

# NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

*Providing Local Support, Bridges to Funding and Education for Projects that Benefit the Community*

*A great way to love Kohala!*

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 2011

*Aloha* and Welcome to our Summer Newsletter,

There is plenty of news to report this summer starting with our long awaited Kohala Welcome Center. We have completed the public restrooms and are installing a beautiful hallway of storyboards for both the community and visitors to enjoy. The corridor tells the story of Kohala both past and present. To enhance this experience we are developing a "Kohala Guides" program with volunteers from the community who will greet our visitors, answer questions and provide additional information to make their visit the best possible. Our blessing and dedication are scheduled for early September. Please stop by and see our improvements to this wonderful old building, rich in community memory.

Our Director and Vice President, Faye Mitchell, is resigning after seven years of dedicated service to live abroad with her children. We are grateful for Faye's contributions to the Center and extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes. Faye continues to work on her Living Journals project and hopes to return at the holidays to launch a second book. Watch for announcements.

We are delighted to report that we are currently sponsoring sixty-five community improvement projects. This spring we sponsored five new efforts, including:

- RECAP. This partnership was formed with the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation to assist in the fund development effort to relocate and expand the Emergency Room at Kohala Hospital.
- CERT. This volunteer group is trained by the Fire Department and Civil Defense



A good time was had by all at our Mahalo BBQ for the wonderful volunteers and friends who built our public restrooms. Thank you Kohala!

to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available.

- Experiential Learning Abroad. Our Director and Kohala High School teacher Jessica Brown will take 10-20 students on a 10 day trip to London and Paris during spring break, 2012. With an emphasis on literature, students will be able to visit places they have read about with a focus on Shakespeare.
- The Man in the Black Hat. This ambitious film project intends to create a docudrama about the life of St. Damien when he lived in Kohala from 1863-1875.
- The Holistic Place. Rachel Allen, RNP, plans to offer a seven-day pilot retreat program for clients who want to learn how to manage their diabetes and cardiac diagnosis.

As you can see, we continue to attract exciting and diverse projects that seek support, training and access to funding. We are pleased and proud to assist these meaningful efforts and ask you in turn to

support NKCRC so that we may continue to provide these services. Thank you for spending some time reading about our projects and enjoy their updates and new photos. Please come by the Center and see what's new. We love to visit, talk story and show you around.

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**KOHALA WELCOME CENTER**

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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. An integrated hands-on curriculum is offered for home-schooled children as well as the Halaula Middle school students, providing an art based learning platform for science, botany, art history, and English. Peter Kowalke 937-7556. E-mail: peterantrim@gmail.com.

## ARTISTIC & TALENTED YOUTH ART

This program aims to promote art to young children by providing the space, art supplies and masterful instruction needed for children to learn and enjoy the art of painting. Camille 889-0132. E-mail: camilledugan@gmail.com Web: www.artisticyouth.com.

## COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Kohala Mountain News is now in its 5th year, publishing a 16-page free monthly edition, which is distributed to every post office box in Hāwī and Kapa'au, as well as numerous stands around town and at Kohala Ranch. Supported by advertising and community contributions, Kohala's only newspaper is the product of volunteer writers, photographers, and community contributors; it has become North Kohala's must-read publication. Off-island subscriptions, contributions, or general inquiries: Megan Solis 884-5986. E-mail: kmneditor@hotmail.com.

## 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 on distribution of potable water, various treatments of wastewater, retaining walls, and the disposal of trash are available upon request. Fact sheets detailing the recent seismic upgrades to local bridges, residential hazard mitigation and aquifer use for well water are now available. Jim Pedersen, PE 854-4240. E-mail: jpe.jim@gmail.com.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ABROAD

This program, in association with EF (Education First) tours, is looking to broaden Kohala High School students' world and educational outlook through experiential learning abroad. With a focus on literature, students will be able to visit places they have read about, making those places real to them. For this excursion, the focus revolves around Shakespeare, so organizers have chosen a 7-day tour of London with a 2-day extension to Paris as their first trip during spring break of 2012. Chaperones will include high school teachers, volunteers from the community, and possibly parents. Jessica Brown 345-2919. E-mail: jess.brown911@gmail.com.

