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## NEW PROJECTS:

### Yoga Ed

Jacqui Pailing has begun teaching an introductory 12 week session of the Yoga Ed program at the Kohala Elementary school, with the support of the principal Ellie Lazslo who secured a start-up grant for the program. After a mid session evaluation, all the teachers, principal and counselor agree, the Yoga Ed Physical Education program highly benefits the students in areas of focus, concentration, balance, self awareness/self management as well as physical fitness. Jacqui's next step is to establish the Yoga Ed program as a permanent offering in the school system. Jacqui Pailing 889-6107.

### North Kohala Emergency Earthquake Relief Fund

The Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund, was established on October 23, 2006 by members of the North Kohala community to address the needs of North Kohala

families and property here that were not being addressed by Federal, State and County resources as the result of multiple 6.7 earthquakes which occurred here on October 15, 2006. The group assessed damaged residential house foundations and provided emergency repairs. This fund received a generous donation of building supplies from Honsador Lumber and a \$50,000 grant from Salesforce.com Charitable Fund. In the first weeks, the primary mission was to educate the public and assist home owners in reporting their damage to FEMA. To date over 30 homes have received extensive repair work to the foundations. The Relief Fund has had a positive impact with many more houses yet to be repaired. Jim Sargent 889-5813.

### North Kohala Community Chorus

This choral group was started in early 2006 by community members who love to get together and sing. The group is led by Sarah Michaelis, Kohala High School music

teacher and accompanist Karen Wisner. The group has performed locally and invites all members of the community who want to be a part of a choral group to join. Jean Buechele 889-1809.

### Kohala Aikikai

This Aikido group has been meeting at the Koboji Mission in Kapa'au since 1996. Their mission is to serve the North Kohala community and foster peaceful relationships between people through the teaching of aikido. They have begun a major effort to improve the old mission building and increase their visibility in the community. Kevin Mc Gough 889-5958.

### Kohala Ditch Restoration

This project was recently approved by the Board to provide a non-profit vehicle to support efforts to repair and restore the Kohala Ditch. A Kohala Water User group is working with Surety Kohala Corporation to restore this important source of agricultural water. Herman Fernandez 889-6257.

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## Spring 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

### Planning Successful Community Projects

Saturday, March 31, 2007

### Deadline for Fiscal Sponsorship Applications

Friday, April 6, 2007

### Researching Funders Individual tutoring upon acceptance for fiscal sponsorship

### Writing Successful Proposals

Saturday, April 14, 2007

### Proposal Critique

Saturday, April 28, 2007

## Thank You Volunteers:

Volunteer support is critical for the Center's year round efforts. Many of our project organizers and all of our Directors volunteer their time for the Center. We have volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in proof reading and copying CD's for our Living Journals project. Please call the Center for more information. 889-5523. Mahalo to all of you who help us throughout the year!!

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ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 2007

**Aloha** and welcome to our 2006 Annual Report. This past year has been busy, exciting and productive. We continue to welcome and support new projects and we enjoyed the completion of projects that have accomplished their goals.

Our Board grew as one of our founding members retired to Honorary Director status. Nani Svendsen was one of the first Directors of the Center as well as a long time project organizer developing her Kukui Garden restoration project in Niulii. This fall, Nani decided to focus more energy on her garden and cultural awareness programs and leave the month-to-month business to our active Board. We thank Nani for her devotion, thoughtfulness and dedication to the long term growth of the Center.

We also welcomed local businessman Chris Helmuth as a new Director this fall. Chris has been coming to Kohala since the early nineties. He settled here three years ago with his wife Lise and two daughters. Chris's pas-

sion is to serve and support community efforts here in North Kohala. We look forward to his insight and energy.

We are very grateful for the community support we received this year. Thank You All! Without the continued support of the community, the Center would not be able to provide the teaching, training, researching, and sometimes "handholding" for the projects you will find summarized in the following pages. We are honored by the 392 individuals and families and 218 businesses who joined us in contributing to our operational support in 2006.

We were able to assist our projects in receiving over \$45,000 in donations and \$220,360 in grants with commitments from funders for \$520,000 more in grants in 2007! These are the satisfying results that keep us going.

