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Nesting Nēnē Protected by Partial Closure in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, Hawai'i – Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park has closed part of the parking lot at Uēkahuna and a short stretch of Crater Rim Trail east to protect a pair of breeding nēnē – the rare and endemic Hawaiian goose.

The western overlook and restrooms at Uēkahuna remain open, as do dozens of parking spots and the large bus stalls. However, if biologists determine the nēnē pair requires more protection, additional areas could close with little notice.

“The temporary closure prevents human activity from disrupting the nēnē family and is an important action we take to help them survive and raise their young,” said Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Wildlife Biologist, Dr. Kristina Paxton. “Nēnē face many challenges, including predation by feral cats and mongoose and deadly contact with vehicles.”

Nēnē typically mate for life. Female nēnē lay between two and five eggs and will incubate them while the male guards the family. Incubation takes about 30 days, but re-nesting could occur if eggs are destroyed or abandoned.

Nēnē nesting season is October through May, and many geese are seen on or near roadways throughout the park, making them especially vulnerable to deadly vehicle strikes this time of year. Visitors can help protect nēnē by slowing down, watching for nēnē near roads, and never, ever feeding nēnē. Keep wildlife wild, and give nēnē space by staying at least 60 feet from them.

Last year, a different nēnē pair nested near the western end of Uēkahuna which prompted a five-week closure of the entire parking lot, restrooms and overlook to protect the family.

To learn more about nēnē, visit the park website for history, a video, and a podcast about these rare and magnificent native geese.



A nēnē (Hawaiian goose) guards its young goslings.
NPS Photo/J. Wei

Cooper Center Community Pantry News

The next drive through food pantry is on Wednesday, January 31st from 9:30-11am. Or until we run out of food.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, both monetarily and through volunteering. A special thank you to Volcano Rotary for their continued support.

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Rainfall in Inches for the Month of November 2023

Volcano Golf Course 9.52
data collected by Janis Hamersma

Volcano Village 28.29
data collected by Jim Bush

Mauna Loa Est. 11.61
data collected by JJ Jasinski

Royal Hawn Est. 13.65
data collected by Tom Pico

Fern Forest 13.06
data collected by Drew Kapp

Ohia Estates 12.17
data collected by Phil Haysmer

Rotary Has Scholarships Available

The Rotary Club of Volcano, in cooperation with the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, is again offering college scholarships to local students. Each year, we award one \$5,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to attend a four-year university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. All 2024 graduates who are attending school in the state of Hawaii are eligible to apply. The awards are based on academic achievement, community participation, financial need and an interview with Rotary Club members. More details about how to apply and full application forms can be obtained from local high school counselors. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1. For further information email office@hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org or alida608@gmail.com. (Alida Gandy is the scholarship chair for RCV) Our Rotary Club of Volcano also offers a separate \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student planning to attend any recognized vocational training program or community college vocational program in Hawaii or the mainland. Graduates from Volcano School of Arts and Sciences, Ka'u High School, Kea'au High School, Hawai'i Academy of Arts and Sciences, Christian Liberty Academy and Pahoa High School are eligible to apply. Applications will go out to these schools in January 2024; the deadline to apply is April 2, 2024.



For further information contact Alida Gandy at alida608@gmail.com

Submitted by Mike Leidemann



Volcano Seniors January 2024 Calendar

Jan 4 – Election of officers, Mtg, Games, Potluck

Jan 11 - Games, Potluck

Jan 18 – Games, Potluck

Jan 24 - Bingo, Games, Potluck

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

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Start this New Year off with a BANG by joining us at Volcano's Craft Fair/Swap Meets. Held 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month, January 13th & 27th from 9AM to 1PM at Cooper Center in the Historic Heart of Volcano Village on Wright Road.

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Resolve to check us out.

For more info or to vend, call Auntie Frances at 808-985-8646 & leave name, number, & message.

