



# NAUPAKA NEWS

RELAX, SHOP & PLAY AT WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT

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## Lei Day 2022

### THE INAUGURAL WAIKOLOA LEI DAY FESTIVAL

LEI-MAKING IS ONE OF THE OLDEST TRADITIONS IN POLYNESIA, having come to Hawai'i along with the seafaring people who also brought canoe plants, tool-making knowledge, and deep-rooted cultural practices from other parts of the Pacific. But it wasn't until 1928 that Lei Day became a tradition, proposed by a writer then working for the *Honolulu Advertiser*, Don Blanding.

Blanding, who later became known more widely as Hawai'i's poet laureate, explained in his book *Hula Moon*: "Hawai'i observed all of the mainland holidays as well as those of

a number of the immigrant nationalities in the Islands. But there was no day that was peculiarly and completely Hawai'i's own. So, the bright idea that I presented was, 'Why not have a Lei Day?' Let everyone wear a lei and give a lei. Let it be a day of general rejoicing over the fact that one lived in a Paradise."

The idea caught on and soon "May Day is Lei Day" was an annual celebration in the islands.

This year, the inaugural Waikoloa Lei Day Festival is on Sunday, May 1



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Lei Day Festival,**  
 May 1  
 All day lei-making workshops, outdoor market, live music, and hula performances throughout Waikoloa Beach Resort.

from 9 am - 7 pm, celebrating the origin and art of lei-making in Hawai'i. Events will take place at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott, Kings' Shops, and Queens' Marketplace. This free festival will include free lei-making workshops, a craft fair at the Marriott, sidewalk sales at Kings' Shop and Queens' Marketplace, *keiki* activities, live music, and hula performances. (See *schedule of events sidebar*.)

### A GRACEFUL ACT

"Everything is meaningful in lei-making," says Tani Waipa, a musician and cultural practitioner who will be leading lei-making sessions at Kings' Shops as part of the Waikoloa Lei Day Festival. "In my classes, I share how to be mindful of every step, from what materials we use in the lei, to how to

pick a flower with sensitivity, to keeping in mind that a lei is a gift of love, whether it's for someone else or for yourself."

"The first thing I do is take guests across the street where there's a lovely stand of plumeria trees," she says. "I share how to pick the flowers with care, gently, being mindful of not breaking a branch or over-picking a tree. You see every act has an impact on everything else in nature."

Not only is the tree adversely affected if over-picked or damaged, according to Waipa's way of teaching, but so is everything else that depends on that tree, including birds, insects and, of course, the next person who comes along looking for



flowers. It is like over-fishing in the ocean. The entire cycle of life is affected.

"There are many styles and methods of lei-making throughout Polynesia," she says. "My preferred method with plumeria is called *ku'i*, which means 'to pierce.'"

Other methods include *hili* (braiding a single material), often used when making ti leaf lei; *haku* (braiding multiple materials), a favored method for flower head lei; and *hipu'u* (knotting), seen frequently in kukui leaf lei.

"One of the things visitors enjoy most about the lei-making classes is it makes them slow down, be more meditative, act with intent," Waipa says. "Instead of running around the island seeing the sights, they are able to slow down and be part of a true Hawaiian tradition. Those are the kinds of experiences that often make the best memories." ●

The Inaugural  
**Waikoloa Lei Day Festival**  
 SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022  
 A Festival to celebrate the art & history of lei making in Hawaii  
 All Day Lei-Making, Keiki Activities, Entertainment & more!  
 Marriott Resort Waikoloa Beach: 9 am - 2 pm (Lei-Making Classes, Lei Contest, Craft Vendors, Live Music)  
 Kings' Shops: 11 am - 2 pm (Lei-Making, Keiki Lei-Making, Sidewalk Sale, Live Music, Hula Show)  
 Queens' Marketplace: 2 pm - 7 pm (Lei-Making, Keiki Activities, Sidewalk Sale, Live Music, Hula Show)  
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## Lei Day Festivities

### Marriott Resort Waikoloa Beach | 9 am - 2 pm

The Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa will be hosting four lei-making workshops, a four category lei contest, and craft vendors on the Aka'ula Lanai.

