

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium

January 13 – “Kilauea’s Eruption: An Exciting Twenty-six Years” Kilauea’s prodigious East Rift Zone eruption marked its 26th anniversary on January 3, 2009. During the eruption’s early years, spectacular lava fountains spewed episodically from the Pu’u ‘O’o vent, followed by two decades of continuous lava flows that built a vast plain of pāhoehoe. Over time, lava flows buried a huge section of the volcano’s south flank and built hundreds of acres of new land along the island’s coastline. In 2008, while the East Rift Zone continued to produce lava streams to the sea, a surprise eruptive vent opened in Halema’uma’u Crater at Kilauea’s summit. Join USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory geologist Tim Orr to hear the latest about Kilauea’s two eruptions.

January 20 – “The Three Mountain Alliance Reaches Out” The Three Mountain Alliance (TMA) is an extraordinary partnership of nine federal, state and private partners which coordinates management of more than a million acres of the island’s best native forests. Once known as ‘Ola’a - Kilauea Partnership, this ground-breaking watershed alliance includes Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park and the state’s Natural Area Reserves System (NARS). Along with protecting precious native forests and endangered species, the Three Mountain Alliance offers community members outstanding opportunities to learn about our unique ecosystems and help protect them. Join TMA Outreach and Education Coordinator Mililani Browning and NARS Outreach and Education Specialist Colleen Cole to learn about planned educational programs and hands-on work projects underway.

January 27 – “Walk on the Wild Side of Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park” Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park’s 323,431 acres offer over 150 miles of trails traversing seven different ecological zones from sea level to 13,667 feet elevation. Our sprawling park includes extensive wild places protected under the Wilderness Act of 1964 and experienced by those who venture into the backcountry. John Muir wrote, “All Nature’s wildness tells the same story: the shocks and outbursts of earthquakes, volcanoes, thundering waves and floods, the silent uproot of sap in plants, the orderly, beauty-making love-beats of Nature’s heart.” Backcountry Ranger Nainoa Keana’aina inspires your next adventure with an armchair tour of our park’s diverse Wilderness Areas.

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