Have a Great New Year! It's an opportunity for ALL of us to START OVER. 🙏🌱

A Hui Hou,
 Auntie Frances Roberts-Bennett 🌸

Revival of Native Hawaiian Wisdom: "Na Pule Kahiko" and "Hawaiian Proverbs and Riddles" reprinted by Petroglyph Press

HILO, Hawai'i (November 28, 2023) – Exploring the depths of Native Hawaiian heritage and knowledge, two treasured books, "Na Pule Kahiko" by June Gutmanis and "Hawaiian Proverbs and Riddles" by Henry Pratt Judd, have been reissued, offering an invaluable resource for those passionate about traditional Hawaiian wisdom. In its 61st year Hilo based publisher, Petroglyph Press, releases these new bilingual resources, in English and 'Olelo Hawaii, continuing a legacy of returning scarce publications to the reading public.

"Na Pule Kahiko," originally published in 1983 by June Gutmanis, remains a fundamental repository of native Hawaiian prayers. It stands as a tribute to ancestral practices, meticulously preserved through diligent scholarship. Gutmanis, through her dedication to gathering, recording, and translating these sacred chants, enriches our collective understanding of Hawaiian history.

Simultaneously, "Hawaiian Proverbs and Riddles" by Henry Pratt Judd, first published in 1930, is a testament to Judd's scholarly prowess and dedication to Hawaiian language and culture. It presents a unique compilation of riddles and proverbs, offering a rare glimpse into the cultural fabric of the time by an expert and contributor to 'Olelo Hawaii textbooks.



Petroglyph Press books are available at book and gift stores throughout Hawaii. Also available online at *BasicallyBooks.com*, or at Basically Books, 334 Kilauea Avenue in Hilo.

submitted by Krystal Meisel



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

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

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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 Halema'uma'u Trail.

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

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

Distance .8 miles one way, 1.6 miles round trip. | Difficulty: Moderate | Meet at Kīlauea Visitor Center

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

This event is presented by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Program cost is \$5.00 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-20240114/> for updates and for more information about this event.

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News from the Volcano Community Association

January 2024

Volcano Community Association: Meet Our New Leadership Team!

Volcano Community Association invites community-motivated volunteers to participate or join the January Membership Meeting

The Volcano Community Association (VCA) is delighted to introduce our newly appointed Volcano Community Association Leadership Team who will work diligently to guide us through the upcoming year with dedication and enthusiasm.

President: Sherrie Galdeira brings a wealth of experience in community engagement and leadership. Her commitment to fostering a strong and vibrant community is unparalleled, and we're excited to have her lead us forward.

Vice President: James Morgan is a passionate advocate for community initiatives and brings innovative ideas to the table. His dedication to enhancing the well-being of our community is reflected in his countless hours of community education, support and active participation.

Secretary: Mahi Snell's organizational skills and attention to detail is invaluable in keeping our records and communications in order. Her commitment to efficiency helps streamline operations and her leadership support remains a valuable necessity to the continued progress of our association.

Treasurer: Ida Gager's financial acumen and prudent approach ensures the responsible management of our resources. Her expertise will guide us towards sustainable growth and fiscal responsibility.

Directors: Daniel Morimoto, James Sutton, Jeffrey Mermel and Elaine Lee are esteemed individuals that bring a diverse set of skills and experiences to the Board. Their collective wisdom, dedication and community-oriented vision will drive positive change and progress within and

amongst our association.

As a collective, we, the VCA Membership Community and community members who have benefited from the dedicated hard work and efforts of these individuals extend our heartfelt gratitude for stepping up to serve our community. Their leadership and dedication undoubtedly contribute to making Volcano an even better place to live and thrive.

Please join us in welcoming and supporting our new leadership team. We encourage you to reach out with your ideas, suggestions and support as we work together towards a brighter future for our beloved Volcano community.

Sincerely, the VCA Board and Membership Committee

2024 VCA Annual Membership Meeting Coming Soon!

As we gear up for another exciting year, we are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2024 Volcano Community Association Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled for January 31.

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 Hawaiian Orchid Isle Estates.



