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SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

The Academy offers a 3-day multi-media fine arts workshop for children ages 5-12. Workshop curriculum explores drawing and composition; acrylic painting on canvas; watercolor painting on paper; Gyotaku fish prints and monoprints; air-dry clay pottery; handmade paper making techniques and mosaic creations with various found objects. The class helps children express their creativity in a safe, warm, artistic environment. Taught by well know fine artist and decorative painter, Deb Thompson along with KC Stallsmith, a multi-media glass artist, painter and licensed childcare provider. Upcoming workshops for this summer: Waimoa on June 3-5 and in Kohala July 22-24, July 29-31. Scholarships and financial will be available. Deb Thompson 884-5754 Website: www.debthompsonart.com.

SUSTAINABLE KOHALA OHANA

Sustainable Kohala continues to promote environmental awareness in North Kohala through lectures, films, and other projects. Their Free Film Series is held the first Sunday of each month at the Barn in Hawi at 7 p.m. Some of the films shown recently were *The Future of Food*; *Transition Towns*; *Bhutan: The Middle Path*; *The World According to Monsanto*, and *Affluenza*. Working with the larger community, Sustainable Kohala regularly meets with community leaders to build a mutual vision of sustainability. Additionally, the group hosted an information booth at the Coffee Mill during Earth Day, and sponsored a Talk Story Tent for the Ka Hana No'eau Ho'ike in May at the Intergenerational Center. All are welcome to attend the General Meeting July 12 at 3 p.m. at Star Seed Ranch in Niuli'i to help celebrate progress toward sustainability, plan events for the following year, and enjoy music, food, and friendship. This event is open to everyone interested in sustainability. Deborah Winter 889-6901.



Participants of Sustainable Kohala Ohana

TARO DREAMS

A research, product development and marketing company based in North Kohala, was founded over 19 years ago by current director Pamela Noeau Day. She developed a line of poi-based foods out of the necessity to save the life of her highly allergic infant. After years of scientific research and development, Taro Dream became incorporated in 2001 and completed a successful year of test marketing 2007. TDI also achieved Act 221 Qualified High Tech Business Status last year. Cultured food science and manufacturing innovations have created based on the use of novel probiotic bacteria and dehydrated Poi. A full line of Poi-based gluten free foods will soon to be launched nationally. Success of this locally-based company could serve the agricultural and economic needs of North Kohala and Hawaii Nei. Pamela Noeau Day 884-5270.

THE BARN - ARTS AND EDUCATION CENTER

This educational association serving North Kohala and the Big Island was formed to create a turn-key multi-use facility. Their goal is to provide an ideal space for educational classes, theatrical performances, music and art workshops, of public presentations and other popular community activities to take place. Olga Nichols 889-5324.

THE KOHALA WELLNESS EDUCATION CENTER

The mission of this Center is to improve the preventable burden of diabetes, pre-diabetes, and related complications. The organizers' objectives are to inform, educate and empower individuals in the community about this important health issue. With holistic and complementary approaches to health care educational services strive to promote early diagnosis and emphasize the importance of physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of health. These services will help individuals make healthy lifestyle choices as well as helping to reduce the State's cost to treat diabetes. Alvita 889-0770.

T-TOUCH

Rachel Lancaster has completed her training in Tellington Touch – a method of handling animals with humane care

administered at different shelters on Big Island. She welcomes calls for volunteers or consults. Watch for upcoming trainings. Rachel Lancaster 889-5343.

VIESSEL

This locally organized group works to secure alternative fuel sources and plans to build processing facilities using recycled waste vegetable oil fuel. They plan to keep facilities small and portable and expand as the demand for this product grows. Jerry Schumate 937-1981.

WASTESTREAM RECYCLING

The WasteStream Recycling Committee would like to thank the North Kohala community for being proactive in their recycling efforts. More recyclables are being disposed of through the Two Stream Sort containers at the local Transfer Station as well as at the non-H15 glass disposal is located at the ARC redemption pavilion next to the Transfer Station. This volunteer program initiated in 2005 has proven profitable for local service clubs and

youth groups and sponsors an annual Earth Day Trash Bash Art/Fashion Show. This year's event can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.youtube.com>. WasteStream continues to be extremely active in the pursuit of reducing, reusing and recycling. Colleen Nevins 889-5009.

