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Waikoloa Village Outdoor Circle

Keeping Waikoloa Clean, Green and Beautiful

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Luncheon at Mauna Lani

The Waikoloa Village Outdoor Circle is hosting its 5th annual Luncheon, Fashion Show and Silent Auction on February 9, 2008, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

This year's event is being held at Hale Hoaloha Pavilion at the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows.

Fashions will be presented by returning favorite *Island Intimates*

and new and exciting participant *Caché*.

The Silent Auction will include everything from artwork to jewelry to fun and exciting activities.

Waikoloa Sew 'n' Sews has donated a beautiful, queen-sized, handmade quilt that will be raffled off at the Luncheon.

The cost for this event is \$38 per person. Invitations have gone out

to all WVOC members, as well as to members of the four other Hawaii Island Outdoor Circle branches. Seating is limited at this popular event and all are encouraged to RSVP at the earliest opportunity.

Contact Terri Meyers at 883-9284 or Jeanne Moore at 883-2705 for more information or Irene Soloway at 883-2892 to make a donation to the Silent Auction.

UH, Others Visit Dryland Forest Recovery Project

Lance 'Mahi' La Pierre, UH Manoa, and friends toured the Dryland Forest Recovery project in December, collecting leaf samples from the Uhiuhi (*Caesalpinia kavaiense*) for genetic research.

Mahi, who has been studying the Uhiuhi for two years, is writing his thesis about this unique tree.

Traditional uses of the dark dense wood included fishing weights (it's so dense it sinks in water), sled (holua) rails, weapons and digging tools (o'o sticks).

Joan Yoshioka, another attendee and State Plant Extinction Prevention

(PEP) Coordinator, is interested in this endangered tree because there are so few – less than 50 – designating the species as seriously close to extinction in the wild. One of the threats to the Uhiuhi's survival is man himself. Many of our trees have chain saw scars and several stumps have been found where the whole tree has been harvested.

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Samuel M. 'Ohukani'ōhi'a Gon, Ph.D., Senior

Scientist / Cultural Advisor for The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and Joel Lau, renowned botanist, also trekked across the a'a for a close-up visit with the Uhiuhi.

The Wiliwili are putting on an astounding display. Flush with lovely, new leaves, most of them free of the gall wasp, they look more beautiful than ever. Their recent near death experience (the attack of the erythrina gall wasp) isn't over, but they do appear to be fighting back. Look for them on both sides of Waikoloa Road when you are driving makai of the Village.

Charity Tree Entry a Winner



For the second year in a row, WVOC placed in the Charity Tree Event at the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel. In the December Holiday Season of 2006, the WVOC entry "Starlight on Snow" received two thousand dollars for second place. White bougainvillea represented snow and silver painted seedpods from the autograph tree were imaginative stars.

This year's presentation, "Wood Rose Fantasy", garnered third place out of 30 entries and won a one thousand dollar prize for WVOC. Wood roses harvested from properties in the Village were garnished with rose netting and faux berries to decorate the limbs of an artificial blue spruce.

Finishing touches of tiny white lights and crystal

garlands brought sparkle to this beautiful tree.

Kudos to Jacqueline Koscil for her designs and many thanks to her team, Norma Edelman, Jan Reardon, Roberta Ahrens, and Ruth Bernstone who helped set up the tree and also remove it from the hotel lobby.

Mahalo to each member and friend who voted and helped bring WVOC to the winner's circle.

WVOC - Helping Fulfill Waikoloa's Dreams

All WVOC Members are invited to participate in a **Planning for the Future** forum on **February 23, 2008**, at **9:00 AM** in the WVA meeting room. The purpose of this meeting is to determine both short- and long-term goals for the WVOC.

Sara Peck of the UH Sea Grant Extension Service and the facilitator for the Waikoloa Steering Committee of the Kohala Community Development Plan process has

agreed to assist us by facilitating this meeting.

Bring your wildest dreams – do you want walking trails, bike paths, dog parks, a water park for children, community parks and edible gardens?

And bring your fund-raising ideas for these dreams . . . a thrift shop, grants?

Refreshments will be provided.

Annual Meeting Well Attended

Over 50 members and their guests attended the Waikoloa Village Outdoor Circle's Annual Meeting, held at the Paniolo Greens' Clubhouse on December 9th.

Special guest Ilona Haggerty, who worked for the original developer of Waikoloa and was one of the first homeowners in Waikoloa Village, was present to "talk story" about the Village, including the fact that the Village was master planned to include

10,000 acres of Open Space surrounding it for the benefit of its residents.

Thank you to Jeanne Moore for meeting planning and to Marjorie Mrasek for her help throughout the year.