The intention of this report is to share our achievements and sincere gratitude to the community for your ongoing support. Without the families, individuals, businesses and foundations we would not be able to continue this work, so again we say Mahalo Nui Loa and please enjoy our summary of 2006.

## Completed Projects in 2006

- **The Hawaii Wildlife Center (HWC)** was initially launched with the assistance of the North Kohala Community Resource Center in spring 2004. This past year, HWC gained its own non-profit status as a 501(c)3. Congratulations to Linda Elliott and her Board of Directors! Linda is well on her way to realizing her dream of a wildlife rehabilitation center here in Kohala. The Center provided resources and support over a three-year period that allowed her to develop her own non-profit organization and continues to collaborate with HWC in developing funding support.
- **Kahua Pa'a Mua I and II, Kohala High School Business Plan Training.** This successful multi-year after school program was funded by OHA. David and Carol Fuertes provided business planning and skills training to high school students in the areas of saddle making, plant propagation and fish farming. Congratulations to all members of the team on a very worthwhile project.
- **Kohala Girls School Campus Business Plan.** The Kohala Center collaborated with the Center to obtain funding from the State of Hawaii CBED fund to develop the marketing phase of the Contemplative Retreat Center at the old Kohala Girls School Campus.
- **Kohala Elementary School Garden.** This wonderful project, led by Amy Carlson, fifth grade teacher at Kohala Elementary School, took an abandoned old garden on campus and turned it into an integrated learning project site for years to come.
- **Keiki Kingdom.** In June, the new Volcano climbing wall was dedicated at Keiki Kingdom Playground in Kamehameha Park. This piece was made possible by a generous donation from Mrs. Clara Takata, who was honored at the ceremony. Mahalo to everyone who worked on this project. Those of us who built the original playground ten years ago, whose children are now grown, invite those of you with young children to take the keys to the kingdom and be proactive in caring for Keiki Kingdom Playground.



KES garden, May 2006

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# PROJECT SUMMARIES:

## Hawaii Wildlife Center

We are developing Hawaii's first ever wildlife recovery and conservation center for salvaging and rehabilitating sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife, especially threatened and endangered species. The Center will also further Hawaii's emergency response capabilities by providing assistance when there are natural or man-made disasters that affect wildlife populations. Educational programs at the Center will include training in wildlife conservation, research procedures, and cultural awareness. Our development office space, donated by New Moon Foundation, is located at the Kohala Girls School campus while we build the new Center. Our new facility, located in Halaula will include a wildlife care and response unit, a public interpretative courtyard, and an education pavilion. Linda Elliott 889-5180.



Linda Elliott at her new office

## Statue

### Maintenance

It's January and that signifies that it is time for the twice annual maintenance of our beloved ki'i. The team of volunteers will wash and inspect the King from head to toe and note all findings for the record and the



King Kamehameha Statue

Conservator. From the ground we can see only a small piece of cement out of the round base that came out as a result of our recent earthquake. Hopefully this inspection will confirm these findings. Donations for the continued care of the Original Statue of Kamehameha are always gratefully appreciated! Mahalo. Sharon Hayden 889-0169.

## The Messenger Project

The Messenger Project was a direct response to the October 15, 2006 earthquake. Created two weeks after the quake, this project was designed to provide the North Kohala community with disaster-assistance information from government and other agencies and to put in place a long-term means for disseminating information in time

of natural disasters or other community-wide emergencies. In October and November, flyers were posted, emailed, and bulk-mailed to all post office boxes in Hawi and Kapa'au (with financial support from the North Kohala Earthquake Relief Fund); in the future, large display easels also will be set up in key locations. Project organizer Carol Perry plans to fundraise in 2007 to create a modest financial reserve to draw from for future needs. Contact Carol at 889-0317.

## KCAA

In 2006, KCAA chose a new 15 person board, including 4 new officers. KCAA programs for boys and girls include basketball, volleyball, T-ball, pitch ball, and for the first time in 20 years, track and field. The closure of Hisaoka Gym due to earthquake damage has strongly affected basketball and volleyball programs. The County expects it will take almost two years to re-open the Hisaoka Gym. In the meantime, these programs will use Kohala Cultural Center in Hawi. Tom Morse 889-6505.