The two lei-making workshops will focus on the history and technique of the *haku* lei, and the *wili* lei. These two workshops will be held in the morning from 10 - 11 am and will repeat in the afternoon from 1 - 2 pm.

The four lei contest categories will include *wili*; *haku*; people's choice; and open. The contest will begin at 9 am with the winners announced at noon.

Each of the four category winners will receive a free night's stay at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.

Guests and the public are welcome to attend the workshops, vote for their favorite lei, or simply peruse the craft vendors that will be on display. Proceeds from the Waikoloa Beach Marriott's workshop registrations, contest entries, and vendor fees, will benefit the Visitor Industry Charity Walk.

### Festivities at Kings' Shops | 11 am - 2 pm

Kings' Shops is celebrating Lei Day with free lei-making classes, including candy lei making for children. A hula show weaved in with a performance by Hawaiian musical trio featuring traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music rounds out the entertainment. Merchants will offer sidewalk sales and specials.

### Festivities at Queens' Marketplace | 2 - 7 pm

Queens' Marketplace is hosting free lei-making workshops from 2 - 5:30 pm on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors can make a crown flower lei, maile style ti-leaf lei, or plumeria lei. Keiki can learn to make plumeria lei and have their face painted with floral designs. A *haku* lei-making demonstration will be hosted by members of Halau O Po'ohala. Merchants will spill out of their storefronts with a sidewalk sale. The festival ends with a hula performance by Halau O Po'ohala from 6 - 7 pm.





### Queens' Marketplace

Open Daily | Store hours vary, please call or visit their websites for hours and more information

#### ART & JEWELRY

**Genesis Galleries**  
(808) 886-1770

**Hawaii Fluid Art**  
(808) 344-4878

**Island Pearls**  
(808) 886-4817

**Lava Light Galleries**  
(808) 756-0778

**Mashka Jewelry**  
(808) 731-7310

#### ENTERTAINMENT

**Kozy's Comedy & Magic Show**  
(808) 430-1957

**Waikoloa Luxury Cinemas**  
(808) 464-3009

#### FASHION

**Blue Ginger Family**  
(808) 886-0022

**Cariloha**  
(808) 886-2608

**Crocs™ Shoe Store**  
(808) 886-0213

**Kona Surf N' Sandals**  
(808) 886-0898

**Mahina**  
(808) 886-4000

**Malibu Shirts**  
(808) 886-0003

**Olivia Clare Boutique**  
(808) 657-4307

**PacSun**  
(808) 886-0415

**Quiksilver**  
(808) 886-0900

**Reyn Spooner**  
(808) 886-1162

**Volcom**  
(808) 886-6888

#### GROCERY

**Island Gourmet Markets**  
(808) 886-3577

#### REAL ESTATE

**Hawai`i Life Real Estate Brokers**  
(800) 667-5028

**Home River Group**  
(808) 883-9550

**Kona Coast Vacations**  
(808) 329-2140

**Windermere C & H Properties**  
(808) 883-3321

#### SERVICES

**Fidelity National Title & Escrow of Hawaii, Inc.**  
(808) 451-2360

**Hilton Grand Vacations Club**  
(808) 886-0945

**KOR Salon**  
(808) 886-8090

**Rider Levett Bucknall**  
(808) 883-3379

**Waikoloa Dental Clinic**  
(808) 886-0891

#### SPECIALTY & GIFTS

**Claire's**  
(808) 886-8905

**Da Big Bags**  
(808) 989-8709

**Hawaiian Quilt Collection**  
(808) 886-0494

**Lids**  
(808) 886-1649

**Pacific Nature**  
(808) 886-8919

**SoHa Keki**  
(808) 909-3888

**SoHa Living**  
(808) 464-4268

**Sunglass Hut**  
(808) 886-0274

#### SPORT & ACTIVITY

**Bike Works Beach & Sports**  
(808) 886-5000

**Yoga Barre**  
(808) 333-5378

### Kings' Shops

Open Daily | Store hours vary, please call or visit their websites for hours and more information