A very special Mahalo to Jenni Long, WVOC's 2007 president, for the excellent guidance she provided during her tenure and best wishes as she relocates to the mainland.

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 9, 11:30 AM
Luncheon / Style Show / Silent Auction, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel

Feb. 23, 9:00 AM
Planning for the Future Forum, WVA Meeting Room

May
WVOC's 10th Anniversary Celebration and Conference

Oct / Nov
Plant Sale

December 7, 4:00 PM
Annual Meeting

The WVOC Board meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM in the WVA meeting room. All members are welcome to attend.

Landscape Award

The Waikoloa Village Outdoor Circle, in partnership with the Waikoloa Village Association, is seeking nominations for a Landscape Award to be presented to a deserving residence in Waikoloa Village.

A certificate will be awarded in recognition of outstanding landscape effort and design. With the permission of the property owner, a sign announcing the award may be placed on the property for a limited time.

Nomination forms are available at the Association offices. Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2008.

New Park Named

Wiliwili Park was chosen as the name for the new park located at the corner of Paniolo Avenue and Lua Kula Street.

Mike Haskins of Pure Paradise Landscaping took this barren corner and made it into a focal point for our Village with an innovative design to

complement the relocated Wiliwili tree.

Everyone who comes into our community, visitors and residents alike sees Wiliwili Park. The improvements serve to further enhance the entrance to Waikoloa Village that begins with the beautifully landscaped

Dan Aldridge
 Scott Carter
 Noreen Chun
 Ron & Roxie Freitas
 Sally Jane Mazzarella
 Kathleen McCann
 Carolyn Pellett
 AJ Pendleton
 Grace & Cole Salera
 Bernadette & Les Seto
 Terry Warner & Lisa Yee
 Bernie & Gloria Weisgerber
 Heidi Wilson

median strip on Waikoloa Road. The corner is also a tasteful setting for *our* Wiliwili tree.

Whether just driving by or walking through and lingering, all enjoy Waikoloa's newest park.

Welcome New Members

Volunteers Needed:

Waikoloa Dryland Forest Recovery Project:
 Grant Writers
 Volunteer Coordinator
 Field Work
 Office Assistant
 Dry Forest Rangers
 Coordinator
 Water & Supplies Deliveries
 (4-wheel drive required)

Beautification Committee
 (includes Median Strip oversight)

Fundraising Committee

Events Coordinators for:
 Plant Sale, Rummage Sale,
 Charity Tree
 May 2008 Conference /
 Workshop

Recycling pick-up and delivery

Website Design

Contact Beverley Brand:
 808.883.3362
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Waikoloa Median - Mahalo to Many

Oversight and maintenance of the landscaping and irrigation in the Waikoloa Road median strip is a never-ending battle with weeds, wind and water. Just in the past month, high winds uprooted two trees and a burst irrigation line, though quickly repaired, resulted in unforeseen water loss.

WVOC would like to thank the following:

- The "**Water Angels**", who have made donations to the WVOC to help offset the cost of irrigation water. We always need more Water Angels!
- The **Waikoloa Village Golf Course Maintenance Crew**, who saw and reported the irrigation leak.

- **Herb McElvey**, who maintains the irrigation system and repaired the broken irrigation line.
- **Mike Hooser and friends**, who replanted the uprooted Shower tree.
- **Dave Crosby**, who keeps the landscaping looking beautiful.
- **Waikoloa Village Association**, for their continued support.

Lastly, mahalo nui loa to WVOC charter member **Colette Cobb**, who spearheaded the original median strip renovation and who has overseen landscaping maintenance for the last 10 years. Colette is now stepping aside in this capacity and the WVOC is looking for someone who can fill some very large shoes.

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WVOC will do your Recycling

The WVOC is offering a recycling program for its members. Simply drop off your recyclables, including aluminum, glass, news-paper, white paper, cardboard and plastic, at 68-3720 Lua Hoana Place on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Recyclables should be separated into the following categories:

- Redeemable Aluminum Beverage Containers
- Redeemable Glass Beverage Containers
- Redeemable Plastic Beverage Containers
- Other glass containers and jars
- Other plastics such as milk jugs

- Paper (mixed OK)
- Cardboard (broken down)

First time users should call 883-3362 for directions and information on storage area location.

Pick-ups can be arranged for those unable to deliver.

About Our Organization...

Waikoloa Village Outdoor Circle, chartered on May 14, 1998, is one of 13 branches of The Outdoor Circle, a statewide organization formed in the early 1900's to rid Hawaii

of billboards. "Clean, green and beautiful" is our mantra.

WVOC accomplishments include landscaping and maintenance of the

Waikoloa Road median strip, beautification of the Wiliwili Park and inception of the Waikoloa Dryland Forest Recovery Project.

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