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2024 VCA Annual Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
at Cooper Center Hall**

This pivotal gathering is an excellent opportunity for residents, business owners and members of our community to come together and shape the future of Volcano.

Meeting Announcement

A Meeting Agenda shall be posted on our website at volcanocommunity.org with specific details that include comprehensive information about the agenda, special presentations if any, discussions, and any proposed initiatives for the coming year.

Your Participation Matters

Your involvement and active membership or volunteer services and input are crucial in shaping the direction and initiatives of the Volcano Community Association. We encourage all residents, business owners and members of our vibrant community to mark their calendars and plan to attend this important meeting.

Meet our New Leadership Team

Join us at the Annual Membership Meeting to meet and interact with our newly appointed leadership team: President, Sherrie Galdeira, Vice President, James Morgan, Secretary, Mahi Snell, Treasurer, Ida Gager and Directors, Daniel Morimoto, James Sutton, Jeffrey Mermel and Elaine Lee. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know them and share your thoughts and ideas and to either become a VCA Member to take advantage of our community discounts or renew your existing membership by completing the attached Membership Form and bringing it with you to this meeting along with your nominal Membership fee of \$15.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a household of up to two (2) persons.

Your Voice Matters!

The success of our community association relies on your active participation, ideas and support. We value your input and look forward to collaborating with you to continue fostering a strong, inclusive, and thriving Volcano community.

Please keep an eye out on our website for complete details on the Annual Membership Meeting. Let's come together to make a meaningful impact on the future of our wonderful Volcano community!

VOLCANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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MAHALO!!!



Volcano School of Arts and Sciences January 2024 News

Hau'oli Lā Hānau e Volcano School!

Founders reflect on their original vision

A quarter century ago, a small group of parents and community members in Volcano began brainstorming about creating a different kind of education for their children. In the mid-1990s, VSAS Founder Kalena Blakemore (a Native Hawaiian, former parent and current VSAS Board member) had just moved back home from California with her husband and two young children.

"We had our older daughter in a Montessori school in California, but there was nothing like that here," she said. "Our youngest was three at the time, so we got together an informal play-group hui with like-minded parents."

When the Hawai'i state legislature passed a law in 1998 allowing the creation of independent, publicly funded charter schools, this group began the application process. Two years later they were among the first to be awarded a charter by the Department of Education.



High School students at morning piko wehena

"We wanted a creative, outside-the-box school," said Blakemore, "not the traditional plantation mentality of regular schools where they just wanted kids to be able to show up on time and work hard. The plantation days were over, and we needed a different kind of school."

Community members and educators were just as vital as the parents in creating a vibrant, yet workable, educational vision for VSAS.

"I wanted to see a progressive school that took advantage of the scientific and cultural resources, especially at HVNP," said Founder Lisa King, a teacher, environmental educator, and Volcano community member (who still steps in as a substitute teacher at VSAS as needed).

Founder Glen Kadota, a former teacher and Vice Principal in the Hawai'i DOE public school system, especially advocated for experiential, place-based learning. "I like the Hawaiian focus of VSAS," he said, "where all plants and animals are important. At my old school I helped students create a garden of native plants, but when I left, they tore it out. That would never happen at Volcano School."

In 2016, Volcano School became a Hawai'i-Focused school to commit to a place-based mission on learning through 'ike Hawai'i (Hawaiian knowledge) rooted in core values of Kūlia, 'Ohana, and Aloha.

VSAS has blossomed from the seed planted by the hardworking founders all those years ago. Founders, Kumu Lisa Barnard and Kumu Xanthe Serafin, as well as a number of staff like 20-year veterans, Jim Highfill, Leona Matsueda, and Lydia Meneses, have been with VSAS since the early days, and are still on campus every day, tending and feeding the school's vi-

sion of learning through Volcano's unique cultural and natural resources to become creative global citizens.

Keakealani Campus Development Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Deadline February 2, 2024

Friends of VSAS invites the submittal of a Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") from firms interested in providing design-build services/construction for development of the Keakealani Campus on Haunani Road. View Full RFQ on www.friendsofvolcanoschool.org or www.volcanoschool.net.