#### ACCESSORIES

**Mary Jane's**  
(808) 886-2707

**Michael Kors**  
(808) 886-2653

**Sunglass Hut**  
(808) 886-0593

#### APPAREL

**Crazy Shirts**  
(808) 886-9303

**Honolua Surf Co.**  
(808) 886-6422

**Jams World**  
(808) 796-3182

**Kona Harley-Davidson**  
(808) 464-4033

**Noa Noa**  
(808) 886-5449

**Rip Curl**  
(808) 886-1952

**Tommy Bahama**  
(808) 886-8865

**Tori Richard**  
(808) 886-8308

#### ART & JEWELRY

**Aesthetic Hawaii by Genesis Galleries**  
(808) 731-6280

**Giving Bracelets**  
(808) 445-9951

**Kohala Coast Fine Art**  
(808) 886-4240

**Nā Hōkū**  
(808) 886-7599

**Royal Gold**  
(808) 886-7701

**Tiffany & Co.**  
(808) 886-1931

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Live entertainment is back at Kings' Shops every Tuesday and Thursday, 4 - 5 pm at Center Stage. For more information call (808) 886-8811



#### FARMERS MARKET

Explore the Kings' Shops Farmers Market every Tuesday from 9 am - 2:30 pm

#### SERVICES

**Big Island Motorcycle Co.**  
(808) 886-2011

**Compass Real Estate**  
(808) 430-2184

**Hawaii Vacation Condos by Outrigger**  
(808) 886-0036

**Hulakai**  
(808) 731-7945

**Kings' Shops Management Office**  
(808) 886-8811

**Kohala Coast Properties**  
(808) 886-6600

**ReMax Lava Luxury**  
(808) 756-4285

**Shell Gas Station**  
(808) 886-9512

**Team Clean**  
(808) 944-8255, ext. 108

#### SPECIALTY & GIFTS

**Martin & MacArthur**  
(808) 886-0696

**Whalers General Store**  
(808) 886-7057

### Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

**Travel Traders**  
(808) 886-8146  
Daily 8 am - 10 pm

**Mandara Spa**  
(808) 886-8191  
Daily 10 am - 5:30 pm

### Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf Shop

#### Golf Pro Shop

Open daily 6:30 am - 6:30 pm  
(808) 886-7888



### Hilton Waikoloa Village

Open Daily - Hours vary seasonally. All phone numbers are (808) 886-1234, with the extension noted below:

**Dancing Dolphins and Big Island Marketplace**  
ext. 1744, 1746

**Dolphin Quest Gift Shop**  
ext. 1216

**Journey**  
ext. 1546

**Kohala Spa Essence and Kohala Spa Retail Shop**  
ext. 1768 or ext. 1228

**Nā Hōkū**  
ext. 1750

**Things Hawaiian**  
ext. 1232

#### RESORT SPOTLIGHT

## ONO GELATO!

After spending years at sea on commercial fishing and dive boats across the world, Sandra and Tim Heaton settled down on the Big Island of Hawai`i and started Gypsea Gelato in 2014. Their first store was in a tiny space in Kealakekua, and was so popular that growth soon followed. Today, they have three locations, with the most recent having opened in the Kings' Shops in early 2022.

"We strive to use the best ingredients, sourced as close as possible to us on the Big Island," they say. "We have close relationships with our farmers, whether that's white pineapple for our sorbet, fresh mint for Mint Chip, or lemongrass and ginger for Tom Kha.

The menu features a delightful selection of hand-made gelato and sorbet using fresh, local, organic ingredients whenever possible. In addition to the staple flavors that are \*almost\* always available, there are daily rotating gelatos, sorbets, dairy-free, and reduced sugar options.