## Healing Musical

Nelson is working on a presentation format for a musical variety show focusing on the promise of healing the land and harvesting the human spirit. This musical will help unify the community and create cross-cultural ties. The plan is for a short performance in the spring, leading to a big performance in the fall, under the Banyan tree. A musical committee and many potential players in the North Kohala community have expressed excitement about participating in the upcoming shows. Nelson Denman 987-2731.



Local musicians planning the Musical

## Kohala Medicinal Farm

Kohala Medicinal Herb Farm continues to develop farm infrastructure, mainly irrigation, soil building, and fencing and livestock. Two "signature formulas" using Chinese herbs (grown organically here) and some of Kohala's medicinal

weeds will be available this year. Also this year, students from Ka Hana Noe'au will use the land to farm plants for their food products, which will be processed at the Kohala Intergenerational Center. This is the farm's first baby step toward cooperative agriculture. Kathie Pomeroy 895-1897.

## Kohala Coqui Coalition

The Kohala Coqui Coalition continues its battle against the invasive coqui frog species, and to date has treated 38 different sites in North Kohala. Without the vigilance of our community, the generous monetary donations, and the efforts of our coalition members, Kohala would be completely infested with the coqui frog today. Kohala continues to be a model for other communities around the island in the control and eradication of the invasive frog species. With much gratitude, we humbly ask for the continued support from our community. Coqui Hotline 889-5775.

## Kamehameha Day Celebration

The Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee has done a fantastic job for the past nine years keeping this special event alive in North Kohala. The time has come for the committee to pass the kuleana (responsibility) back to the Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club. Due to the closing of our Hisaoka Gym at Kamehameha Park, this year's 2007 Kamehameha Day Celebration will be doing a complete turn around. It will begin in Kapa'au at the Statue and end in Hawi at the Kohala Cultural Center (the Old Mormon Church). If you would like to be a part of this special event, please contact Pelekikena (president), Desiree Yamamoto, 884-5000.

## Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club

The 2006 Civic Club convention was held on Oahu at the Sheraton Waikiki Marriott. The Kohala chapter submitted two resolutions which addressed indigenous Hawaiian structures and access to Kamehameha's birthplace. Both were passed. The Club has graciously accepted the responsibility of planning and overseeing the annual Kamehameha Celebration. We continue to encourage all to join and participate in the many fun events and challenges that we work together on. For more information you may contact Pelekikena (President) Desiree Yamamoto 987-8012 or 884-5000.

## Kohala Cultural Center

The Center will be hosting KCAA for the next two years. The center hosted an Earthquake Relief fundraising event



on December 23, 2006 starring Melveen Leed and Rodney Cazimero. Thank you to all who supported this show. The Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair was another great event, thanks to all the vendors. Watch for upcoming events: A Valentines Dance and an Easter Magic & Hypnotic Show. Desiree Yamamoto 884-5000.

### Paniolo Keiki O Kohala

Desiree Yamamoto will oversee both the building of the arena and programs such as Future Farmers of America and 4H. A new site has been identified. If you are interested in being a part of the development of a permanent arena/rodeo for North Kohala, please contact Desiree Yamamoto, 884-5000.

### Read To Feed

For the third year, Ms Carlson's 5th grade class will learn about the issue of World Hunger through the Read To Feed program, a Heifer International curriculum. This affords opportunities to empower many impoverished people towards self-sufficiency which in turn encourages the students to examine their own lives. These lessons help the youth to see themselves as part of a larger global community. They also realize how their efforts, no matter how small, can make a difference. Lani Bowman 889-5852.

### Kohala's Project Venture Challenge Course

This year the course was used by the Waimea YMCA and several school groups and organizations. A variety of trainers updated the staff on new facilitation skills and a variety of new initiatives. We welcome more groups, organizations and schools to make utilize the course. For further information please call Lani Bowman, 889-5852.

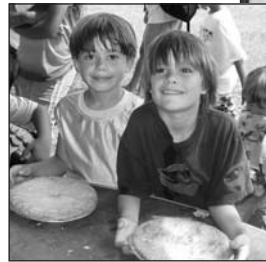


Project Venture Summer Camp

### Kohala Country Fair

The Big Island's biggest country fair has been delighting North Kohala families for 22 years. Mark your calendars for the next Kohala Country Fair, which will be held on Saturday, October 6th, under the Banyan tree in Hawi. The Fair features live, all-day entertainment, more than 80 food and craft booths, and a fabulous silent auction. For the keiki, there are

pony rides, face painting, and lots of contests. Visit the website, [kohalacountryfair.com](http://kohalacountryfair.com).