## FOOTPRINTS FOR THE FUTURE

The purpose of this 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, and the green Global Village are a few examples. Organizers are bringing youth leaders in for demonstrations now. In the works is a film designed for global distribution that will reach a far greater audience. Contributions are needed for animation and viral distribution. The group is looking for executive producers for this state-of-the-art documentary. Social architect Jim Channon continues to design these footprints singlehandedly while seeking much needed community help. Jim Channon 889-0223. E-mail: jim@arcturus.org.

## FRIENDS OF THE PARK - KOHALA TENNIS COURTS

Our local tennis courts are graciously maintained by the organizers and volunteers of this project. Continued help with cleaning, patch work and repainting is always appreciated. Donations are welcomed year-round. Zisa Mondri 889-0234. E-mail: devaziza@aol.com.

## HAWAII INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC AGRICULTURE

This program known as HIP Agriculture is growing Hawaii's future farmers! Their agricultural entrepreneurship immersion courses provide dynamic opportunities to explore ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable agriculture. This valuable training empowers individuals to create positive change as conscious community leaders. Students learn organic farm management, production, and distribution as well as traditional Hawaiian farming, in a wide array of courses. 889 6316. E-mail: hipagriculture@gmail.com Web: www.hipagriculture.org.



## HAWI FARMERS MARKET

There has been great progress within the last year with many more vendors and patrons attending this Market under the banyan trees in downtown Hawi every Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm and Tuesday from 2 to 6:30 pm. Come and talk story with your neighbors, support local vendors or become a vendor yourself for only \$5. Rick Chalker 889-0889. E-mail: kohala889@yahoo.com. Web: www.hawifarmersmarket.com.

## HEALING MUSICAL

Local talent will highlight Kohala's gifts of healing in this upcoming theatrical production. The musical includes solo and group performances that will take the audience on an educational tour. Nels Denman 987-2731. E-mail: nelsondenman@hotmail.com.

## HOLISTIC PLACE

Holistic Place, established February 2011, uses a holistic and culturally sensitive approach, by means of primary and secondary prevention measures, to address the health needs of the underserved populations in Hawaii County. The project's main goals are to increase the quality and years of healthy life and to eliminate health disparities. Rachel Allen 756-3883. E-mail: OneHolisticPlace@gmail.com.

## HONOPUEO AGRICULTURAL WATER LINE COOPERATIVE

Continued cooperation from Surety Kohala, Kohala Nursery, and other Honopueo area land owners has produced a tentative engineering design completed in May 2009. The goal is to replace the Kapa'au lateral pipeline from the Kohala Ditch that serves irrigation needs of about 2,100 acres. Next steps will be evaluated when operation and maintenance of the Kohala Ditch changes hands from Surety Kohala to the newly formed Kohala Ditch Foundation. Forrest Arnold 987-2365. E-mail: forrest@forrestinhawaii.com.



## KA LEI O KOHALA

Ka Lei O Kohala Farm continues to evolve as more lei flower plants are in the ground, a business plan is evolving, and now vegetable beds are producing food. Community members are encouraged to request ti leaves for fundraising events. Rande Golden 889-0011. E-mail: rgdfly@msn.com.

## KAMEHAMEHA DAY CELEBRATION

A cherished annual tradition celebrating King Kamehameha held on June 11th included the traditional parade, this year starting from Kohala High School to the King's statue. The celebration was enjoyed by thousands, thanks to funding support from the County of Hawaii in collaboration with numerous local organizations. Cicely Hoopai 884-5840. E-mail: hoopai911@msn.com. Web: www.kamehamehadaycelebration.org.

## KAMEHAMEHA PARK GOLF

Kamehameha Park Golf Learning Center is proud of the many Kohala children who are learning and enjoying the great game of golf. The successful golf program has produced a golf team for Kohala High School.

North Hawaii juniors who are registered in Kamehameha Park Golf LC's program are given free course access, range and equipment use as well as individual instruction. Kohala kids are now competing in regular Hawaii State Junior Golf Tournaments, bringing home awards and prizes. Contributions will help to keep golf available and free, for the youth of Kohala. John Mauro 345-4393. E-mail: jsmwai@aol.com.