Among the most popular flavors are Makua Trail, an irresistible combination of a coffee and chocolate base with chocolate drizzle and macadamia nuts; Garden Mint Chip made with locally grown spearmint and peppermint; and Gypsea Mud Pie, with a coffee base, Oreos, brownie bits, and salted caramel.

Espresso and coffee drinks, pastries, and even milk shakes made from your favorite gelato flavors round out the offerings at this not-to-be-missed shop.



GypseaGelato.com



## SUNSET LŪ'AU

Mondays & Wednesdays | 5 pm

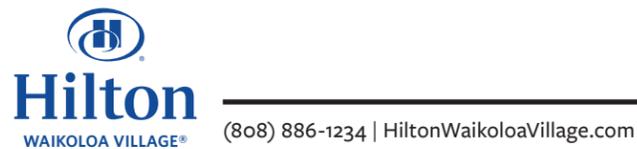
GATHER AS THE SUN SETS OVER BEAUTIFUL ANAEHOOMALU BAY and enjoy a traditional Hawaiian dinner. Then journey to Tahiti, New Zealand, Hawai'i, and Samoa through songs and dances of these Pacific cultures. The spellbinding Samoan fire dance is a spectacular sight.

Guests are seated at their own table. Maximum guests per table from the same household is 10. Food service is a combination of family style and a hot station.

For reservations visit [fareharbor.com/marriottsunsetluau](http://fareharbor.com/marriottsunsetluau)

Cancellations must be received 24 hours before your scheduled Luau. There will be no refund if cancellation is not received 24 hours out.

See our website for more information.



## Legends of Hawai'i Lū'au — Our Big Island Story

Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays  
5:30 pm | Kamehameha Court

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CULTURAL IMMERSION of our *lū'au* at Hilton Waikoloa Village. Brought to you by Tihati Productions, the Legends of Hawai'i Lū'au dinner and show brings to life the ancestral songs and dances that retell the epic stories of Hawai'i Island and her remarkable people.

You'll receive a lei greeting upon arrival and have the opportunity to capture memories with photos with our *lū'au* performers. The meal includes island favorites such as huluhuli chicken, seared island catch-of-the-day, and the traditional *imu* kālua pig, and fresh daily Hawaiian style desserts. Our signature mai tais are made with fresh pineapple juice.

Make reservations in advance at [legendsluau.com](http://legendsluau.com).  
Book early to get your spot.



## DOLPHIN SUNRISE SPLASH

Come witness the joy of the Dolphin Quest dolphin *ohana* frolicking at sunrise in the expansive, open-to-the-ocean Hilton Waikoloa Village saltwater lagoon. Learn about these spectacular animals while watching them up close and personal from the beachside. Engage with a Marine Mammal Specialist. Bring your camera! Sessions typically last about 10 minutes. Currently available every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am. Hours and days are subject to change.

Call Dolphin Quest at (808) 987-3434 for the latest information.

## DINING GUIDE

Restaurants open daily unless noted.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:  
Island Greens, KPC – Kamuela Provision Company, Sansei Steak & Sushi Bar

### GOLF COURSE

**Mai Grille, By Chef Allen Hess**  
(at Kings' Clubhouse)  
(808) 886-7600  
[MaiGrille.com](http://MaiGrille.com)

Breakfast and lunch  
8 am – 3 pm

Sunday Brunch  
7:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Tropics Ale House and Restaurant**  
(808) 886-4287  
[TropicsAleHouse.com](http://TropicsAleHouse.com)

Lunch and dinner  
11 am – 10:30 pm

### LAVA LAVA BEACH CLUB

(808) 769-LAVA (5282)  
[LavaLavaBeachClub.com](http://LavaLavaBeachClub.com)

Lunch and dinner  
1 – 9 pm

Bar open until 9 pm

Bikinis and board shorts welcomed! Live entertainment nightly.

### HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE

(808) 886-1234  
[HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/dining](http://HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/dining)

#### Nui Breakfast

A lavish breakfast and a la carte options in a relaxed atmosphere.