Pie eating contest



Susan Walsh and Mary Sherman

Please call Carolyn Lancaster if you would like to volunteer

for next year's Fair. 989-3395.

### Art Around

Art Around continued to expand and evolve last year. After relocating to our new space next to the Kohala Coffee Mill, we continued weekly classes to home schooled students and added Saturday classes for public school students. We also began a partnership with the Waimea Community Education Program to offer adult evening classes. The more successful events offered at the Center included "Grow Your Own Art Week," a "Velvet Lounge" dance and art party, and a lively book signing event. The bi-monthly Open Mic Sessions are also popular and continue to attract new musicians and poets. Susan Paulson 889-5015.

### Living Journals

*Living Journals* recognizes our kupuna as experts of the social and cultural history of North Kohala essential to our sense of community. This oral history project preserves the life stories of such people through audio-recorded interviews transcribed into text. Support from The Hawai'i Council for the Humanities has allowed for such transcriptions to be produced and made available through our local library and other public institutions. Faye Mitchell, Project Coordinator and native of North Kohala, has completed interviews with over fourteen individuals including, most recently, Loke Maeda, Ah Fat Lee, Clara Gomes, Frank Moniz, and Takeichi Higa. Public presentation of all transcriptions is planned for March 2007 with a published collection of interview excerpts to follow by the end of the year. The life stories of Armstrong Yamamoto, Elizabeth Chang, Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Mitchell and Rose Maeda, have each



Take Higa

been edited and published as individual "oral autobiographies" available through NKCRC or Faye Mitchell at 345-0749. Please visit our new website: [www.livingjournals.org](http://www.livingjournals.org).

### Kohala Football Boosters

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

### Kohala Coalition Against Drugs

KCAD remains active in the community, sponsoring events to prevent drug abuse. KCAD's plans for the spring include a Grandparents Day at the Kohala Intergenerational Center and a fundraising theatre event in February. Leslie Hayes Cullins 889-0996.

### Kohala Art Academy

The Kohala Art Academy is an after-school art program for Kohala middle and high school students designed to encourage artistically-inclined students to develop their artistic skills throughout high school. This project is coordinated by Trish Bryan, long time Middle School teacher. The Academy students presented their work at the end of the school year at the Middle School Art and Music Show in May. This past spring the students helped to illustrate a book about Marie Solomon. The students are currently looking for transportation volunteers for their after school program. Trish Bryan 345-7140.

### T-Touch

Rachel Lancaster has completed her training in Tellington Touch – a method of handling animals with humane care. She was certified in this program in November 2005 and welcomes calls for volunteers or consults. Watch for upcoming trainings. Rachel Lancaster 889-5343.

### North Kohala Community Planning Organization

The North Kohala Community Planning Organization, established in early 2006 by the County of Hawaii, was organized to complete the Community Development Plan for the North Kohala District. Joe Carvalho, resident of North Kohala, is the Community Liaison for this effort under contract with the County of Hawaii. The last community plan was created in 1984, and updated in 1992. With the passing of the County of Hawaii General Plan in 2005, the County Council required Community Development Plans for each district in the County. These plans are to be developed by the local community and will then be passed into law as a County Ordinance. The North Kohala Community Planning organization will

carry out this County Council mandate for the district of North Kohala. Joe Carvalho 889-5226.

### Sage Farms

Sage Farms is an organic, sustainable, small family farm established in 1998 by Ben Nicholson and Fara Boisvert. Our mission is to improve the health and well being of the people of Hawaii and the community by providing farm-fresh, locally grown organic produce. For more than six years Sage Farms has provided a farmer-direct market several times a week for the Kohala community offering fresh greens, fruits and vegetables. The goal of Sage Farms Sustainable Composting Project is to meet 90% of the farm's fertilizer needs by producing organic compost on site. This project will help complete one of our main objectives: to become financially self-sufficient and sustainable as an organic farm and continue to supply the community with fresh organic produce. Local and federal agricultural grants are pending. Fara Boisvert 895-0279.