## KAMEHAMEHA STATUE MAINTENANCE

Thanks to the generous contributions from our community and grant money received we have accomplished our goal of bringing conservator Glenn Wharton back for a complete assessment and restoration of the original statue of Kamehameha the Great. It has been 10 years since he was last here and said, "It is the perfect time to address these issues of paint flecks and fading, before they become worse and invite disease." Ongoing maintenance costs continue, so please contribute to Kohala's most precious monument. Sharon Hayden 889-0169.



## KENJI'S ROOM

The volunteer group, Kenji Museum Alliance, keeps this tiny museum open and free to the public in Kenji's Kapa'au 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 completed a recent 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. Web: www.kenjishouse.com.

## KOHALA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

Dedicated to education and agriculture, this program will be the kindling for the restoration and upgrade of the Kohala High School Agriculture program. There has not been an agriculture program for a decade and our community is in need. The Kohala Agricultural School Program will help with tools, infrastructure and any other ways possible to restore this vital program to the high school. Adriel Robitaille 896-0571. E-mail: adriel.robitaille@gmail.com.

## KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRAD

This annual party for all new graduates was a fun, alcohol-free event held after the graduation ceremony until the next morning allowing graduates to celebrate together in a safe environment concluded by a visit to Pololu valley for sunrise. Wendy Nickl 889-0549.

## KOHALA MIDDLE SCHOOL JUNIOR NATIONAL LEADERS

Kohala Middle School teachers nominate students each year for participation in the Junior National Young Leaders Conferences on the mainland. Conference tuition and air transportation costs for four students nominated in 2011 were offset in part by generous community donations, youth fundraising and with the support and guidance of NKCRC, grant applications were also submitted. JrNYLC programs open eyes and opens doors of possibilities for children that have the potential to become future leaders. Jacqueline Johnson-Hirt, Guidance Counselor at KMS, 889-7119.

## KOHALA ROBOTICS TEAM 2460PANILO

Kohala High School's robotics team, 2460Paniolo, is a co-curricular afterschool program which includes high school students and volunteer teacher and community mentors. In addition to participating in six competitions in Japan, O'ahu and Florida in 2010, the program hosted community dinners, open house events, and car washes. The team participates in three robotics platforms: FIRST, VEX, and MicroRobots, and this year will add Botball. It has also begun a collaboration in mentoring a middle school VEX program. Their biggest challenge is funding of robot materials, equipment support, registration fees, travel, computer technology, uniforms and promotional items. Fern White 889-7117 ext. 249. Web: www.kohalarobotics.com



# PROJECT SUMMARIES

If you would like to donate to any of our projects, make your check payable to NKCRC and indicate the project of choice.

## KINDY SPROAT: A GIFT TO THE HEART

A story about a man whose life perpetuates Hawaiian culture through stories and songs of "old Hawai'i" is captured in this documentary film. Internationally recognized musician, Kindy Sproat has been designated one of Hawai'i's Living Treasures and is known as an "ambassador of aloha". The film depicts a journey from his childhood in Honokane Iki through his life of sharing the music of Hawai'i with the world. Keith Nealy 889-7772. E-mail: keithn@aloha.net. Web: www.keithnealy.com.

## KOHALA AIKIKAI

At Kohala Aikikai aikido dojo, the spirit of peace is fostered by engaging in physical, mental, and spiritual exercises aimed at improving and clearing ourselves so that we may be of service in the world. Since 1996 the dojo has maintained on-going training programs for children, teens, and adults along with special events such as seminars, day camps, education on healing practices, and Japanese cultural events. Kevin McGough 889-5958. E-mail: kohalaaikikai@gmail.com. Web: www.kohalaaikikai.com.

## KOHALA ARCHERY CLUB

A successful start in November 2009 began with classes for Kohala youth and their *ohana* at Kamehameha Park, thanks to funding support from KCAA and the 21st Century program. A growing number of members and KCAA's assistance has allowed the Club to establish itself and create the first and only shooting range in Kohala. Lani Bowman 889-5852. E-mail: lanibow@hawaii.net.

## KOHALA ARTISTS' COÖPERATIVE

The Coöperative is embarking on its 5th year of providing Kohala residents with a place to enjoy a variety of art classes and share their creations with the public. Course offerings have increased and local artists are encouraged to stop in to network and join other artists on the Coöperative's website. The gallery also serves as a convenient classroom for other community education classes through the Learning Center. Malia Welch 987-3902. Web: www.kohalaartists.com.



