workshops. Leftover Koa seedlings were returned to VSAS for students, teachers, and parents to take home to plant. Mahalo nui to all of the teachers who helped our students with the Koa seedlings and artwork, and to all those who were able to attend the event and donate for the plants!.

The Hawai'i Nei Art Show continues at the Wailoa Center through December 15th, Mondays-Fridays 10-4pm,

and on Saturday Dec. 3 from 10am-2pm, with a free workshop making native species wrapping paper.



## Congratulations Volcano School Cross Country Runners

Alden Wells and Cheska Aurelio qualified to attend the State Cross Country Championships in Lihue, Kauai. Under the direction of Coach David Wells, Alden and Cheska competed against the top 200 runners from private and public schools in the state. They were the only two runners to represent Ka'u at the championships. Both runners ran personal best times and look forward to representing Volcano and Ka'u schools next year.





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

SUNDAY WALK IN THE PARK – KAHUKU FORESTED PIT CRATER

Sunday, December 11, 2022

10:00 am – 1:00 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 to the Kahuku forested pit crater.

Kahuku is located in the district of Ka'u, near mile-marker 70.5 on Highway 11, a one-hour drive from Kilauea Visitor Center. A hike to the forested pit crater is a window into the past and a vision of the future for the Southwest Rift Zone of Mauna Loa. From the crater's rim visitors can look down into a rare native forest refuge protected within the sheer walls of the pit. The Pit Crater trail is an arduous 4.75 miles long and takes roughly 2.5 – 3 hours round trip to hike with significant elevation change.

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.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Please check [https://www.fhvn.org/events/sw\\_20221211/](https://www.fhvn.org/events/sw_20221211/) for updates and for more information about this event.

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## VOLCANO THURSDAY MARKET CHRISTMAS FAIR

December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6PM. Featuring Crafts, Food, Produce, Live Music, & Entertainment for the Kids.

Keep it LOCAL! Come join us for   Magical Mele Kalikimaka Christmas Shopping & Memories.   



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## COQUI CONTROL

### Still fighting the good fight

Ah, sweet silence! We made it through another noisy coqui frog season (May-October). Though our elevation and cooler temperatures mean we don't suffer from the same coqui density as other areas on the island, at our recent Volcano Community Fest, it was clear that coqui frogs and other invasive animals are a major concern for residents.

How to prevent them? Hand-catching works well, but only in areas where frogs are just becoming introduced. Unfortunately, many of our Volcano subdivisions now have more established infestations, which require the big guns: citric acid. Spraying citric acid is not harmful to plants and can easily be accomplished by homeowners with just a little bit of training.

◆ **In preparation for next season, VCA will be hosting a series of informational meetings and trainings in the first quarter of 2023.**

◆ **Cooper Center's Coqui Fund will reimburse residents for citric acid used to control coquis. There are also sprayers available to borrow.**

*If interested, please email: [vcainfo@yahoo.com](mailto:vcainfo@yahoo.com).*



*Quintin, Clyde and Jarrid from Atlas Recycling with a full load of HI5 containers on Sept. 29, their last day at the Volcano Transfer Station.*

## UPDATE - HI5 redemption at Volcano Transfer Station

### HI5 redemption may soon be coming back to Volcano!

You may know that several HI5 redemption centers at Hawaii Island solid waste transfer stations ceased operation in June. At that time we were relieved to hear that Volcano was to be spared, with the only change being a shift to Thursdays.

Subsequently, Volcano residents were dismayed to learn that HI5 redemption would in fact cease at Volcano after Thursday, September 29. Our closest HI5 redemption center is now the Kea'au Transfer Station, which makes redeeming beverage container deposits much less feasible for many local residents.

According to Atlas Recycling, on a busy day as much as \$1600 in deposit money was being returned to our community.

Thankfully, the county has re-opened bidding for recycling contractors to start up again at Volcano Transfer Station. As of publication date, we do not yet know when service will resume, but bids were to have been unsealed on Friday, November 25.

So hold onto those cans and bottles just a little bit longer—let's keep them out of the landfill and get our deposit money back soon!

# Meet our new County Council representative: MICHELLE GALIMBA

As of December 5, our own Michelle Galimba of Ka'u is officially on the job representing County Council District 6.

Mahalo to Experience Volcano for hosting Michelle at Cooper Center on October 12, where many of us got to meet her for the first time.