Volunteer Opportunities

Become a Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Volunteer!

Come and learn from National Park Volunteer Harvey Scott about the diverse volunteer opportunities in the park. Ask questions and see if volunteering with our 'ohana is something that interests you.

When: Saturday January 27th
from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Cooper Center Craft
Fair/Swap Meet, Volcano Village.

(see page 4 Aloha Friends &
Neighbors article)



January 2024 Events at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park



January is Volcano Awareness Month. For a complete calendar of Volcano Awareness Month events across the island of Hawai'i, visit the USGS HVO website.

Birth of Kahuku. Join a park ranger on an easy 1.5-hour, 1.5-mile walk to explore the rich geologic history of Kahuku. Traverse the vast 1868 lava flow, see different volcanic formations including the Southwest Rift Zone of Mauna Loa. Learn about the Kanawai o Pele – the natural laws of land building that govern Pele's realm. This easy walk supports the USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory's Volcano Awareness Month. **When:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Meet at the Kahuku Visitor Contact Station

Kīlauea Volcano's Crater-Filling Summit Eruptions. Following the dramatic collapses in 2018, the summit of Kīlauea has been in a multi-year phase of crater filling. Five separate eruptions—ranging in duration from about a week to over a year—have filled Halema'uma'u crater with lava flows and lava lakes. These eruptions have been accompanied by ever-changing geophysical signals recorded by the dense monitoring network. Join USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory geologist Matt Patrick as he summarizes the recent activity at Kīlauea summit and highlights its patterns of behavior and Hawaiian Volcano Observatory monitoring techniques. This After Dark in the Park program supports USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory's Volcano Awareness Month. **When:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium

Learn to Play 'Ukulele. The modern Hawaiian 'ukulele evolved from the machete de braga, a small stringed instrument introduced by Portuguese immigrants to Hawai'i in the late 1800s. Come join Kumu Hula Meleana Manuel who will show you how to play simple and fun Hawaiian songs. Several 'ukulele will be provided, or bring your own! 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. **When:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Where:** 'Ōhi'a Wing (across Crater Rim Drive from Kīlauea Visitor Center)

Kīlauea Iki Crater Guided Hike. The four-mile (6.2 km) Kīlauea Iki Trail is one of the park's iconic trails, where hikers emerge from the intersection of lush native rainforest and eruption onto a steaming crater floor. Delve into the secrets of Kīlauea Iki with Park Ranger Mequette Gallegos. Discover how fountains of lava from the giant brick red cone, Pu'upua'i, jetted up 1,900 feet (579 m) in 1959 and left behind a giant bathtub ring of lava reside on the crater walls. Part of Volcano Awareness Month special programs. **When:** Saturday, January 13 at 10 a.m. to around noon. **Where:** Meet Ranger Mequette at the Kīlauea Iki parking lot. **Wear:** Sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes or boots, protective gear for sun and rain, and bring water and a snack.

Fee-Free Day for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All fee-charging national parks including Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park are free in honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dates for all six 2024 fee-free days are posted on the National Park Service website. **When:** Monday, January 15, 2024 all day **Where:** All fee-charging national parks in the U.S.

Past Eruptions Near the Summit of Kīlauea. Kīlauea has erupted five times (and counting!) since 2020 within Kaluapele, the caldera at the summit. Each eruption has been accompanied by a period of unrest in the form of earthquakes and ground deformation both within and outside the summit caldera. Join University of Hawai'i at Hilo geology professor Steve Lundblad as he explores past eruptions near the summit of Kīlauea and structural features such as the Koa'e fault zone. Learn what current monitoring observations and past eruptions can tell us about where we might expect to see future eruptions and where lava is less likely to erupt. This After Dark in the Park program supports USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory's Volcano Awareness Month. **When:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7 p.m. **Where:** Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium

