

Pu‘uhonua ‘o Wai‘anae

Wai‘anae is a place with a deep history that goes well beyond what the everyday person knows today. It is a place that is located on the leeward side of O‘ahu and has historically provided an abundance to the people of O‘ahu.

Mainly known for its coastline, the marine life in Wai‘anae thrive in productivity, serving as a safe haven for many species of marine life including a multitude of fish, dolphins, whales, coral reefs, and turtles. The name means *mullet of water*.

Since statehood, Wai‘anae has been known to house the poor working class, and has been given an awful reputation of being a bad neighborhood to live in, despite it being safer than 69% of America’s places to live.

In recent years, residents have grown tired of the state’s lack of investment into this area, and have chosen to invest in their own neighborhood, as Hawaiian tradition has historically been. Today, the Wai‘anae Coast is busy with common+unity initiatives to restore and preserve this important landscape, and in building together for future generations. It is in a place like Wai‘anae, where great strides in environmental and community restoration will advance and set precedence for other communities to follow.



Kingdom Pathways has made several partnerships with other community agencies, and in a couple of weeks will be hosting a myriad of events. The event poster above talks about the pruning of hau [*Hibiscus tiliaceus*]. Let’s look at some of the shrub’s historical uses:

- Cordage for hauling, canoes, gourds, bow strings, and more
- Hula skirts
- Sewing kapa, as well as kapa itself
- As a strainer for making ‘awa and coconut cream

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These are *our* communities

Community Interviews

Georgia Pinsky was born and raised in Maui's North Shore community. Her father was known for his political activism for decades, and the family has contributed quite a bit to Maui's community.

After college, Georgia went on to attend a farm program that enhanced her agricultural skills and brought her to a position to teach those skills to others, resulting in her involvement with several entities that promote food security for our community.

Having recently become a new mother, instead of forfeiting her position to that of which stays at home to shelter a baby, Georgia chose to bring her baby to learn how to live as one with the land through firsthand experience. Her family's continued involvement with agro-economic diversity and in common unity with the environment and people of Maui has notably uplifted our farming community in a multitude of facets. Georgia's support for policies pertaining to the support of local farmers has abundantly blessed many.



Georgia stands in solidarity with the environment, with the community of Maui, and with the greater concept of food security overall.

She is well known to generate farming networks that help one another, including the Maui Family Farm Training Network.

She can be found on facebook, in farming groups, and in Maui's community on any day, and welcomes anyone who is interested in becoming part of a larger network.



Aloha 'Āina 'Ohana

Joseph K Simpliciano, Jr

Simpliciano, Joseph, K., Jr



Aloha, I am a father, a Lineal Descendant, a Waianae High School graduate, a very proactive member of our community and a retired infantryman who has served 5 tours to Iraq and Afghanistan. I know how to implement solutions to our community issues. Our coast

should be an area where families can thrive and not be held prisoner in our own community. Lets work together, I'd be honored to serve again.

O`ahu also has leaders who work in the community daily, and are stepping up in governance, at every opportunity to make O`ahu a better place to live. If you live in Honolulu, please cast your vote for Joseph Simpliciano. See page 4
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WHY VOTE?

- 6 of 7 sitting Native Hawaiian state legislators from O`ahu started in elected office on a neighborhood board.
- With 497 candidates running for over 400 seats, this is the largest single opportunity to elect new leaders in Hawaii's political calendar.
- Every vote matters. In the 2019 neighborhood elections, four separate races ended as ties and were decided by lottery.

TRY VOTE!

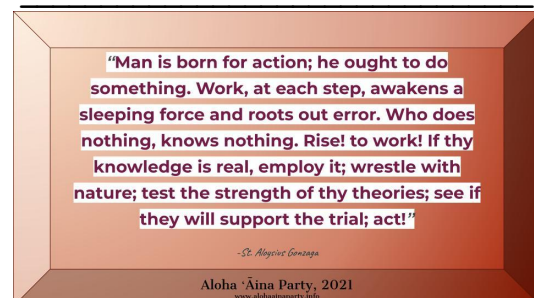
- Did you vote in the 2020 General Election? You're automatically registered.
- Check your mail for your voting passcode and vote online at www2.honolulu.gov/nbe.