YOGA ED PROGRAM AT KOHALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This health and wellness program has successfully completed its third year in June, 2009 with Robyn Skudlarek at the helm. The program was first piloted at Kohala Elementary School and was then offered as part of the physical education program at Kohala Intermediate. Combining yoga poses, games, art, and breathing techniques, Yoga Ed. helps young people develop physical fitness, self care strategies, and greater focus and attention. With enthusiasm and innovation, Jan Roberts will carry the program forward for the upcoming school year. Jan Roberts 895-5377.

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Fall Schedule for Our Next Training Series:

Our workshops are designed to help organizers plan successful community projects, find funding, and write proposals. Fiscal sponsorship is available for projects that qualify. These workshops are free to residents of North Kohala whose projects are based here. Participants from outside North Kohala attend on a fee basis. Please call the Center for more information, 889-5523. Classes start at 9:00AM at our office on Akoni Pule Highway, Hawi.

Planning Successful Community Projects Saturday October 24, 2009

Deadline for Fiscal Sponsorship Applications Friday October 30, 2009

Please note that the following classes are only available upon acceptance of fiscal sponsorship.

Researching Funders Saturday, November 7, 2009

Writing Successful Proposals Saturday, November 21, 2009

Proposal Critique To be determined by class

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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009

Aloha and welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2009. This year has brought exciting new changes for the Resource Center. At the first of the year we moved to a new home, the old Fukada General store on Akoni Pule Highway in Hawi. This building, located at the gateway to Kohala, is an old and beloved plantation era building. Now that we have settled in, we are working hard on plans to develop a Welcome Center with public restrooms and more. We envision a space that extends a warm welcome to residents and visitors and invites them to learn more about the great community they are entering.

Our tireless Board of Directors remains committed to our mission to provide education, support and bridges to funding for projects that benefit the North Kohala community. We were deeply honored to be chosen as the Grand Marshals of the Kamehameha Day Parade on June 11. The parade began in front of our new building and proceeded down the highway to the Statue of the King, reviving the old time honored tradition of traveling from Hawi to Kapaa. It was a beautiful day in Kohala with thousands in attendance.



Directors on Kamehameha Day

As our list of volunteers grows, we are so grateful for the wide range of skills, ages and energies of people who walk in the door excited to help us. Our current number of projects is sixty-two! We have sponsored ten new projects since the beginning of 2009. Please browse through our project



summaries and check on the progress of your favorites and find out about our new ones.

We appreciate your support and interest in the Resource Center and look forward to hearing from you this summer. We need your support more than ever as we develop our new building as Kohala's Welcome Center and continue to provide project support for all the hard working organizers in Kohala.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
**North Kohala Community
Resource Center's
2nd Annual Event
Kamehameha Park
September 19th, 2009**

*An exposition of community
projects, local musicians,
and very special guests!*

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ART IN SIGHT

Master art teacher Peter Kowalke is putting finishing touches on this local Art and Ecology Education Center – a timber-frame pottery shed and community kiln. He continues to offer pottery, sculpture and drawing lessons for adults and children through this state-of-the-art facility. Also an integrated hands-on curriculum for home-schooled children provides an art based learning platform for science, botany, art history, and English. In collaboration with the Halaula Middle school, the group is actively seeking grants to create an edible-schoolyard project. Peter Kowalke 937-7556.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER, KOHALA MOUNTAIN NEWS

Kohala Mountain News is now in its third year, publishing a minimum 16-page edition monthly. The product of volunteer writers, photographers and other contributors from throughout the community, the paper has become North Kohala's "must-read" publication. Katie Ankner replaced Kathy Lambert as Managing Editor in June, and other changes in staff and volunteers continue to strengthen the organization. Advertising and community contributions continue to support the publication. The paper is distributed free to every post office box in Hawi and Kapa'au. Subscriptions for the mainland and neighbor islands are available while plans to make the paper available on the web are being considered. We welcome writing and photo submissions from the community to be sent to Katie Ankner at 557-2396 or kmneditor@gmail.com.