## KOHALA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Now in its 7th year, the Kohala Back To School Bash continues to provide free school supplies. Rayna Paro 938-5329.

## KOHALA BASEBALL LEAGUE

As a youth support group, the committee has sponsored 95% of the registration fees and supplied uniforms for all players on the three Pony League baseball teams. In addition to teaching Kohala's children the sport of baseball, they offer after-school tutoring, drug and alcohol awareness, and a food drive program. Liz Karratt 889-6260. E-mail: liz@yahoo.com.

## KOHALA COALITION AGAINST DRUGS

This anti-drug effort has been working for the past 11 years to keep Kohala's youth safe and drug free by offering education, and a variety of fun drug-free activities for children. The group is seeking new members to join their efforts. Richey Riggs 990-0503. E-mail: lepolkimberly@hotmail.com.

## KOHALA COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The objective is to work with agricultural producers and entrepreneurs to increase the demand for organic locally grown food. The group is planning to establish a Community Supported Agricultural Kitchen (CSAK), a fully equipped commercial facility, providing a place for products to be produced and packaged legally for the marketplace. Also organized as a "buying club," the CSAK can offer more affordable local

food direct to the customer. Donna Maltz 907-235-7374. Web: www.alwaysinseason.weebly.com.

## KOHALA COMMUNITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (KCAA)

Serving Kohala for 33 years, KCAA offers after-school sports programs for Kohala youth ages 5-16 including baseball, basketball and volleyball. KCAA is an all-volunteer program with subsidized registration fees at \$10/participant and each player keeps the uniform provided. Tom 889-5049. E-mail: ltmorse@aol.com.

## KOHALA COQUI COALITION

The Coalition continues to respond to reports of coqui frogs in the area and up to date, they have treated over 140 different sites in North Kohala. As all State and County funds have dried up, the Coalition depends entirely on community donations for their efforts. Kim Takata 895-1939. E-mail: ison@aloha.net.

## KOHALA COUNTRY FAIR

One of the Big Island's largest country fairs has been delighting North Kohala families for 27 years. The Fair features live, all-day entertainment and over 90 food and craft booths. For the *keiki*, activities including face painting and a variety of contests can be enjoyed through the day. This year the Fair will be on Saturday, October 1st with free admission. David Ebrahimi 854-1174. Web: www.kohalacountryfair.com.



## KOHALA DITCH RESTORATION

Since November 25, 2008 the water flows through the Ditch as result of public and private sectors collaborating to restore the Ditch to its pre-earthquake condition. The Ditch remains an active project supporting further improvements of the waterway to ensure its continuous flow. Hermann Fernandez 889-1464. E-mail: hermann.fernandez@gmail.com.

## KOHALA EQUINE EDUCATIONAL CENTER - KEEC

KEEC will build and maintain multi-purpose equestrian facilities for educational and cultural programs also utilized by individual horse owners. The organization is now seeking a lease on State land while additional locations are under consideration. A consulting firm, specializing in planning for public multi-purpose facilities for horses and people, has offered assistance with planning, design and fundraising. Beth Robinson 443-4588. E-mail: alohabeth@gmail.com.

## KOHALA FITNESS CENTER

This group formed from the recently closed Kohala Fitness Station in order to find a new home for eleven hydraulic exercise machines, stationary bikes & other fitness equipment generously donated by former owners of the Station (Char Parada and Alida Adamek) and others. The group is establishing a new exercise center at the Hisaoka Gym where the community can enjoy a free, supportive, and friendly atmosphere to further goals of improving health and fitness. Susan Grant 889-0993.

## KOHALA FOOD FORUM

This project has been initiating the drive toward our community's ambitious food security goal of producing 50% of the food it consumes since the first Food Forum in 2009. Current projects include the North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign to increase consumer demand for locally grown food, a strategic planning process to plan toward the 50% food-self-sufficiency goal, and Community Harvest Hawaii - a project to harvest, process and distribute excess fruits and vegetables. Andrea Dean 960-3727.



Web: eatlocalhi.org; communityharvesthawaii.org; and SustainableInitiativesHawaii.com.

## KOHALA FOOTBALL BOOSTERS CLUB

This 15-year-old organization provides support and services to the Kohala Varsity Football team. Carlos Adams 889-0136.