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In a previous edition, we discussed with you the history of Pōka'i Bay. This event will take us one step closer toward the beautification process and restoration of that sacred site. For more information on events in this area, please visit www.kingdompathways.info to learn more.

To register for the Poka'i Bay Street and Lualualei Beach Park Cleanup on Saturday, July 24, 2021 8am-2pm Please visit www.kingdompathways.info



One Common+Unity One People

Interviews in the community:
Pūlama Long

Aloha, 'o wau o Pūlama Long. I am the owner of Honi Hala. A business centered around the perpetuation of ulana lauhala (traditional weaving). I am a Kanaka Maoli born and raised in Washington state. At 18 years old I returned to my ancestral lands, Hawai'i, to reconnect with family and culture. I went to Hilo Community college studying 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Hawaiian Mythology, and hula. I then transferred and received my Bachelor of Arts from the Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where many professors inspired me on my journey to become an 'āina-based teacher.

I have been weaving lauhala for over ten years. I first learned ulana lauhala by supporting my friend turn Kumu, Lufi Luteru, and my brother-in-law, Ka'ohu Seto in a series of community weaving workshops that taught hīna'i weaving for the repatriation of 'iwi kūpuna. These workshops took place throughout the year between 2008-9. Lufi and Ka'ohu were my first teachers. Both Lufi and Ka'ohu were taught by Kumu Maile Andrade and Auntie Gwen Kamisugi. Ka'ohu also learned from his father, Duncan Ka'ohu Seto, who learned from Auntie Gladys Grace among other ulana masters. Ka'ohu Jr. also learned directly from Auntie Gladys. Lufi, in addition to Kumu Maile Andrade, Lufi developed her practice through the teachings of master craftsman, Bill Keoua Nelson and other Hawai'i and



Pacific weavers. Lufi and Ka'ohu's teachings have been foundational to my approach as a weaver to practice this art with the greatest intention, purpose, and care.

I have continued to develop my skills through daily practice, attending weaving conferences, and studying mo'olelo and mele. In 2018, I coordinated my first weaving workshop series that was open to the community. Since then, I have conducted numerous weaving workshops in the community. I have shared my passion of weaving with charter schools, Project Kuleana, Purple Mai'a, University of Hawai'i, and D.O.E teachers. Aside from teaching I also sell woven products online honi hala.bigcartel.com.

I hope in ten years I will have a solid platform to share cultural knowledge across educational disciplines that instill the necessary values, aloha, and intellectual fostering, building healthy relationships personally and communal between people and 'āina. participants within the wisdoms of kūpuna, transforming new insights into woven art pieces.

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I am committed to creating a sustainable business that is driven by community investment and to teach ulana lauhala in ways that immerse participants within the wisdoms of kūpuna, transforming new insights into woven art pieces.

If you are interested to see more of the work I do please visit Honi Hala's website honi hala.bigcartel.com. If you also feel that our work is aligned and would like to collaborate please email myself at honikealahala@gmail.com



Mahiku A'o Mai
Food Security Services

A newly installed company called Mahiku A'o Mai is currently being established in Maui's East end and aims to utilize food security activities to heal our youth.

For more information on this project, please visit their website at www.kahalemahiku.com.

CNA Training Program Class

During Covid, we needed you.

CNA Hawai'i Institute

provides a wealth of assistance in starting your own career in the medical field.

New classes are forming now. Scholarships are available through various organizations and the school can help you get that.

<http://cnahawaiiinstitutellc.com/>

KKCR: Living Sovereign

How do you live sovereignly? What is a living sovereign? These questions and many more can be answered if you tune into Living Sovereign with Aunty Puanani Rogers on the first Monday of every month at KKCR Radio, Kaua'i.