FOOTPRINTS FOR THE FUTURE

The purpose of the Footprints project is to introduce a series of new land use patterns that relate to community sustainability in the coming age. The eco-homestead, the Ag hamlet, the green Global Village, are a few examples. Organizers are intent on bringing youth leaders into active land crafting courses on site at Artesia, a sustainable eco-homestead. Once funded, courses will last for a week at a time with on-site camping provided. Social architect Jim Channon continues to design these footprints singlehandedly while seeking much need community help. Jim Channon 889-0223.

HAWAII YOUTH AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

This fully functional farm, collaborating with Uluwehi Farm and Nursery, hosts a youth-farmer apprenticeship program teaching Kohala high school students and alumni the basics of sustainable agriculture, permaculture, and agroforestry. The program recruits apprentices and pays them a stipend to work and learn on the farm. Through hands-on tasks such as row cropping, orchard management, loi restoration, and plant propagation, students learn essentials of planting, harvesting and selling for a well-rounded agricultural experience. Recognizing Kohala's need to have an ongoing supply of locally produced food, the group is organizing the community around the production of traditional Hawaiian crops such as taro, sweet potato, yams and breadfruit. Dash Kuhr 896-1331.



Hawaii Youth Agricultural Program

HAWAII WILDLIFE CENTER

The Hawaii Wildlife Center is dedicated to the care & conservation of Hawaii's threatened wildlife through hands-on treatment, research, training, and cultural & educational programs. This first of its kind wildlife response and rehabilitation Center has begun construction on its Halaula facility located on Lighthouse Road! When completed the HWC will consist of three integrated facilities: a wildlife care and response unit, and interpretive and outreach courtyard with a native garden, and an education pavilion. Support and donations are needed to open the Center. Linda Elliott, HWC president, at (808) 345-8421 or E-mail Info@HawaiiWildlifeCenter.org.

HAWI FARMERS' MARKET

Hawi Farmers' Market LLC was organized early this year in order to expand and improve the existing Hawi Saturday market. Come and support local vendors, or become a vendor yourself and talk story with your neighbors. Also featuring weekly live acoustic music and last Saturday of the month farm and food related demonstrations will take place. Saturdays 8:00-12:00 under the banyan trees in downtown Hawi. Rick Chalker 889-0889 or 889-5365.

HONOPUEO AGRICULTURAL WATER LINE COOPERATIVE

With the excellent cooperation of Surety Kohala, Kohala Nursery, Ernie Moody, the Honopueo Homeowners Association and other members, real progress has been made toward the replacement of the Kohala Ditch water system's Kapaau section. A tentative engineering review & design were completed in May 2009 addressing the irrigation needs of the region's 2,100 acres. Cost estimates and pipeline routing options are now more defined. Next steps will be evaluated when operation and maintenance of the Kohala Ditch changes hands from Surety Kohala to a new non-profit entity now being formed. Forrest Arnold 987-2365.

KA LEI O KOHALA

This farm's ti plants are well cleaned after Kamehameha Day, when various community groups came to pick the leaves for laulau, decorations, or lei. While owner Randee continues to plant more ti and develop a commercial market, she also wants to be a community resource where non-profit groups are welcome to request ti leaves to help with fundraising projects. People wanting to purchase ti stock or lei can call for more information. Randee Golden 889-0011.

KAMEHAMEHA DAY CELEBRATION

As the birthplace of this great King, the North Kohala community is sure to celebrate on June 11th every year.

A new committee successfully organized this treasured tradition. The parade began in Hawi and made its way to the King's Statue in Kapa'au along Akoni Pule Highway. Once past the statue, the parade looped back to Kamehameha Park where floats were parked for display. Cultural exhibits, local food and great entertainment filled the Park's football field throughout the afternoon. Many thanks to the Ho'opai family for a job well done! Cicely Ho'opai at 884-5840 or E-mail: hoopai911@msn.com.