## KOHALA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

This local chapter of a state-wide organization, continues to encourage the community to participate and work together on many fun and culturally integrative events. Their efforts include raising funds for annual scholarships dedicated to Kohala students. Rochelle Javillo 896-3033. Dallas Holeso-Kuhaiki 345-3243.

## KOHALA MOUNTAIN FARM PUMPKIN PATCH & CORN MAZE

This is the only farm on the Big Island that invites the community to handpick produce directly from the field. Through the cultivation of crops commonly found on the mainland, the Farm is creating an annual event that is both affordable and educational for the community with emphasis on the importance of Hawai'i's agriculture. Stacy Hasegawa 345-6323. E-mail: daviss33@hotmail.com. Web: www.facebook.com/kohalamountainfarmpumpkinpatch.



## KOHALA SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

This local club for seniors 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 Kapa'au. Meetings feature special community speakers and community news followed by a luncheon. Kealoha Sugiyama 889-0171.

## KOHALA YOGA COMMUNITY CENTER

Georgena Newman 889-0583. E-mail: jerrgen@hotmail.com.

## KOKOLULU CANCER RETREAT

Kokolulu Farm and Cancer Retreats Inc. is a non-profit organization providing education and charitable assistance to those affected by cancer by providing holistic healing retreats, research publications, and tools that empower participants to take charge of their own healing journey. The Retreat is an organic farm located in Hawi offering an escape to a peaceful environment and a respite from the stresses and strains associated with the diagnosis. Week-long group retreats are offered free of charge. Lew Whitney 889-9893. Web: www.kokolulu.com or cancer-retreats.org. E-mail: lew@kokolulu.com

## KUKUI GARDEN RESTORATION

Celebrating its 10 year anniversary in March 2011, this unique project holds a 10-year commitment of visionary work to restore old family lands to serve children and adults needing to reconnect to the earth, to spirit, to their culture, and ultimately to themselves. The *lo'i* (taro garden) restores hope within oneself and inspires those who come to help restore the land. Project manager Nani Svendsen welcomes organizations looking for a service project. Mahalo to all those who have supported this work. Nani Svendsen 895-2963. E-mail: kohalaguesthouse@hotmail.com.

## LIO LAPAAU

This program offers therapeutic horsemanship services to challenged individuals of all ages, including nationally certified riding instruction and horsemanship for three disciplines: Recreational, Western or English. Volunteer assistants receive certificated training to assist students. The program proudly serves at-risk youth with a six-week session called Naturally High on Horses as well as three-day summer camps for ages 6 -13 years. Lio Lapa'au improved facilities with a covered classroom, tacking area and mounting stand with ramp. Fern White 896-0316. Web: www.liolapaau.com

## LIVING JOURNALS

This project's most recent publication, "A Storyteller's Story: Kindy Sproat of North Kohala," is being enjoyed by thousands and a new book is on its way! "A View from Up Here: Monty Richards of Kahua Ranch" will be available at the Resource Center this year in time for the holidays. Since 2004, Living Journals has collected life histories of 16 North Kohala seniors, transcribed from audio recordings into text. Continued collection of oral histories, preservation of historic photos, and more publications are planned. The most recent book can be purchased at NKCRC or on-line at [www.northkohala.org](http://www.northkohala.org). Faye Mitchell 333-9121. E-mail: [livingjournals.faye@gmail.com](mailto:livingjournals.faye@gmail.com).

## MALAMA KOHALA KAHAKAI COAST PRESERVATION

In collaboration with Malama Kohala Wahi Pana, organizers helped secure \$1.65 million to help preserve another 78 acres at Kaiholena south. In the last four years, along with five other North Kohala community groups, nearly 300 coastal acres have been preserved in perpetuity including Nu'uuanu, Pao'o, and Kaiholena north, and organizers are working to conserve Kauhola Point. A capital campaign is being considered as the number of landowners wishing to sell their land for preservation purposes is rapidly increasing. Gail Byrne 938-8880. Web: [www.realestate-hawaii.com](http://www.realestate-hawaii.com).