7 – 10 am

#### Nui Italian

Authentic, family-friendly Italian dining including stone-fired pizzas, pastas, salads, and more.

Lounge and dinner  
5 – 9 pm

#### KPC – Kamuela Provision Company

KPC offers Hawai'i Island's most spectacular sunset views. Locally sourced cuisine, from prime steaks to Hawaiian seafood.

Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
5:30 – 9 pm

#### Lagoon Grill

Grab a burger, sandwich, salad, or Hawaiian bowl for lunch or early dinner and watch dolphins playing in the lagoon below.

11 am – 4 pm

#### Kona Tap Room

A fun gathering place with an array of craft and domestic beers and casual pub fare.

4:30 – 10:30 pm

#### Waikoloa Coffee

6 am – noon  
on Ocean Tower

6 am – noon  
in MAKAI



### WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

(808) 886-8165  
[Marriott.com](http://Marriott.com)

#### Hawaii Calls Restaurant & Lounge

Breakfast  
7 – 11 am

Lunch  
11 am – 5 pm

Happy Hour  
2 – 4 pm

Dinner  
5 – 9 pm

Live Entertainment  
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, featuring some of Hawai'i's local musical artists

#### Polu Lounge

Polu, Hawaiian for blue, is surrounded by water and sky. Waikoloa's newest pop-up bar offers exclusive island-infused cocktails and light bites. The best spot to reset and enjoy the sunset! Open nightly, on the Lobby Level from 5 – 8 pm.

**DINING SPECIALS:**  
Mimosa Monday  
Mondays, 7 – 11 am

Taco Tuesday  
Tuesdays, 5 – 9 pm

#### Coffee Shoppe

Akaula Lanai – Lobby Level  
6:30 – 11 pm

#### Nalu's

Poolside Bar  
10:30 am – 5:30 pm

### KINGS' SHOPS

**A-Bay's Island Grill**  
(808) 209-8494  
[A-Bays.com](http://A-Bays.com)

8 am – midnight

**Foster's Kitchen**  
(808) 657-4500  
[FostersKitchen.com](http://FostersKitchen.com)

Daily lunch and dinner  
3 – 10 pm

**Gypsea Gelato**  
(808) 886-1540  
[GypseaGelato.com](http://GypseaGelato.com)

#### Island Fish & Chips

(808) 886-0005  
[KingsShops.com/island-fish-chips](http://KingsShops.com/island-fish-chips)  
7:30 am – 9:30 pm

#### Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill

(808) 886-4321  
[RoysHawaii.com](http://RoysHawaii.com)  
Dinner 5 – 9 pm

#### Island Vintage Coffee

(808) 731-5700  
Open daily at 7 am

#### The Original Big Island Shave Ice Company

(808) 895-6069  
Tuesday – Sunday  
11:30 am – 6:30 pm

# DINING GUIDE

Please check with individual restaurants on hours of operation.



Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill

## QUEENS' MARKETPLACE

Full-service restaurants.

**Bistro at the Cinemas**

(808) 464-3009  
HawaiiCinemas.com/  
the-bistro

**Charley's Thai Cuisine**

(808) 886-0591  
CharleysThaiHawaii.com

**Kuleana Rum Shack**

(808) 238-0786  
KuleanaRum.com

**Mauna Kea Tropical Treats**

**Romano's Macaroni Grill**  
(808) 443-5515  
MacaroniGrill.com

**Sansei Steak & Sushi Bar**

(808) 886-6286  
SanseiHawaii.com

**Starbucks Coffee Company**

(808) 886-1888  
Starbucks.com



Island Fish & Chips

## QUEENS' MARKETPLACE FOOD COURT

Grab & go and food court eateries.

**Dairy Queen/ Orange Julius**  
(808) 886-1029

**Hawaii Kind**  
(coming soon)

**Island Greens**  
IslandGreensHI.com

**Waikoloa Pizza**  
WaikoloaPizza.com

**Waikoloa Shrimp Company**  
WaikoloaShrimpCo.com