Kamehameha Day Parade

KAMEHAMEHA GOLF PARK

Kamehameha Park Golf Learning Center, LLC encourages parents to bring their children to the golf center this summer. Registration and beginners classes are conducted every Thursday at 3pm. In an effort to meet the USGA's matching funds grant, a silent auction is planned for late July this year. Auction items include golf packages at Mauna Kea, Mauna Lani, and Princeville, a Koa rocking chair, and gift certificates to many local restaurants and stores. All items will be released through NKCRC. For a list of items and bid sheet call John at 345-4393.

KAMEHAMEHA STATUE MAINTENANCE

For the first time since the first restoration of the Original Statue of Kamehameha The Great, we discovered some wear and tear while conducting our twice-annual maintenance. These flecks of missing paint as well as some minor damage to the base of the statue can only be discovered with such an up close and personal look at this town treasure! In response, organizer Sharon Hayden, is intent on finding the funding needed to bring back Conservator Glenn Wharton or a similar professional who can assure its future condition for our community, families and visitors to enjoy. Please donate what ever

you can to assist us in this next project to preserve and protect our precious Statue. Sharon Hayden 987-0509.

KENJI'S ROOM

The volunteer group, Kenji Museum Alliance, keeps this tiny museum open and free to the public in Kenji's Kapaau homestead. The museum offers visitors a look into Kohala's past in this special room where Kenji's shell and rock art pieces and personal effects are housed. The museum Alliance recently completed a second DVD story of their search for a permanent North Kohala home for Kenji's rare shells, Hawaiian artifacts and descriptive dive journals. Catherine Morgan 960-3597.

KINDY SPROAT: A GIFT TO THE HEART

In spite of the economy and major reduction in grant funding, plans to create the film will be moving ahead at the organizers' own expense. They are committed to altering their vision to fit this new reality until additional funding and donations come through. If you would like to talk story about Kindy regarding any time of his life or how he was an influence in your life, your mana'o will be part of the thread that is woven throughout this story of the man that embodied the spirit of Kohala. In addition to Kindy's stories, songs and historical Hawaiian cultural information he has shared with Keith Nealy, Kindy expresses that we are all ohana and have a responsibility to take care of one another with aloha. And his knowledge of "sustainable" living and how things were done in the old days will soon be lost. In these difficult times these are valuable messages and words of wisdom from one of our own beloved kupuna. His teaching can still live on through your help with this film. Keith at 882-7772 or E-mail: keithn@aloha.net.



Filmmaker Keith Nealy

KOHALA AIKIKAI

This local aikido club has been in operation since 1996 at the Kohala Koboji Mission Hall. Aikido can help individuals of all ages remain calm, centered, and strong when faced the challenges of life. The practice of this art can foster peaceful interactions by sharing a balanced approach to conflict resolution. Developing competent, compassionate, and sincere individuals is a powerful way to influence our community, our nation, and our world. Kevin McGough 889-5958.

KOHALA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The 5th Annual Kohala Back To School Bash, will be held July 18, 2009 at Kamehameha Park from 11am to 4pm. Lots of vendors and awesome entertainment featuring Temehani Productions, Augie T, Ten Feet and Na Waiho'olu'u o ke Anuenue are to be enjoyed by all. There will be free School Supplies, a rock climbing wall, bouncing castles, free games, exciting prizes and more. Organizers are now looking for more non-food vendors. Leilani 938-5329.

KOHALA CHEER AND DANCE CLUB

The Kohala Cheer and Dance Club is still going strong and some of the cheerleaders were invited to the Pro Bowl 2009 in Honolulu. The group is looking forward to their annual cheer camp being held July 25th and 26th at the Hawi Community Center where last year's camp was a great success. Thanks to the community for all the support it shows this project. Toma 889-0604.