## MALAMA O' KOHALA CULTURAL RESOURCES

Their purpose is to *malama* (care for) *na wahi pana* (special places) of Kohala with the help of Kohala residents by carrying out activities that are consistent with planning principles of the Kohala Community Development Plan. In collaboration with other Kohala organizations, they strive to protect the significant cultural and natural resources along the Kohala coast from 'Upolu to Kawaihae as well as the historical corridor from Hapu'u to Kapanai'a. They placed markers along Akoni Pule Highway of "50 Famous Places in Kohala" with a reference roadmap and description of these sites. Fred Cachola 271-0743. E-mail: [fredcachola@aol.com](mailto:fredcachola@aol.com).

## NOKO THEATER

Noko Theater is currently in the research/writing and development of children and adult theater performances. Stay tuned for a variety of fundraising events. Jack. E-mail: [jryder89@yahoo.com](mailto:jryder89@yahoo.com)

## NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY CHORUS

The chorus will be starting up again in August to prepare for a Christmas program and are seeking new members. Kayoko Hanano 889-6380.

## NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

This committee, established in September 2009 by the County of Hawai'i, was organized to implement the Community Development Plan for the North Kohala District. The Action Committee is made up of nine members; all are residents of North Kohala. We need funding from time to time to support our work since this project is not funded by the County of Hawai'i. Joe Carvalho 987-5366.

## NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

NK CERT is part of the Hawai'i Civil Defense network. Members are trained by the Fire Department and Civil Defense to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available. Each member has an emergency response kit and we keep caches of medical, fire suppression, and rescue supplies. Members take an active role in emergency preparedness projects, including mapping the location of resources useful during an emergency. We publish an annual emergency preparedness article in the Kohala Mountain News. Members meet quarterly to organize and practice skills and take a CERT recertification training course each year. Community members are welcome to join us. John Winter 889-6901.

## NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

Now in its second year, organizers continue to explore new ways to bring continuing education opportunities to the residents of Kohala, with a focus on kids, by utilizing the knowledge and talents of our community members. In partnership with the Kohala Artists' Coöperative and Kenji's House, the Learning Center now has multiple teaching facilities complete with video system. A wide array of classes are offered from Ni'ihau gourd decoration and creative writing to Hospice Care and papiér-mâché. Scott Bedingfield 896-9001. E-mail: [sbedingfield@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:sbedingfield@hawaii.rr.com) Malia Welch 987-3902. E-mail: [maliawelch@gmail.com](mailto:maliawelch@gmail.com). Web: [www.kohalalearning.org](http://www.kohalalearning.org).



## NORTH KOHALA SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE

This project is dedicated to having Akoni Pule Highway designated as a National Scenic Byway from Honokoa Stream to Pololū lookout. The Byway name is Ke Ala O' Kohala - The Way of Kohala, and will feature the history of Kohala. The nomination for the Byway was approved by the State Department of Transportation in May 2010. The application for State Byway designation will be submitted in August. The Byway is a great opportunity to tell the story of Kohala to both visitors and residents, provide greater local control of highway improvements, and enhance our visitor industry in a way that strengthens Kohala. Scott Bedingfield 896-9001. E-mail: [sbedingfield@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:sbedingfield@hawaii.rr.com). Judy Rogers, (808) 430-5689. E-mail: [judyrogers11@gmail.com](mailto:judyrogers11@gmail.com)

## NORTH KOHALA STUDENT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

We believe that our students should be exposed to many cultural and educational programs that have previously been prohibitive due to costs. This program is designed to enable 5th graders to see performances at Kahilu Theater and 4th graders to visit the Ka'upulehu Interpretive Center and other enrichment programs as funding allows. Dixie Adams 889-5730.

## NORTH KOHALA SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CAMP FOR CHILDREN

This camp is designed for young Kohala thespians, including students from Kohala Elementary, Parker, HPA, Waldorf Community School, and local home schools. The program sets the stage for youth, ages 8-13, to come together, sing, dance, paint, sew, and play. Adrienne Cherry 889-1595. E-mail: [choirmama@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:choirmama@hawaiiintel.net).

## ROOTS SK8 PARK

Local non-profit, Roots Advocates for Youth, has finished the 3,000 square foot Premiere Phase of the Roots Skatepark. The organization is now moving towards Phase Two, creating 5,000 square feet of additional terrain. Community support for this much needed facility will directly benefit the youth of Kohala. Richey Riggs or Kimberly Lepold 889-0503. E-mail: [skate4roots@yahoo.com](mailto:skate4roots@yahoo.com). Web: [www.fivemtn.org/nhdfc/roots](http://www.fivemtn.org/nhdfc/roots).

