



The Voice

of the Volcano Community Association



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July Fourth Mahalo

The Volcano Community Association would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the volunteers and participants to the Fourth of July's Parade and Craft Fair.

Parade chair person Jim Mitchell would like to send special thanks to Adam Jacobstein, Betsy Mitchell and Suzi Bond for helping out with the planning and implementation of the parade. Also to Mary Brewer who was responsible for getting the flatbed truck for us from Mr. K's Recycling.

We were proud to have Kupuna Ray Fuhrman serve as our grand marshal. He was driven by Rotary President Kevin LeBourdais in a snazzy red convertible. It was also great to see the Hawai'i County Band in their red palaka shirts appearing in our parade!

The Pride of Volcano Craft Fair had over 30 vendors and we thank all who came by to support our local crafts people in the Carlson Court. Proceeds from the various events will go towards community affairs and initiatives. Thank you for making the event such a community happening.



Volcano Community Association Mission Statement

To improve and protect the quality of life in Volcano, County and State of Hawaii, on behalf of all residents of the area. To promote the social and educational advancement, increase recreational opportunities, ensure health, protect natural environment, and develop community spirit. Also, it will undertake any consonant project the community may be moved to assign to it. However, it will remain nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Volcano Heritage Days

The Heritage Day Project was created by the Volcano Community Association to celebrate the richness and diversity of the many people who make up our community. We plan to provide a different event to the public quarterly. Our first event will be Japanese Heritage Day on August 8th from 1:30 to 3:30pm at Cooper Center's Carlson Court and will focus on Bon Dancing and Taiko traditions here in Hawaii. We are planning taiko and dancing demonstrations along with Japanese foods (andagi, yaki soba, peanut butter mochi, saimin, yaki niku, etc.) and Japanese inspired crafts (kimono, quilts, cards, jewelry and more).

The next Heritage Day will be on October 30th and will focus on the Portuguese contribution to Hawaiian music, the ukulele. Puna resident and well-known guitar craftsman, Bob Gleason will give an overview on how to make an ukulele with a discussion on the kinds of woods used in ukulele making. He invites people to bring their instruments and he will give advice on instrument repair and preservation. The session will begin at about 1:00 at the Cooper Center. At 3:00pm will be Kanikapila (music and singing) with Wes Awana and Friends. Heritage Day events are free and open to the public.



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Volcano Coquistadores 2009 Season Report

Location	# coqui captured
Hawaii Volcanoes NP	169
Golf Course Subd.	17
Volcano Vill./Cymb. Acres	118
Mauna Loa Estates	63
Ohia Estates	42
Royal Hawaiian Estates	118
Hawaiian Orchid Isle Est.	57
Fern Forest (top)	12
TOTAL for 2009 season	596

Recently the VCA contributed \$500 toward the Coquistadores which is how your contributions to the VCA are going to address neighborhood issues and concerns. Your VCA dollar at work!

coqui website: www.volcano-coqui.org
coqui hotline: 443-4023



Love the bright new colors on the playground benches at Cooper Center? If you've got some extra time and would like to help, come put extra coats of those paints on, anytime it's not raining. All supplies are at Cooper Center. Just ask Barbara Toles between 8-12 Monday through Friday or call Adam Jacobstein at 967-7165 for more information. Mahalo!

Why Are Coqui Frogs a Problem in Hawai'i?

The coqui frog was accidentally introduced into Hawai'i from Puerto Rico in about 1988. Aside from being a major noise nuisance, the frogs pose a threat to Hawai'i's island ecosystem. Coqui frogs have a voracious appetite that puts Hawai'i's unique insects and spiders at risk. They can also compete with endemic birds and other native fauna that rely on insects for food. The frogs are quite adaptable to the different ecological zones and elevations in the state and have been found from sea level to 4,000 feet elevation (at sites in Volcano on Hawai'i). Scientists are also concerned that an established coqui frog population may serve as a readily available food source if (or when) brown tree snakes are accidentally introduced in Hawai'i. (from UH College of Tropical Agriculture website: www.cthar.hawaii.edu)

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NITE AT COOPER CENTER

Second Friday – August 13th at 7:00pm

"Lost Horizons" Ever wonder about Shangri-La? This classic movie is the story of Shangri-La where life is beautiful, peaceful and people don't age. If you have never seen this movie you have missed a magical experience.

Fourth Friday – August 27th at 7:00pm

"King of California" A funny and heart warming story starring Michael Douglas and his adventure with his daughter to discover lost Spanish gold in modern day California.