Cheerleaders at Pro Bowl

KOHALA COALITION AGAINST DRUGS

KCAD's mission is to provide education and activities for kids and families that will discourage underage drinking, promote healthy lifestyles, and raise awareness. The sup-

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port of Lieutenant Governor Aiona helped KCAD realize the dream of an after-school program at the middle school. UPLINK, Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge, is an educational and fun program that engages students in age appropriate activities. KCAD's President and Roots Skatepark organizer, Richey Riggs, teaches a Skate & Create class through UPLINK. Some of KCAD's board members will attend National Community Anti-drug Coalition Institute's (CADCA) Regional Training Sessions in Waikoloa this August. KCAD is also looking into having Frejo, a Wellness Trainer/Motivational Speaker come to Kohala. Frejo dares youth to dream, visualize and realize their personal potential while addressing the battle against substance abuse. Richey Riggs 889-0503.

KOHALA COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Ashley Lueder & Donna Maltz

KOHALA COMMUNITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) completed another successful season of sports programs for youth ages 5-14 in basketball, baseball and soccer. The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the adult volunteers who supported the programs. The new season starts with Biddy Basketball (ages 5-8) and Volleyball (ages 9-14) in September. Watch for August registration announcements in your child's school flyers and in the Kohala Mountain News. Tom Morse 559-5049.

KOHALA COQUI COALITION

The Kohala Coqui Coalition continues its work in keeping Kohala Coqui free. The Coalition has treated 13 different sites in North Kohala during the first six months of 2009, with several sites needing multiple eradications. Our work depends entirely on private donations, since county and state funding is no longer available. Kohala Kentia continues to provide service for our Coqui Hotline, vital for quick communication and response to coqui outbreaks. Hotline 889-5775.

KOHALA COUNTRY FAIR

The Fair has been a favorite North Kohala tradition for the past 25 years. This all-day event brings the community together for fun, food and entertainment. This year's Fair will take place on Saturday, October 3, from 9 am to 4 pm, under the magnificent banyan trees in the center of Hawi. Vendors offer food and craft items, many activities geared for children and adults, a seed exchange, and information is shared by numerous public service organizations. The theme for this year's Fair, "Bringing Us All Together," was selected from local submissions. The fair will continue to feature a movement toward zero waste and conscious care of the earth and our land of North Kohala - ka pua o ka aina. Olga Nichols 889-5324.



Kohala Country Fair

KOHALA DITCH RESTORATION

Since November 25, 2008 the water has been flowing through the Ditch - a result of public and private sectors collaborating to restore the Ditch to its pre-earthquake condition. The Ditch remains as an active project supporting further improvements of the waterway to ensure its continuous flow. Herman Fernandez 889-6237.

KOHALA ENGINEERING RESOURCES

This informational center allows for residents to share their thoughts, concerns, or questions on any engineering aspect of their home and/or community. Information detailing the local distribution of potable water, various treatments of wastewater, retaining walls, and the disposal

of trash are available upon request. Additional fact sheets detailing the recent seismic upgrades to the local bridges and residential hazard mitigation will be available shortly. Advice and references offered when applicable. Jim Pedersen, PE. 854-4888.

KOHALA EQUINE EDUCATION CENTER

This project was established to provide multi-purpose equestrian facilities for educational and cultural programs. Users of the facility may include 4-H, school groups, therapeutic riding programs, special events, and teams practicing for parades or rodeos. Plus, the facility could offer many horse owners who do not have facilities, a place to train their family riders various horsemanship skills such as competition and cattle-working. Recently the group has received local donations and in-kind services helping further their program. Beth Robinson 443-4588.

KOHALA FITNESS STATION

The Kohala Fitness Station opened July 31, 2008 with the mission of promoting a healthy lifestyle for the residents of North Kohala. The Fitness Station gym has hydraulic exercise machines, exercise bikes, a treadmill, an elliptical machine, free weights, stability balls and a bench press. Currently, the gym has approximately 75 members both women and men. Yoga and dance classes are also available. In addition to exercise programs, the Fitness Station also sponsors the "Shape-Up Kohala" weight-management group which meets weekly on Tuesday evenings. Char Parada 884-5434 or Alida 889-9898.

