



The Voice

of the Volcano Community Association



September 2010

Japanese Heritage Day - Dōmo Arigatō

On Sunday, August 8th, 2010 the VCA presented its first Japanese Heritage Day. The sound of the huge taiko drums reverberating through Carlson Court was truly amazing and energizing. Thank you Troy Sakihara and Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko for your fabulous performance. Thank you also to Jane Heit and the Tsukikage Odori Kai for their wonderful dancing in their royal blue costumes with the rabbit logo and for teaching us some of the bon dances.

A very special mahalo goes to Tom and Emily Ikehara for organizing the andagi (Okinawan-style doughnut) crew and for buying all the ingredients. Also to Morris and Nancy Nakaishi and Sensei Merrill Kanna of the Hilo Okinawa Cultural Club plus all their club members who did all the andagi cooking and ran the cooked and bagged andagi down to Carlson Court to sell. All the proceeds from the andagi sales were donated to the VCA to help fund more community programs and events.

Mahalo to Adrian Hinden, you did a great job running the PA System for us. Also to Dorena Bennett and Don Barnes of the Minihunes Miniature Club who created the Japanese display with the yagura tower and miniature room box scenes and to Fung Irvine for bringing her beautiful bonsai.

Dōmo Arigatō Gozaimashita (thank you very much) Rev. Earl Ikeda of Puna Hongwanji for the blessing.

A special mahalo goes out to all the wonderful VCA volunteers who came to carry, haul, setup and break down all the tables, chairs and equipment: Jenny and Tim Orr, Cheryl Crabtree, Linda Quarberg, David Wallerstein, Jim Mitchell, Mary Brewer and others

who lent a hand on the spot, including the nice lady who swept the court for us (Aya?).

Thank you to our Fabulous Food Vendors: Don and Mililani Hughes (saimin, yakiniku, yakitori, mochi and drinks) and Jim Mitchell (yakisoba) and everyone who helped them including Mary Brewer and David Wallerstein. Also to Victoria Williams for managing the andagi cash box for us.

Thank you so much to our Craft Vendors who really helped make this event so festive:

Marge Elwell - sky lanterns, towels, cards, books
Sha Hua - baby futons, zabuton, gifts
Betty Ann Yoshimura - handmade cards
Fung Irvine - fine jewelry
Jenny Winch - kimonos, bags, jewelry

Submitted by Sher Glass.



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.

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Building community since 1980

Sunday, Sept. 19
3pm -5pm
Cooper Center



Building Resilient & Self Sufficient Communities Hawaii: The Hazard & Risk, Are You Ready?

Life is uncertain but we don't have to be. Sunday afternoon Sept 19th from 3:00PM to 5:00PM at Volcano Cooper Center learn all you need to know about being prepared for disasters large or small. Get the latest information and strategies from: Hawaii Co. Civil Defense, Civilian Emergency Response Team(CERT), Red Cross, HI Police Department Neighborhood Watch, & the Humane Society.

Did you know Hawaii County is the #1 location in the United States for potential multiple disasters? Living in the middle of the Pacific Ocean 2500 from the nearest land is wonderful, but challenging. We know we have to be resilient and self-sufficient. Learn what we need to do to be prepared for ourselves and our neighbors. All Welcome! By Mary Brewer VCA Board

Recycle HI-5 to Support Volcano Projects

Now there is an easy way to financially support the Volcano community. Help fund needed programs at Cooper Center and VCA by donating your HI-5 recyclable cans, plastic and glass at Mr K's Recycle & Redemption Center 815 Kinoole Street in Hilo; open 7 days a week from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

The 6 cents per can and 5 cents per plastic or glass bottles add up fast. It's easy and efficient. Just take your HI-5 bottles and cans to Mr K's and tell them it is a donation for Volcano Cooper Center or Volcano Community Association. You will get a receipt for your taxes and CCC & VCA will receive needed funds to support their Volcano projects and maintain facilities.

For very small amounts donate by dropping HI -5 containers (only) in our blue recycle receptacles at Cooper Center during Farmers Market, Free Fri. Movie Nite or other events. Get together with your friends to pool your containers and take turns going to Hilo. Mahalo and Reduce-Reuse-Recycle! Submitted by Mary Brewer, VCA.

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NITE

2ND FRIDAY SEPT 10TH AT 7:00 PM

"HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY"

"Don't Panic!" Seconds before the earth is destroyed to make way for a new hyperspace express route, mild-mannered Arthur Dent is whisked into space by his best friend. And so the adventures begin for he and fellow travelers as they search for answers to the mysteries of the Universe. "It's bloomin' brilliant" One of the funniest movies you will ever see.

4TH FRIDAY SEPT 24TH AT 7:00 PM

"FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN"

Academy Award winners, John Voight and Ellen Burstyn bring to life the New York Times best seller by Mitch Albom. Praised for its genuine power to stir and comfort, this story explores the unexpected mysteries of the afterlife by reminding us what really matters here on earth. Don't miss this one.

FREE Family Movies with affordable 50 cent sodas and 50 cent hot buttered popcorn. Redeem your HI-5 cans and bottles for a truly free evening.