



# PROJECT SUMMARIES

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## ART IN SIGHT

Master art teacher Peter Kowalke is putting finishing touches on this local Art and Ecology Education Center. Its Timber-frame pottery shed and community kiln will be featured at a grand opening expected February 1st. He will continue 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. Peter Kowalke 937-7556.



Pottery with Peter

## BIG ISLAND YOUTH AGRICULTURE

This fully functional organic farm (collaborating with Uluwehi Farm and Nursery), teaches Kohala high school students the basics of sustainable agriculture, permaculture, and agroforestry. Our program recruits students from the Kohala high school 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. Dash Kuhr 896-1331.

## 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. Kathy Lambert replaced Joel Kennedy as Managing Editor in January, and other changes in 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 Kapau. Subscriptions for the mainland and neighbor islands are available while plans to make the paper available on the web are being considered. Local residents wanting to contribute are always welcome. Kathy Lambert 889-0585.

## 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. An additional instructor team has been added to this effort. Organizers are intent on bringing youth leaders into active courses and facilitate land crafting such as Maka Aina or "the eyes of the land." Courses will take place at Artesia and last for a week at a time with on site camping. Jim Channon 889-0223.

## HAWAII WILDLIFE CENTER

Soon to be the state's first aviary protection and rehabilitation facility of its kind, HWC reached an important milestone in December 2008



Wildlife Center's new site

when the office was moved from the Kohala Girls' School to an on-site construction trailer. Many thanks are extended to: New Moon Foundation for providing office space for two years; Cantor Bros. Transportation Services, Inc. for transportation of the trailer; Tinguely Development, Inc. for use of the trailer, and Hawaii Modular Space for set up and ongoing management of the trailer during the construction phase. Donations will help HWC to meet building targets. Linda Elliott 345-8421. E-mail: info@HawaiiWildlifeCenter.org.

## HEALING MUSICAL

Local talent will highlight Kohala's gifts of healing in this upcoming theatrical production. Now in the process of refining its score, the musical includes solo and group performances that will take the audience on an educational tour. Nels Denman 987-2731.

## HONOPUEO AGRICULTURAL WATER LINE COOPERATIVE

This cooperative was organized to replace an aging irrigation pipeline from the Kohala Ditch to the 2,000+ acre region of Honopueo near Kapau. With the support of US Department of Agriculture, over 40 land owners are collaborating to provide reliable irrigation water to existing and developing agricultural efforts. Engineering design work is in progress as options for routing this vital pipeline are explored and water availability from the Kohala Ditch is evaluated. Forrest Arnold 987-2365.

## KA LEI O KOHALA

Recent rains have helped Randee and Kaulana revitalize their growing ti farm in Kapau. Maturing crops will soon again be available to community groups and non-profits as a means of fundraising, educational experience and income opportunities. Lessons in ti-leaf lei making as well as direct purchases of the lei are available. Randee Golden 889-0011.

## KAMEHAMEHA DAY CELEBRATION

This year's King Kamehameha Day Celebration has a new committee with new ideas. The parade route will start in Hawi going north on Akoni Pule Highway to the King's Staute in Kapau, rounding the Kohala Hospital, and ending with a Ho'olaulea at Kamehameha Park. A cultural display, exhibits, and great entertainment will fill the afternoon at the Park. If you would like to be a part of the celebration or have any questions please contact Cicely Hoopai at 884-5840. E-mail: hoopai911@msn.com.

## KAMEHAMEHA PARK GOLF

This golf learning center in conjunction with the United States Golf Association and the National Golf Course Owners Association have partnered in a new program called Kids On Course. Juniors already enrolled in the Kamehameha Park Golf junior program automatically become members of this program and play for free. The USGA has extended a generous grant to the program in which every dollar donated to the Golf Park will be matched by the USGA. Please support junior golf in North Kohala. John Mauro 345-4393.

## KAMEHAMEHA STATUE MAINTENANCE

Kohala is proud to be the home of the original statue of King Kamehameha the first. Care and maintenance of this historic treasure now contin-

ues with a broader team of dedicated volunteers. Students from all levels of our public schools are contributing to the hands-on privilege of care and inspection of the statue, fostering their civic responsibility and community pride. The team wishes to rebuild and improve the storyboards behind the Statue for the benefit of visitors and residents alike. Donations have been instrumental in accomplishing improvement goals and are always appreciated. Plans for some "talk story" evenings at the Statue are being made to share this area's great history. Sharon Hayden 987-0509.

## KENJI'S ROOM

The Museum Alliance Group was created to manage and curate the North Kohala museum, "Kenji's Room", which features the memorabilia, folk art and rare shell collection of Kenji Yokoyama, a lifelong resident of North Kohala. "Kenji's Room" captures the traditions, lifestyle, and culture of the local community during the sugarcane plantation era, an important part of North Kohala history, and is available for free viewing to all visitors. Catherine Morgan 884-5556.