KOHALA FOOD FORUM

Kohala's Community Development Plan set a goal for the community to produce 50% of the food we consume here, compared to an estimated 15% today. The North Kohala Food Forum, scheduled for Saturday August 22nd at the Kohala Intergenerational Center is inviting over 65 local panel participants who are involved in growing or producing local food, retailing and wholesaling local food, commercial organizations and institutions buying local food. Other participants are involved in local food production through infrastructure, planning, government, education, and support organizations. Participants will complete a detailed survey before the forum and highlight their responses during the panel discussion. The community is invited and a lunch made of all local foods will be provided. A panel discussion will encourage participants to network and discover ways of collaborating toward the community's goal. Bob Martin 889-5025.

KOHALA FOOTBALL BOOSTERS CLUB

This fourteen-year-old organization provides support and services to the Kohala Varsity Football team. Beldon Kealoha, project coordinator.

KOHALA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

The Club graciously accepts the responsibility of participating in the annual Kamehameha Celebration Day every June. Additionally, they continue to encourage the community to participate and work together on many fun events. Their efforts include raising funds for annual scholarships dedicated to Kohala students. Rochelle Javillo, Secretary 884-5000.

KOHALA LITTLE LEAGUE

The Little League has been in existence for many years in Kohala with a strong team of parents who volunteer their time to teach youth the sport of baseball. The group works hard to keep program fees affordable and make it easy for families to get kids involved. Donations are needed to provide uniforms and equipment. Liz Karrati 443-8888.

KOHALA PUMPKIN PATCH AND CORN MAZE

Kohala Mountain Farm intends to generate revenue and create seasonal employment through the integration of a Pumpkin Patch that will offer the community fun, educa-

tional activities related to agriculture. By cultivating traditional fall crops commonly found on the mainland, we plan to create an event that is affordable and educational for the community with the emphasis on Hawaii's agriculture. Stacy Hasegawa 345-6323.



Kohala Mountain Pumpkin Patch

KOHALA SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

This Center continues to be an active and vital group in the community providing special events and an array of regularly scheduled activities. All are welcome to their weekly Monday meetings held at 9am at the Civic Center in Kapaa. Meetings feature special community speakers and community news followed by a luncheon. Jacob Zane 889-0704.

KOHALA STARS PRESCHOOL



As the demand for preschool in Kohala exceeds the availability, Kohala Stars operates at full capacity year round helping to close this gap. This affordable Montessori-inspired school serves 22 children in its central Hawi location. Their students reflect the diversity of the community from age 2 1/2 to 6. Children can move at their own pace within a classroom of over one hundred educational activities ranging from music, gardening, art, and culture. This year the school was able to help one of their teachers complete a Montessori Teacher Certification with funding from the Castle Foundation. The school is working hard to raise funds to keep tuition low, provide more teacher training, and purchase additional classroom materials. Faye Mitchell 889-5131 or E-mail: kohalastars@msn.com.

KOHALA WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB

The Club will be participating in the Back to School Bash July 18th. Practice starts in November for their January season. The club welcomes children from 9th through 12th grade at Kohala School. Albert Santiago Jr. 889-5218.

KOHALA YOGA COMMUNITY CENTER

Georgena Newman 889-0583.

KOKOLULU CANCER RETREAT

Individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer experience and learn a holistic blend of ancient, modern, Western, Eastern and alternative healing therapies at Kokolulu Cancer Retreats. The Cancer Retreats are designed for anyone touched by cancer, including patients, spouses, family members, and caregivers giving them the tools to develop a mindset to empower and take control of one's life and personal healing journey. The program focuses on gentle exercise (Qi Gong), nutrition counseling, coping with depression, stress related to the diagnosis, meditation lessons, body work (massage and Reiki), biofeedback training. Participants also receive information on the cellular processes of cancer in visualization techniques to improve cell health. Kokolulu offers cancer care support to the local community members at no charge. Karin Cooke and Lew Whitney 889-9893 Website: cancer-retreats.org.