Coffee Talk: The Sacred Art of Hula. Join Kumu Hula Keala Ching of Ka Pā Nā Wai Iwi Ola (The Ancient Waters of Life) for a talk story about hula, its history, the dance, significance of the implements, and the ornamentation (lei, pa'ū etc.). Kumu started Na Wai Iwi Ola in 2000 and he is a Hawaiian cultural educator, composer, songwriter, and spiritual advisor to many Hawaiian organizations. He lives and breathes aloha into his Hawaiian heritage with his strong presence and great heart. **When:** Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Kahuku Unit Visitor Contact Station

January Events at the Volcano Art Center & Gallery

Volcano Art Center (VAC) is proud to present the exhibition *Gathering Bowls: Celebrating Aloha* from January 6th through February 11th, 2024, at VAC Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The exhibit will be open daily from 9am - 5pm with a special opening reception on Saturday, January 6th, from 2-4pm. The public is welcome to come meet the artists during the reception. Please call (808) 967-7565 for more information or visit www.volcanoartcenter.org.

VAC is proud to offer Aloha Friday cultural demonstrations, beginning in January. Please check website for dates and times.

The Sounds of Niaulani Musical Forest Tour: Join us on Saturday, January 6, 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. This special event will begin at 9:30 am, at VAC Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. (19-4074 Old Volcano Road).

A series of 6 drawing classes for children ages 8 to 14 at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus. Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, January 9 - February 20, 2024. (no class on February 13). Ken's lessons focus on drawing things from life. Portraits, landscapes, and still-life's will be encouraged to prepare for more personal imaginary works. Field trips into the Niaulani Rainforest will also be included, weather permitting.

On January 11, at 5:30pm., *Volcano Art Center's Heritage and Archive Program* presents the first of the Archive Film Series. This project shares a glimpse of VAC's unique 50-year history. This program is proudly supported by funding through Hawai'i's State Grant In Aid Program and will run monthly at VAC Niaulani Campus (19-4074 Old Volcano Road).

Learn the traditional Zentangle art method with Lydia Meneses on January 13, at VAC Niaulani Campus, using untraditional shades of blue on our gray paper tiles, instead of traditional black on white. This class is open to all levels, no Zentangle or art experience necessary.

Volcano Art Center's Hula Arts at Kīlauea performance series continues Saturday, January 13 with a hula kahiko performance featuring Pele & Kekoa Harman Hālau I Ka Leo Ola o Nā Mamo. The performance begins at 10:30am in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park entrance fees apply.

Join Big Island artist, Patti Pease Johnson for the *Experimental Watercolors* workshop on Saturday, January 13, from 9am – 12:30pm at Volcano Art Center. Beginner and intermediate artists are welcome.

The Volcano Art Center's Sounds at the Summit series continues Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 5:30pm at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village featuring *Muriel Anderson*. Tickets on sale at www.volcanoartcenter.org or call (808) 967-8222.

Transform your lanai and lawn, your field and fence, into an abundant oasis of edible and multifunctional plants. Join instructor Zach Mermel of Ola Design Group for the workshop, *"Edible Landscaping for Backyards and Beyond!"* The workshop will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 9am – 2:30pm., with a break for lunch.

Join artist Mary Milelzcik for the *"Mixed Media Encaustic"* workshop on Saturday, January 20, 2023, from 10 am – 2:30 pm. The class will be held in a unique rainforest setting in a covered outside area at Volcano Art Center Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village.

Join Hawai'i Island author of *Amalya's Beads*, Dina Wood Kageler at 6pm., on Thursday, January 25, at VAC Niaulani Campus (19-4074 Old Volcano Road) as she recounts the life of the ethnic Manobo people along an upland river in the mountains of Mindanao, Philippines, during the early 1970s.

Volcano Art Center turns 50 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.** Tickets on Sale now! General \$120, VAC Member \$90, Golden Circle \$250, Golden Circle Pair \$500*. For more information visit www.volcanoartcenter.org or call (808) 967-8222.