A rancher by trade, Michelle was born in Kealahou, then moved to Na'alehu where her father worked for a dairy farm.

After schooling on Oahu and then in Hilo, Michelle has been back in Ka'u for many years and is ready to serve our huge and diverse district, which covers Volcano, Pahala, Na'alehu, Discovery Harbor, South Point, Oceanview, Miloli'i, and Kealahou.



*Michelle Galimba, new County Council representative*

She is passionate about food security and sustainability for Hawaii Island, and expressed a sincere interest in learning about our unique needs in Volcano. We look forward to working with you Michelle!

You can reach Michelle Galimba at [michelle.galimba@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:michelle.galimba@hawaiicounty.gov)

# Are you **PREPARED** for the next disaster?

*By Mahi Yong Snell*

In the event of a storm, fire, earthquake or volcanic eruption, do you know how to keep yourself and your family safe? The most important thing is to make a plan of action. Inspect your home and know at least two exit routes from any room. In the case of home fires, one usually has only 2- 3 minutes to get out safely, so think this through in advance. Be prepared to exit quickly and safely with shoes and just your most essential items.



Make and map an **ESCAPE PLAN**



**PACK A "GO BAG"**  
Include cash and important documents like passports



Establish a safe **MEETING PLACE** for family and friends



Plan for those who might need **EXTRA HELP:**  
Kūpuna, small children, pets



Keep **SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND WATER** and pet supplies



Have a **SOLAR RADIO** and phone charger in case of extended power outages



**BE AWARE** of electrical lines and area hazards

## Mission STATEMENT

The Volcano Community Association works to DEVELOP COMMUNITY spirit and improve QUALITY OF LIFE in Volcano by promoting SOCIAL and EDUCATIONAL advancement, increasing RECREATIONAL opportunities, helping to ensure the HEALTH of our residents and our unique native ENVIRONMENT, supporting local organizations and causes, and connecting VOLCANO RESIDENTS with the many groups and resources already active here.

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 Hawai'iian Orchid Isle Estates.

**Visit our table on  
Sundays at the Cooper  
Center Farmer's Market!**

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# Rotary Club of Volcano December 2022 News



The Rotary Club of Volcano elves are excited at this time of year as they get ready for one of our biggest fund-raisers: the annual Christmas cookie sale. Members are gathering the ingredients for their favorite holiday cookies and making plans to put them in the oven. All the different recipes — including but not limited to decorated sugar cookies, Rice Crispy treats and gingersnaps — will then be combined and sold for just \$5 a bag at the Sunday morning farmers' market at Cooper Center on Dec. 11. Look for our table at the market and grab some treats. All funds raised will be used to support the group's scholarship program and other projects working with local schools and community groups.

Rotary Club of Volcano holds regular meetings at 8 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Volcano Arts Center. Drop in some morning to say hello and hear about everything we do.

*Submitted by Mike Leidemann*



*Christmas Cookie Sale 12/11*

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# Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park December 2022

## Uēkahuna is a cherished place...

Uēkahuna (formerly spelled Uwēkahuna) is the summit region of Kīlauea volcano located above the steep pali or cliffs of Kaluapele, the caldera of Kīlauea. It is a chosen site for Native Hawaiian cultural practices to honor the Hawaiian volcanic diety, Pelehonuamea. At an elevation over 4,000 feet (1,200 m), Uēkahuna also presents visitors with spectacular vistas of Kaluapele, Mauna Loa, and surrounding areas.

Permanent structures were built at Uēkahuna beginning in 1927, and variously housed both the National Park Service and the USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. These structures including the former Jaggar Museum were severely damaged following the lower east-zone eruption and summit collapse of Kīlauea in 2018.



NPS Photo/J. Wei

## "Uēkahuna, the wail of a priest"

In the 1996 reprint of "Hawaiian Legends of Volcanoes" by Westervelt, a Hawaiian story tells of a hōlua (sled) race between Pele and Kahawali. Kahawali, a chief in the district of Puna, was challenged by the Hawaiian volcano deity unbeknownstly. Unfamiliar with the narrow sled, Pele was beaten by the renowned chief. Before starting again, she asked him to give her his sled. He ridiculed Pele, then in a fit of vengeance Pele made herself known. She chased after him in the form of lava, and a great flood of lava overan his family.