### Kohala Cheer and Dance Club

The Kohala Cheer and Dance Club has 30 girls enrolled in this newly expanded year round program. There are still openings for this after school program for cheerleading practice and competitions. The Club recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Women's Fund of Hawaii to help with the start up costs of this project. For more information about this program please call Johnelle Ching at 895-2545 or Toma Raymond at 889-0604.

### WasteStream

The WasteStream Recycling Committee would like to thank the North Kohala community for being pro-active in their recycling efforts. We continue to see more recyclables disposed of through our Two Stream Sort facility located to the left of the Hawi Transfer Station. The Volunteer Program initiated in September 2005 has proven profitable for local service clubs and youth groups. The 2007 calendar is booked with community groups tending the site and collecting redeemables. WasteStream continues to remain active in our pursuit of reducing, reusing and recycling. Watch for a Recycled Fashion Show in April for Earth Day. Colleen Nevins 889-5009.



### Kamehameha Golf Park Learning Center

The Golf Park was recently awarded a matching \$30,000 grant from the USGA to develop its current programs. John Mauro needs matching donations to continue his work with the North Kohala Junior Golfers who receive training, golf clubs, range balls and course access for free. The First Annual Junior Match Play Championship at Kamehameha Park Golf Learning Center was won by Ziggy Bartholomy of Hawi, in 4-2 over Dylan Snelling also of Hawi. Eight children ages 8 - 14 competed for the championship trophy. Congratulations to all! John Mauro 345-4393.

### Kohala Senior Center

The Center continues to be an active and vital group in the community. They provided the "Light up a Life" celebration in December for North Hawaii Hospice. The members are collaborating with the Living Journals project with outreach to our elder community. New members are invited to attend their Monday morning meetings at the old Kapaau Courthouse. President, Vivian Moku.



Rose Maeda and Faye Mitchell

### Ka Lei 'O Kohala Ti Farm

With great anticipation, Ka Lei 'O Kohala Farm is expecting its new construction to be completed soon, adding much needed workspace for the farm. Plans for this year include setting up processing space, expanding local marketing, initiating the process to be certified organic, and solidifying the educational component of this project. Rande Golden 889-0011.

### NOKO Theater

Noko Theater is enjoying a season of research and development. Look for our upcoming auditions and fundraising projects in 2007. Jack Boyle 896-4886.

### Na 'Ohana Anuenue, Waldorf Inspired School

Na 'Ohana Anuenue is a small, private school located at the JoDo Mission in

Hawi. We offer quality Waldorf education to children ages 3-8 in our Early Childhood and Second Grade Programs. A Toddler Program also meets each Friday for little ones and their parents. Na 'Ohana Anuenue intends to add on a grade each year, and will offer grades K-3 in the coming 2007/08 school year. Monica Hennig 775-9751.

### Malama O' Kohala Cultural Resources and Malama Kohala Kahakai

The two "Malama" projects - Malama Kohala Kahakai and Malama I Na Wahi Pana O Kohala headed by Gail Byrne and Fred Cachola have been very busy collaborating with other community groups to save our precious historic and scenic coastline. During the past few months, the focus has been at Pao'o; to persuade the owner to examine other options for the property, which has been used by generations for cultural inspiration and family recreation. We were pleased to learn that the owner is considering other options for his 13 acre parcel at Pao'o. While his decision is pending, the "Malama" projects are reviewing other possible developments along the coastline, specifically Mahukona and working with community folks to prevent any further development along the entire Mahukona area coastline. For more information please contact Gail Byrne 883-8268 and Fred Cachola 1-808-685-4293.

### Konea O' Kukui Garden Restoration

The Garden has been hosting Cultural Learning Workshops as well as serving as a work site for the men of the Therapeutic Living Center. Nani Svendsen 889-5572.

### Kohala Stars Preschool

The preschool has been temporarily relocated to the Kohala Intergenerational Center due to earthquake damage at their permanent home, the Kohala Cultural Center. Ana Parks has handed the directorship over to Laverne Salas after two and half years of start-up efforts. The school will move back to its permanent home in the new school year. There are openings still available for second term. Please call Laverne Salas, 896-7194.



Pre-schoolers with Mrs Takata