## RURAL EMERGENCY CARE PROJECT

The objective of this project is to enlarge, relocate and modernize the Kohala Hospital Emergency Room. NKCRC has partnered with the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation to secure the funding for this important effort. Tommy Tinker 889-5584.

## RYUKYUKOKU MATSURI DAIKO KOHALA CHAPTER

RMD Okinawan Taiko has been active in Kohala for over 3 years, performing at numerous community events, and providing free classes and clinics in North & South Kohala. Funding is needed for uniforms, drums, transportation and a stipend for the group's instructor from Okinawa. Kathy Matsuda 889-5801. E-mail: [Kathy@hialoha.net](mailto:Kathy@hialoha.net).

## SAGE FARMS

This family farm was established in 1998 with a mission to improve the health and well-being of the community by providing farm-fresh, locally grown organic produce. The farm offers farmer-direct produce, honey and more at the Saturday Farmers' Market in Hāwī, Fridays at Sunshine Hardware, an honor stand on Ho'ea Road, as well as fresh produce at local grocery stores throughout the week. The farm now offers a weekly produce membership program. A program designed to house interns in exchange for teaching skilled farming is in the works. Funding is used for seed money, farming equipment, soil amendments and irrigation improvements. Fara Boisvert 895-0279. E-mail: [benfara@gmail.com](mailto:benfara@gmail.com).

## SUSTAINABLE KOHALA

This network of Kohala residents promotes local sustainability, emergency readiness, and community resilience through educational programming, grant writing, staff support, free films and more. Organizers also assist other groups with their events to reduce waste, use local products, and teach sustainable agriculture. Deborah Winter 889-6901. E-mail: [winterd@whitman.edu](mailto:winterd@whitman.edu).

## TARO DREAM

This Kohala-based research, product development and marketing company was founded over 20 years ago and has developed a full line of *poi*-based gluten-free foods made from taro root that are soon to be launched nationally. Success of this local company could help fulfill the agricultural and economic needs of the community and Hawai'i at large. Pamela Noeau Day 884-5270. E-mail: [pamelanoeau@msn.com](mailto:pamelanoeau@msn.com).

## THE MAN IN THE BLACK HAT MOVIE

This project is organized for the production and promotion of a docudrama on Saint Damien's time as a missionary in the North Kohala (Hāwī to Honoka'a) and Puna areas before he went to Moloka'i. As part of the film promotion, we will organize, with the Catholic Church, a pilgrimage route for church sites built by Father Damien in North Kohala and Puna for tourists and parishioners. Irma Ockerman 808-756-5572; Denyse Woo 756-5575. Web: [www.dwoofilms.com](http://www.dwoofilms.com).



## WAI'OLI CRANIOSACRAL

Organizers of this project are seeking the funding necessary to provide Craniosacral Therapy to children with ADD, ADHD, autism and dyslexia, as well as to victims of trauma. They are confident in research that indicates the effectiveness of Craniosacral Therapy for these conditions and plan to use this treatment to serve those in need. Bonnie Stevenson & Laura Moorehead 889-0777. E-mail: [bonniemaikai@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniemaikai@yahoo.com).

## WASTESTREAM RECYCLING

The WasteStream Recycling committee thanks the North Kohala community for being proactive in their recycling efforts. The committee has completed 4 years of managing a very successful Hi-5 fundraising program at the transfer station that benefits many local community groups. This year they celebrated the 5th Annual Trash Bash in downtown Hāwī inspiring the creativity and popularity of their principals: reduce, reuse, recycle. Colleen Nevins 345-6322. Web: [www.kohalatrashbash.com](http://www.kohalatrashbash.com).

## YOGA ED

This health and wellness program, now beginning its 6th year, was first piloted at Kohala Elementary School and 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. Jan Roberts 895-1651; Robyn Skudlarek 889-0992. E-mail: [jan.roberts@mac.com](mailto:jan.roberts@mac.com).



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## Fall 2011 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.

*Tentative Dates based on need of organizers:*

**Planning Successful Community Projects** ..... Saturday October 8, 2011

**Deadline for Fiscal Sponsorship Applications** ..... Friday, October 14, 2011

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**Finding Funders** ..... Saturday, October 22, 2011

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