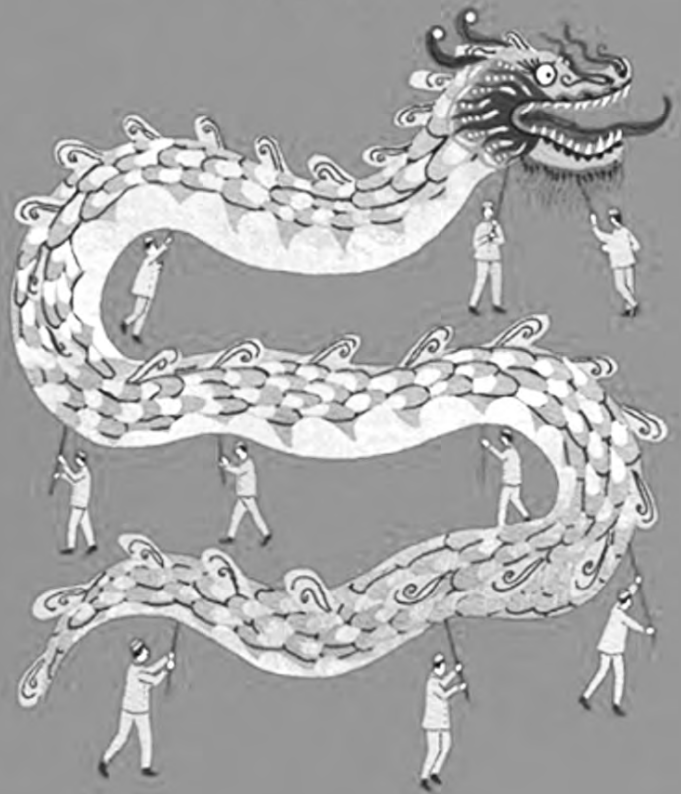
The Volcano Art Center is a non-profit educational organization created in 1974 to promote, develop, and perpetuate the artistic and cultural heritage of Hawai'i's people and environment through activities in the visual, literary, and performing arts.

Aloha friends and family,

I have been procrastinating on writing this letter for sometime, and I hope it finds you well during this holiday season. It has now been almost four and a half months since my father's death, and I wish I could share better news regarding some sort of consequences or accountability for the dog owners. At the time I am writing this there have still been no charges or arrest for the owners responsible for this preventable tragedy. I know that you have already done so much to support our family and while that is truly the main reason for me writing this, I just want to take a moment to say thank you, and how much we appreciate all the support that we have already been given.

We also have a small but important ask at this time. If you would please take a moment and call the Mayor's office (808)961-8211 or (808)323-4444 and the Prosecuting Attorney's office (808)961-0466. Please ask them what they are doing to prioritize seeking justice on behalf of Bob Northrop, and simultaneously, ensuring that this will not happen to anyone else ever again. An older woman was bit by a dog in Hawaiian Acres on Thanksgiving, and thankfully she survived, but these dog attacks have not stopped and nothing seems to have changed about how seriously they are addressed. Our family would sincerely appreciate everyone speaking out about how they want to see a change, for a safer community for us all. This is really our only wish for the holiday season, and we hope it is not too much to ask you to please use your voice to help us demand accountability. Please keep our family and our father's memory in your thoughts during this time. We hope that despite missing him you can remember some of his outspokenness, sense of humor, and joy for living. Sending you and your loved ones a great big hug from our family and so much gratitude.

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(a) A dog owner commits the offense of negligent failure to control a dangerous dog, if the person negligently fails to take reasonable measures to prevent the dog from attacking, without provocation, a person or animal and such attack results in:

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- (2) Bodily injury to a person;
- (3) Substantial bodily injury to a person; or
- (4) Serious bodily injury or death

A person convicted under this section of a violation of subsection (a)(4) shall be guilty of a class B felony and sentenced to one or more of the following:

- (1) A fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$25,000;
- (2) A period of imprisonment of up to ten years or, a period of probation of four years with up to eighteen months of imprisonment,

For animal emergencies, call police dispatch at 808-935-3311. For lost or found pets and non-emergencies, call Animal Control at 808-327-3558.

Aloha,
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