Tune in here, at this link:

<https://www.kkcr.org/onair/genre/hawaiian-sovereignty/>



Maui 'Ohana Gardens is an initiative of Food Security Hawai'i, a local non-profit dedicated to long-term regenerative local food solutions. Sign up at www.mauiohanagardens.com for updates on webinars, workshops, tree give-aways, and seedling subscription service.



Double Portion Supply is a locally owned business that has made many hats, banners, decals, and other products for a number of years, for the Hawaiian community. Check out their latest styles and order yours today at:

www.doubleportionsupply.com

Big Island, Big Futures

M&M Recycling

On Moku 'o Keawe, there are a pair of little people with big goals.



Full of ambition, the children wanted to earn their own trampoline to enjoy the rewards of learning about work ethic.

Close to hitting their first goal, the kids will continue to reach new goals to earn their futures. They will become strong leaders in the community one day. Kudos M&M!

To learn more about this dynamic duo, please visit their group at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/207031657896189>

Supporting Futures

Meet Okalii Kawaakoa



Okali'i is a student of Baldwin High School on Maui and is an aspiring Sumo Wrestler. After assuring high performance in school, Okali'i is committed to his family first, and has been spending an enormous amount of time dedicated to training to become a Sumo Wrestler. He needs your help in reaching his goals, through support and donation toward his travel and lodging to attend the Sumo Stable after graduation next year.

To learn more, please visit Okali'i's fundraiser at:

<https://verticalraise.com/fundraiser/bhzdu3nmtvnjtfun/>

Donate on Paypal at
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Moments of Mo‘olelo

Inspired by Questions of the Political History of Hawai‘i

Important Figures that Shaped Local History

Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster was a woman of Hawaiian, French and British bloodlines who was a close friend to Queen Lili‘uokalani during the time of the illegal military invasion upon ‘Iolani Palace and the Hawaiian Kingdom. Born in 1844, she grew up when the ABCFM Ministry stopped paying the missionaries, and when they decided that they now needed to own land. Unfortunately, much like any other native culture, land was based upon tenureship, not ownership. These events happened during Kauikeaouli’s reign as Kamehameha III.

The struggles led to the Great Mahele, of great land division, that preserved a great portion of land in Hawai‘i for native people, whose country was being quickly manipulated by the children of the missionaries, who were more concerned with corporate holdings, than the teachings of their missionary parents. This happened when Mary was a child.

In 1860, at sixteen years of age, Mary married Thomas Foster, who left her as a wealthy widow by the age of forty-five, just after they acquired some property from Mr Hillebrand - a German physicist who made medical contributions in Hawai‘i. Hillebrand was also a known botanist and sold his land to the Fosters, thus the land later becoming the Foster Botanical Gardens.



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Just two months after the illegal military invasion by the U.S. Navy, Mary Foster was elected as the honorary President of the Hui Aloha ‘Āina o Nā Wāhine, or the Women’s Hui Aloha ‘Āina. Her mission was to support her country, but when the trauma of the political events affected her committee, causing too much turmoil, Mary left the position, later becoming the first Hawaiian Buddhist and travelling the world. She used philanthropy to help educate her people, as well as to help many other causes worldwide. Locally, one her largest and final accomplishments was to work with Henry Maui to purchase and return land to her people, to prevent foreign investors from leaving her people without a home in their native land.

July 4th in Hawai‘i



Do you light up fireworks on July 4th?

Here are three reasons that you might want to reconsider:

1. The fireworks are toxic to the food that we eat. It is terrible for the environment, especially sea life.
2. Everything we do affects those around us. Animals and Veterans, among babies and others, are sensitive to the violent cracks that light up the sky.
3. July 4th is the day that the evil people who threatened to commit genocide against the Hawaiian people, solidified their horrible feat by declaring Hawai‘i a national Republic on July 4, 1894.

The day has just one more significance that marks the critical destruction of the Hawaiian Kingdom. There is one final meaning in Hawai‘i that is not widely known. That is July 4, 1960: the day that the U.S. added the 50th star to their national flag as a symbol of victory over Hawai‘i, and loss of identity of the true Hawaiian people.