Kahawali later joined his father on the island of O'ahu and remained. Other legends say he went to Kaua'i and gathered a company of the most powerful priests to return to Hawai'i for the destruction of Pele and her volcanic fires.

Six of these priests, according to Mrs. Rufus Lyman, who owned the land of this adventure and whose descendants still hold the same, came to Hawaii with the defeated Kahawali. These were Halema'uma'u, Ka'aeua, Uwekahuna, Kauanohunohu, Kalaniuaua, and Kapueuli.

They took their positions near Kīlauea and challenged Pele, crying out: "Where is that strange and wonderful woman?" Ka'aeua (The fiery current) and Uwekahuna (priest weeping) and Halema'uma'u (House of ferns) were kahunas, or priests of wonderful power. They were the only ones who left their names to localities in the neighborhood of Kīlauea.

Halema'uma'u had his house of ferns for a long time upon a precipice, back of the present Volcano House. From there the name has been changed both in meaning and location to the lava pit, the pit of Pele, in the living lake of fire, where it is called Halema'uma'u (the-enduring-house). Ka'aeua was the name given to a precipice in the walls of the crater. Uwekahuna was a high hill on the north-western side of the crater, overlooking the fire-pit and the region around Kīlauea. These priests who were also of the rank of chiefs were all killed by Pele except Kahawali, who escaped to O'ahu.

### Planning to visit Uēkahuna?

Is it quiet? Help keep it that way and allow visitors to connect with their surroundings in peace. Be a good steward by following the seven principles of Leave No Trace. Be safe, responsible, and respectful to each other and this sacred place during your visit.

<https://www.nps.gov/havo/learn/historyculture/uekahuna.htm>



A pair of nēnē geese in the park.

NPS photo

**The Uēkahuna overlook, restrooms, and parking lot are temporarily closed** to protect breeding and nesting nēnē (Hawaiian geese) in the area. The closure will begin on the afternoon of November 9, west of the intersection with Kīlauea Overlook. Kīlauea Overlook will remain open and accessible. Visitors can hike about one-third of a mile west of Kīlauea Overlook to a trail sign marking the closure along Crater Rim Trail. Vehicles over 25 feet in length cannot proceed west on Crater Rim Drive beyond the Kīlauea Military Camp.

Visitors can do their part to help protect these rare birds by keeping your distance, at least four car lengths away, and never feed nēnē or wildlife. Handouts make nēnē seek out people and cars, putting them in great danger. Drivers should be alert for nēnē along park roads, always observe the speed limit, and slow down for all nēnē crossing signs in the park and throughout the island.

# Hawaiian Holly

Hawai'i's plants are known for losing their defenses over time due to a lack of predators. Thus, we have mintless mints and a stingless stinging nettle. One other plant in this category is the Hawaiian holly. In Europe, holly was adopted as a symbol of Christ's crown of thorns because of its spiny leaves. That holly has the scientific name of *Ilex aquifolium*. Our native holly, whose Hawaiian name is kawa'u, has the scientific name of *Ilex anomala* (which is Greek for unusual). Instead of spiny leaves, there is a smooth outer edge with just the tip showing a point. The rest of the leaves are stiff and leathery, with a glossy top and dull underside. A distinctive trait is the dense network of veins which can be seen on close inspection. (And while you're looking closely at the leaves, you might check the underside for happy-faced spiders that seem to prefer good-sized



native leaves.) Unlike the European holly, which has white flowers with red fruit, kawa'u has white flowers with black fruit. These fruits appear in clusters among the leaves. To find kawa'u, look in wet to mesic forests, at about a 1,000 to 5,000 foot elevation. It can be quite abundant in some places. It is found in the form of a shrub or tree on all the Hawaiian islands, as well as our cousin islands, the Marquesas and Tahiti.

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Kawa'u, *Ilex anomala*

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VAC gallery in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park will have extended hours on Saturday, December 10, (5pm - 8pm).

## Holiday Hours:

VAC Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is open 9am -5pm daily (open on Thanksgiving Day, closed on Christmas Day).

VAC's Niaulani Campus will offer extended holiday hours, Monday - Saturday, 10am -4pm beginning (closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day).

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**12/3 - Jazz In The Forest: Holiday Spirits Concert** at VAC Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village

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