## KINDY SPROAT'S HAWAII

It is with great sadness that we mark the recent passing of Clyde "Kindy" Halematuma U Sproat, beloved Uncle Kindy. Needed footage of Kindy was filmed over the past several years, so his passing does not present a production dilemma, and archival image research is in progress.

Unfortunately, due to the current economic environment, we have been unable to meet our fundraising and grant goals to realize the original vision for the film, and are both seeking new sources of funding and rewriting the concept for a more modest budget. Contributions and corporate sponsorship at this critical stage will support the preservation of the legacy of Kindy's life and the history, stories and music of Kohala. Keith and Sara Nealy 882-7772.

## 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 with 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 COMMUNITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This organization sponsors sports programs for youth ages five to fourteen in conjunction with County Parks and Recreation. Registrations have recently been completed for Boys Basketball (ages 9-14) as well as T-ball and Coach Pitch ball for boys and girls ages 5-8. The playing season will run from mid-January to the beginning of March. Tom Morse 889-5049.

## KOHALA COQUI COALITION

Since our inception in November 2003, the Kohala Coqui Coalition has been successful in keeping Kohala free from the noisy, prolific, invasive coqui frog. It has been a busy year with nearly 50 eradication in 2008, ranging from back yards to gulches and open pastures. The generous support of our community has provided the financial means to continue this effort, as County and State funds have literally disappeared. With the increasing spread of coquis throughout the island, the challenge is greater than ever to keep Kohala coqui free. This year the Coalition had an interactive education booth



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## KOHALA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The Kohala Back To School Bash was established in 2005 by Rayna and Ernie Paro. The Kohala Coalition Against Drugs collaborates with their efforts. The 5th annual event will take place on July 19, 2009 at the Kamehameha Park. The Bash assists families with back to school expenses, promotes a sense of togetherness and brings the community together in many ways. Additionally, this event focuses on drug prevention awareness in our community. Rayna Leilani Paro 938-5329.

## KOHALA CHEER AND DANCE CLUB

The 2008 season was a success for the Kohala Chargers Pop Warner Cheerleaders. The Midget Division 2nd place win at Regional Cheer Competition entitled them to travel to Florida for the Nationals, however they were not able to attend due to financial hardships. The Pee Wee Cheerleaders won 3rd place at Regionals, Junior Pee Wee took 4th, and an exhibition by the new squad of Tiny Mites was enjoyed by all. Cheer Camp, sponsored by the Kohala Cheer and Dance Club, was conducted by the Universal Cheerleading Association in July 2008. We are looking to host the Camp again on July 25 and 26, 2009. Additionally, Kohala Cheer and Dance Club is excited to send 7 girls to the 2009 NFL Pro Bowl Halftime Show February 8, 2009 in Honolulu. Toma Raymond 889-0604.

## 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 support 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. Recently, a drama called "Shattered Dreams" was presented to Kohala High School students and their coaches in an effort to develop honest communication between youth and their mentors. The committee is now in the planning stages for hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 4th, 10am - 2pm at Kohala High School (new location). Richie Riggs 889-0503.

## KOHALA FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

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

## KOHALA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

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## KELA-KOHALA EQUINE EDUCATION CENTER

Formerly Kohala Horses and People, this project was established to provide multipurpose 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 in parades or rodeo events. Plus the facility could offer many horse owners who do not have facilities, a place to train their family various horsemanship skills such as competition and cattle-working. Beth Robinson 443-4588.

## 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 youngsters the sport of baseball. This year uniforms will be included in the program fee to make it easier for families to get kids started and hopefully increase enrollment. Donations are needed to

provide uniforms and equipment. Liz Karrati 889-6260.

## THE KOHALA COUNTRY FAIR

Another successful annual Fair was held in October 2008. The day was enjoyed by thousands of locals, Big Island residents, and visitors from lands near and far. This year marked a move towards an environmentally greener and more sustainable-friendly event. Attempting to create a "zero waste" event, we successfully recycled 65-70% of all the garbage created. Gathering volunteers to orchestrate this local tradition has always been challenging. Please consider putting your name forward as a volunteer so we can produce a spectacular 25th annual fair this year! Ed Pollock 896-9893. E-mail: epollockhawaii@yahoo.com

## ENGINEERING RESOURCES

This project proposes the establishment of an informational center for residents to come and share their thoughts, concerns, or questions on any engineering aspect of their home and/or community. Information detailing the local distribution of potable water, treatment of wastewater, and disposal of trash will be available. Advice and references offered when applicable. Jim Pedersen, PE 854-4240.

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## KOHALA SENIOR CENTER

The Center continues to be an active and vital group in the community providing annual events, and an array of regularly scheduled activities. New members are invited to attend their Monday morning meetings at the old Kapau Courthouse. President Jacob Zane.