KUKUI GARDEN RESTORATION

After a long drought, the garden struggled to sustain itself. However, Niulii Stream is flowing once again through Konea O' Kukui Gardens and the kalo (taro) is coming back to life. A grant from Group 70 enabled the garden to install a 10,000 gallon water tank to access water through rainfall catchment. A storage shed was also erected to protect the larger garden equipment and tables and chairs provided for visitors. June is a very busy month as the garden will host the ukulele/slack key/falsetto workshop on June 13th. The Big Island Substance Abuse Council is holding graduation ceremonies at the garden on June 20th. And on June 27th a presentation entitled "Papayas and Bittermelon"- the life stories of 5 women capturing the joy and struggles of life in Hawaii directed by Karen Yamamoto Hackler. Mahalo to the ohana and numerous volunteers that continually contribute in labor and finances helping the garden become a pu'u honua (sanctuary). Nani Svendsen 889-5572.

LIO LAPA'AU

This program in horsemanship has increased from one day to three days weekly for youth students from 6 to 16 years of age. Now adults are also receiving riding instruction. The program proudly serves youth identified as autistic, visually challenged or emotionally challenged. Naturally High on Horses After School Program for High school students has proved a success and recent funding to allow it to continue. After recently hosting a three-day Summer Riding & Horsemanship Camp for Girls, the group looks forward to offering second one in July. Plans are being made for the improvement of the facilities to accommodate the varied weather conditions of North Kohala. Fern White 896-0316.



Jordan Fernandez with Muffin

LIVING JOURNALS

For four years Living Journals has been preserving the oral histories of North Kohala kupuna. Grants from The Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, Atherton Foundation, and The Cook Foundation have supported the collection and transcription of audio-recorded interviews from seniors including Loke Maeda, Clara Gomes, Margaret Kaoo, and Masa Kawamoto. Faye Mitchell, Project Coordinator is preparing these life stories of sixteen individuals in a published collection of oral autobiographies. This year, a book on the life stories of Kindy Sproat is being produced for publication and distribution through NKCRC. Faye Mitchell 333-9121.



Kindy Sproat with siblings

MALAMA KOHALA KAHAKAI COASTAL PRESERVATION

In collaboration with the Malama O'Kohala Whi Pana Cultural Resources project, organizers are raising funds to secure permanent protection for over 300 acres along the coast that have significant cultural sites. The group has been involved in land hearings regarding the conservation of Pao'o, a historic fishing village near Lapakahi State Park. Gail Byrne 938-8880.

MALAMA O' KOHALA WAHI PANI CULTURAL RESOURCES

Project coordinator and historian Fred Cachola works to preserve the culture and heritage of North Kohala. At this year's Kamehameha Day Celebrations in Kapaau, Fred shared undocumented and untold stories of how some of Kohala's place names are directly related to events surrounding the birth of Kamehameha. Names such as Hawi, Kapaau, Makapala and other areas commemorate significant events during the time of chief Naeole,

Kamehameha's assigned "Kahu," secretly fled with the infant Kamehameha from Kokoiki to Awini. Fred continues to share this and other stories with thousands of people all over Hawaii. Currently, he is collaborating with the Hawaiian Researchers Ohana to publish a book about these Kamehameha-related mo'olelo and wahi pana that he collected from many years of research and interviewing kupuna from Kohala. Fred Cachola 1-808-685-4293.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY CHORUS

This locally organized group is currently rehearsing folk songs for a program this September. Rehearsals are open to the community every Tuesday from 7p-9p at Walker Hall in Kapaau. Jean Buechele 889-1809.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY REUNION 2010

People came from near and far to celebrate North Kohala in the last Community Reunion held in 2005. The theme for the upcoming 2010 Community Reunion is "E Holo Mua Like Kakou" which means to move forward together by honoring our unique Kohala heritage through fellowship and perpetuation of our community lifestyle. The Reunion will be held daily from July 2nd through the 5th, 2010 at the King Kamehameha Park complex. Collin Kaholo, Chairman 889-6726.

