



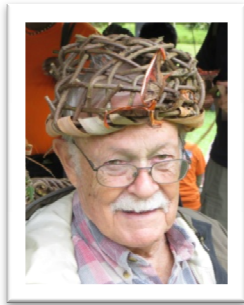
Kōke'e Connections

Hui o Laka Membership Newsletter

May 19, 2016

Banana Poka RoundUp!

Join us for the 27th Annual Banana Poka RoundUp Sunday, May 29th. The family event is returning to the CCC Camp, which is cozier and gives us a chance to show off recent improvements at the historic compound. The fun starts at 10am with games for the kids, exhibits, basket weaving, silent auction, food, Hawaiian music, and a crowing contest. The music lineup includes Darryl Gonzales, Nick Castillo, Russell the Rooster leading the crows, Paul Togioka (arriving direct from the Honolulu Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards Ceremony), and ending with Waiola. Emcee is Chucky Boy Chock. Hands-on activities for all ages include games and crafts from alien species – baskets making with banana poka vines and hiking sticks from strawberry guava. We have flowers – make a lei or tiny flower arrangements. Fees apply to making crafts.



Exhibitors include the Kaua'i Forest Bird Recovery Project, Kaua'i Land Trust, Save Our Shearwaters, Kōke'e Resource Conservation Program, Kōkua Kōke'e, Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Kōke'e Leaseholders Association, and Public Health Preparedness from the Department Health with hands on activities and educational displays. The Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation & Resources Enforcement [DOCARE] and Division of Forestry & Wildlife [DOFAW] will be on hand as well. A silent auction tent will have Kaua'i activities and accommodations along with gift items. The auction has been organized by trustee Lorraine Wichman so you know you have to check this out! All have been donated to help Hui o Laka cover the costs of holding the event. At lunchtime and at the end of the day, a tour of sections of the CCC Camp will be offered by Hui o Laka.

For this day only, an extra 5% discount applies to member purchases at the museum shop. Remember to let the sales associate know you are a member. You can renew or become a member at the register.

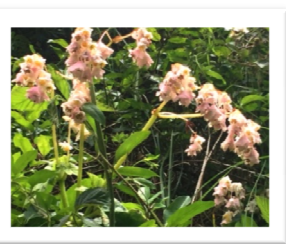
Banana Poka RoundUp! has learning experiences that provide insights into the environmental challenges Hawai'i faces and an opportunity to get involved in addressing those challenges.

Parking is in the paved lots at Kanaloahuluhulu near the Stone Pavilion, Kōke'e Natural History Museum and Kōke'e Lodge as well as the overnight camping area. For physically challenged there is a small shuttle with pickups at the Pavilion and Museum. Handicap stalls are as marked. The shuttle cart is being provided by Waimea Plantation Cottages. Our major sponsors for the event are Hui o Laka and the County of Kaua'i.

Anyone that wants to help collect banana poka vines or needs ADA assistance, please notify Hui o Laka – (808) 335-9975 x2 or info@kokee.org. Note: there is no parking at the CCC Camp for Banana Poka. Security is on hand to direct traffic. Parking is also available in the camping area, one road past the park entrance.



Rare Plants in Bloom



It is blooming season at Kōke'e and there are many things blooming including introduced fruit trees and native plants.

Left: **Pau maka nui** or **aka'aka'awa**, the native Hawaiian begonia (*Hillebrandia sandwicensis*), is in bloom along the road in the Kōke'e State Park. Photo by Frank O. Hay. Right: **Iliau**, a member of the sunflower family, is in bloom on the rim of Waimea Canyon on the Iliau Nature Loop. It blooms only once, at the end of its seven-year lifespan. Photo by Chris Faye.



CCC Camp in the News

HMA Conference

Hui o Laka hosted the statewide Hawai'i Museums Conference in April. Over 40 people attended the opening day conference on the Friday, the 21st. Many of the participants from other islands stayed at the CCC Camp and enjoyed being unplugged and spending quality time talking about museums. Kōloa Rum Company sponsored a reception of Pineapple Passion Fruit Rum Cocktails while the meals for the two day conference were catered by Wranglers Restaurant in Waimea. The first night was a clear, moonlit night spent around the fireplace with s'mores and Kōloa Rum's newest flavor – Kaua'i Coffee Rum. Attendees had the opportunity to learn Hanafuda with a twist – the card designs incorporated Hawaiian plants and animals. (We hope to see them soon in the gift shop.) The second evening was a bit quieter with institutional ghost stories around the dining room table as it was a typical drizzling Kōke'e day.



A pre-conference tour was given by Jim Ballantine of the historic 1829-1848 Gulick-Rowell Missionary House. Only the ground floor was stable enough to tour along with the outdoor area including the gravesites. The tour ended with homemade liliko'i wine. The post-conference tour was provided by National Tropical Botanical Garden's David Lawrence and Tim Flynn. A highlight was a tour of the state of the art research facility at Kalāheo including the rare book room and an exhibit of Geraldine King Tam's botanical paintings. The Allerton Gardens were a nice change of pace. The photos show that the CCC Camp makes a great conference site.



Museum News

We've had a lot of people exclaim how much cleaner the museum is and we give credit to our staff for upping the ante plus painting the floors in December. Hiking boots and clean floors are a challenge on the best of days. A special mahalo goes out to Dan Cruces for cleaning up many of our taxidermy displays this winter. Dan is shown in his "workshop" at Mokihana Cabin with a pueo to the left and a barn owl to the right.

Nature Trail Signs

Initial signs are in place on the Nature Trail behind the museum. We measured the rerouted trail that now makes a loop back to the museum and it is officially 957 feet. We were able to have the signs produced on island at SignArt. The signs are plastic and replaceable when they become worn, damaged, or go missing. They are the final chapter for the 2015 Hawai'i Tourism Authority grant. The side benefit of the regular maintenance of the forest adjacent to the trail is many new native plants are sprouting up. More signs will be needed to identify them as they become more established.



Kōkua Kōke'e

Summer at the CCC Camp will be very busy. June is already filling up and July is just beginning to as well. Don't hesitate to reserve space for your retreat or a summer/fall Kōkua Kōke'e project for a group.

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