## KOHALA STARS PRESCHOOL

This affordable Montessori-inspired enters its second year in its renovated facility. With the demand for quality preschool in Kohala exceeding the availability, Kohala Stars has provided a much needed service for the community. Currently serving 22 children at its maximum capacity, the school is now raising funds to expand enrollment and classroom capacities. Support from the Castle Foundation has contributed to staff training and curriculum. The organization has forged ahead with its own non-profit status under the Montessori Education Center of Hawaii. This February 14th, Valentine's Day, the community will Dance Their Heart Out for the keiki of Kohala at a special event at Luke's Place. Tickets are available at the school and event entrance. Faye Mitchell 889-5131.

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## LIO LAPA'AU

Lio Lapa'au refers to healing horses. This program offers both emotional and physical healing through interactions with horses. A pilot program, Naturally High on Horses, successfully completed six weeks of horsemanship instruction and horseback-riding lessons to challenged teens including those with special needs. The program offers small group lessons to ages 6-60 with an instructor certified in several areas of horsemanship including the North American Riding for Handicapped Association (NARHA). By learning to work with and care for horses, youth will experience safe ways to have fun as well as identify with their local Paniolo culture. Fern White 896-0316.



Fern White with student

## LIVING JOURNALS

For four years Living Journals has been collecting and preserving the life stories of our kupuna. A grant from The Hawai'i Council for the Humanities has allowed for the transcription of these audio-recorded interviews to be made available to the public. Faye Mitchell, Project Coordinator is preparing to share these life stories in a published collection in 2009 of "oral autobiography" interviews with sixteen individuals including Loke Maeda, Ah Fat Lee, Kindy Sproat, Harugi Osaki, and Masa Kawamoto. A presentation of the work was given August 17, 2008 at the Courthouse in Kapauu with 10 of the interviewees present and over 90 guests in attendance. Other displays and publications have been created to share an intimate portrayal of our community's history through the eyes of those who lived it. Faye Mitchell 333-9121.

## MALAMA O' KOHALA WAHI PANALAMA CULTURAL RESOURCES

The organizers continue work to preserve the cultural and natural treasures of North Kohala in collaboration with the Malama Kohala Kahakai project. Malama Kohala Wahii Pana has produced two videos tapes for educational purposes about the historic and cultural sites of Kohala as well as providing speakers at various community events. Fred Cachola 1-808-685-4293.

## MALAMA KOHALA KAHAKAI

In collaboration with the Malama O'Kohala Whi Pana 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 Lapakai State Park. More recent efforts to intervene with development plans at Mahukona will be concluded in a hearing March 13th by the County Appeals Board. Assistance is welcomed from all. Gail Byrne 938-8880.

## NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY CHORUS

This locally organized group will proudly present "The Beatles Review" in May of this year. Membership to join the Chorus is open to the community with no try-outs. Rehearsals are from 7-9PM every Tuesday at Walker Hall. The Chorus is under the direction of LaLa Power. Tom and Jean Buechele 889-1809.

## 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. Eleven or more of these applications conflict with NKR. 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 ours. The application for this station was modified to prevent interference with our station. Thus, NKR is still waiting for a final ruling for this small group of conflicting stations. Such a ruling is not expected until mid to late 2009. In the mean time, the group hopes another FCC window will open in for low power (100 watt) community-based radio stations, for which it can apply. 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 on-going basis. Costs of the performances and transportation will be paid by interested donors. Dixie Adams and Valley Reilly 889-5730.

## OPENING DOORS

Weekly writing workshops for seniors are conducted by Karin de Weille to help the group express themselves through writing. Whether by way of poetry, story, memoir or song, they're able to practice various forms and techniques or even invent their own. The class is marked by laughter and discussion, analysis and revelation. The gift of their stories and experiences will be shared with the community through an anthology as well as public readings. Karin de Weille 884-5988.

## READ TO FEED

Students at Kohala Elementary took part in Heifer Internationals Read to Feed program for the 5th year in a row. Instructor Lani Bowman leads students through a yearlong journey of discovering how fortunate children 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 SKS PARK

Youth of Kohala have been screaming for a skate park and this committee has listened! Fundraising is underway for the



Local Skateboarders

15,000 sq.ft. skate park in an effort to get local kids on the concrete by this summer. In-kind materials and equipment as well as monetary donations will make this dream a reality. Group motto: If your city doesn't have a skate park, then your city is a skate park. Richey Riggs 889-0503. E-mail: mailskate4roots@yahoo.com.



RMD Taiko drummers

## RYUKYUKOKU MATSURI DAIKO KOHALA

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. Kathy Matsuda 889-5801.

## SAGE FARMS

This farm 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 is to become financially self-sufficient and sustainable as an organic farm and continue to supply the community with fresh organic produce. Fara Boisvert 895-0279.

## 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; Gyo-taku 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: June 3-5 (Waimea) and in Kohala July 22-24, July 29-31 and August 5-7. Scholarships and financial will be available. Deb Thompson 889-5754 Website: www.debthompsonart.com.



Summer Arts Academy

## SUSTAINABLE KOHALA

Organized in early 2008, Sustainable Kohala promotes community awareness environmental issues through several programs such as free movies at The Barn (behind Luke's Place) the

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