NORTH KOHALA RADIO

The radio group filed for a 25 watt non-commercial educational FM station for the community in October 2007 as one of 88 applications in the state. The FCC continues to work through all of these applications, starting with smaller applicant groups with conflicting applications and working up to larger groups with conflicting applications. Some applicants in these smaller groups have been awarded construction permits in Hawaii, including a station in Hana on the same frequency as NK Radio. The application for their station was modified to prevent interference. NK Radio is still waiting for a final ruling expected later this year, at the earliest. In the mean time, we are hoping that another FCC opportunity for community-based radio stations will open up. There are some indications that the new administration's views on the need for small-community stations and local newspapers may help the FCC move down this path. Donna Worden 889-0564.

NORTH KOHALA STUDENT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

It is our belief that Kohala students should have the same cultural opportunities as students from other districts. This program is designed to expose fifth-grade students to the performances at the Kahilu Theater on an ongoing basis. Costs of the performances and transportation will be paid by interested donors. Dixie Adams and Valley Reilly 889-5730.

OPENING DOORS

During weekly meetings with Karin de Weille, participants in the Opening Doors Workshop produced beautiful writing about their lives, present and past, in Kohala and elsewhere. They presented some of this work at a public reading and also published it in the Kohala Mountain News. Having opened the doors to their memories, wisdom, and experience, these Kohala elders, joined by newcomers, will continue to work with Karin on crafting their memoirs as well as publishing them. Karin de Weille 443-8373.



Opening Doors presentation

READ TO FEED

Students at Kohala Elementary took part in Heifer Internationals Read to Feed program for the 6th year in a row. Instructor Lani Bowman leads students through a yearlong journey of discovering how fortunate children

here in Hawaii and America are and how they can make a difference in the world. Children participate in local service projects such as helping pack food for the local food pantry; weeding several community gardens; and serving food to the elderly and less fortunate. Lani Bowman 889-5852.

ROOTS SK8 PARK



Skate Day 2009

Roots Skate Park committee, a local volunteer based grassroots project, has now established its own non-profit, Roots Advocates for Youth. This group works hard raising funds to get kids on the concrete before the end of this year. With a recent grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation for \$10,000 the group is confident they will reach their goal. Tony Hawk, a world-renowned skateboarder, called his local skate park his, "home away from home" and explains that skateboarding was the sport responsible for shaping his character and teaching him lessons in leadership, perseverance, and initiative. It is with this in mind that the Roots Skate Park committee rolls ahead in search of in-kind donations for materials and equipment as well as fiscal support. Richey Riggs or Kimberly Lepold 889.0503 or E-mail: skate4roots@yahoo.com.

RYUKYUKOKU MATSURI DAIKO KOHALA CHAPTER

Our founder, Akemi Martin, envisioned a garden full of beautiful blossoms spread throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Her garden will be rich with all ethnicities, sharing the rays of the glorious Okinawan Culture, nourished by friendship and enjoyment among all. This is a free class open to all ages. Funding is needed for uniforms, equipment and to provide transportation for our instructor from Honolulu. Contact Kathie Matsuda 889-5801.



Taiko drummers

SACRED SEED PROJECT

Project coordinator, Morgan Levy is developing a local seed company and seed bank that will offer organic, open-pollinated, heirloom, vegetable, fruit and herb seeds for sale. Sacred Seed Bank will focus on cultivating, preserving, storing and localizing seeds in the event of catastrophe. At present, Sacred Seed Company offers over 50 varieties of localized seeds for sale at the Hawi Farmers Market on Saturdays. Morgan Levy plans to be up and running in 6 to 12 months with hundreds of varieties available. Community outreach and education will be a major goal of the project. Morgan Levy 889-1327.

SAGE FARMS

This organic family farm was established in 1998 by Ben Nicholson and Fara Boisvert. Their mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Hawaii and the community by providing farm-fresh, locally grown organic produce. For more than 11 years they have provided a farmer-direct market offering fresh greens, fruits, vegetables, pestos and local honey several times a week in the center of Hawi. A program to house interns in exchange for teaching them the skills of farming is in the works. Farm owners are seeking funds for a food storage barn and solar electric equipment. Fara Boisvert 895-0279.

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