

Aloha LKOC Members,

In this fall season of giving thanks, I wanted to reflect a moment on two exceptional Outdoor Circle members who have left a significant legacy we all can be thankful for. They each gave so much of themselves during their time with us, and their memory has left a lasting impression in our hearts.

Annetta Kinnicutt, who passed away this past summer, was an inspiration to many in the Windward Community and in particular for Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC). She was the lead teacher for our LKOC Learning to Grow program at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) where, for years, week in and week out, she nurtured the students and taught them to look for the beauty in nature as well as in themselves. She truly changed the lives of so many of her students, and her legacy lives on in the success of this program. She was a remarkable woman, and we will always remember her fondly as a mentor, a teacher, an artist, a poet, and a friend. She cared deeply about our community and was passionate about preserving and enhancing the environment around us. In her memory, we have established the LKOC Learning to Grow Fund to support the program at WCCC that was so dear to her heart.



Christine Snyder, whose life was tragically cut short on September 11, 2001, was an inspiration to so many at The Outdoor Circle where she was the Program Manager and Arborist for six years before her untimely death. She was instrumental in planting and preserving trees across the Islands, and her warmth, vitality, and passion touched so many lives. Christine was a “Kailua girl” who graduated from Kalaheo High School. In her honor, The Outdoor Circle established the Christine Snyder Education Fund which, over the years, has been used to promote tree planting and to educate the next generation of our environmental stewards. Her legacy lives on in the many tree planting projects she initiated as well as in our hearts.

Both of these remarkable women personify The Outdoor Circle and our mission of preserving Hawaii's natural beauty and environment for future generations. Both inspired us to look beyond ourselves and see the beauty and joy in nature. We all have much to be thankful for as a result of their efforts, and we at LKOC are proud to continue their work as we move forward in our second century of keeping Hawaii clean, green and beautiful!

Mahalo from all of us!

Diane Harding, President, LKOC

Public Affairs: Kawainui-Hamakua Complex Master Plan Comment Deadline Oct. 24, 2016



The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) and the Division of State Parks (DSP) are moving ahead with plans to develop 24.5% of the riparian area of the marsh. In addition to modern buildings, septic systems, parking lots, and pavilions, miles of trails and footpaths will be cleared, some 10-12 feet wide. The state, entrusted with the protection of endangered water bird habitat, cultural artifacts, water quality, and flood control, justifies this development using the argument that modern facilities and a “permanent cultural presence” are needed in order to provide restoration, stewardship, and educational opportunities. DSP plans an Educational Center and says recreation and public access in protected areas are required because sites were purchased using Land Water Conservation Funds (LWCF). A quick read of pages 2-22 to 2-46 will show you what they propose.

Can cultural activities, education, restoration and public access occur without modern buildings, septic systems, and parking lots in the riparian area of the marsh? Are there alternatives? Are all LWCF lands the same and if not, can significant wetlands and riparian areas be given special protection?

In 2011, the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle unanimously passed a Resolution opposing human access to the marsh other than what was necessary for wetland restoration, archaeological study, public education, maintenance, flood control, and security. We continue to support ongoing cultural landscape restoration and cultural protocol and access by cultural practitioners.

For a copy of the UPDATED MASTER PLAN, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and where to send testimony go to: <http://www.hhf.com/kawainui/> Or send testimony by email to Ronald Sato: rsato@hhf.com; or call [\(808\) 457-3172](tel:8084573172). The DEADLINE FOR COMMENT IS OCTOBER 24!

TOC Kupuna Awards

At its recent Annual Membership Meeting, The Outdoor Circle (TOC) was pleased to honor two of our exceptional LKOC members for their dedication and commitment to the mission of our organization. Joan Fleming (on the left below), past LKOC president, and Margaret Brezel (on the right), past Chair of the LKOC/WCCC Learning to Grow Project, were honored with certificates for their outstanding service over the years. We are so proud to have their efforts and dedication recognized in this way. The Outdoor Circle Executive Director Winston Welch presented the awards to these most deserving recipients.



WCCC Learning to Grow in the News

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) and the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) have been in the news recently. The Learning to Grow program that LKOC initiated in the year 2008 at WCCC is now providing a source of hydroponic lettuce at Foodland stores in Kailua, Beretania, Market City, Aina Haina, and now the new Ala Moana store. This new venture was featured in several print media and on a news segment by Paula Akana with KITV News.

The Learning to Grow (LTG) program gives certified training in horticulture and hydroponics to the inmates and provides lettuce and herbs for the facility as well as other community organizations including a women's shelter. There are many varieties of lettuce grown such as Manoa, Red Fire, and Muir to name a few, and the type of seed is switched according to the weather (cooler or warmer weather). There are currently five circulating water systems with each system holding 288 heads of lettuce at various stages of growth. The seeds are started in foam cubes and transferred to the water systems. From seed to harvest takes approximately five weeks. The inmates, in partnership with volunteers from LKOC, are involved in all of the jobs which include planting the seeds, dropping the cubes, maintaining and harvesting the plants, and sanitizing the equipment. Profits from the sales of lettuce will go to support the program.



The LKOC volunteers gave special credit to Warden Eric Tanaka and his administrative support for helping the program grow.

The LTG program needs your help. They are looking for volunteer drivers on Wednesdays around 10:30 a.m. who will pick up the lettuce and drop it off at the Foodland locations on Beretania, Market City, Ala Moana, and Aina Haina. And everyone can help this program by going to Foodland and purchasing some lettuce. They are also looking for someone to help organize the Plant Sale at Kailua Elementary School which also benefits the LTG program. Give Terry Beuret (389-0188) or Ann Latham (254-2249) a call if you can help.

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events. Fliers will be mailed with exact details.

Holiday Membership
Luncheon

To Be Announced

WCCC Plant Sale

Sat., Nov. 26, 2016 at
Kailua Elementary School

From 9 – 11 a.m.

25th Annual

I Love Kailua Town Party

Sun., April 30, 2017

Schofield & Wheeler Tree Tour

Nearly twenty years ago, Mary Steiner, the Executive Director of The Outdoor Circle and Christine Snyder the Programs Director/Arborist helped with plans that would create extensive new housing at Schofield Barracks. The housing complex that was created enabled many significant trees to stay in place, and today it is a beautiful neighborhood with magnificent tree-lined streets. Recently, LKOC hosted a group of about twenty interested people who were taken on an Exceptional Tree tour of Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Air Force Base. These two military installations are now home to over five hundred trees on the State's Exceptional Tree register. Agronomist Patrick Ching, Director of Public Works, and Steve Nimz, a noted arborist overseeing the residential trees, guided our tour. As we viewed these exceptional trees, we stood in awe and thought back with gratitude to all those who in previous years went to bat for these marvelous trees, keeping them in place despite new construction and modernization of facilities over the years. It should be noted that The Outdoor Circle provided thousands of trees to Schofield (from 1939 through WW II) for the purposes of beautification, shade, and concealment and most of these are still in place. Patrick Ching had worked with Mary and Christine, and he told us that Christine Snyder was honored at the recent September 11th Memorial for those who died during the September 11th attacks. Christine was aboard Flight 93 that crashed in Shankesville, PA preventing an attack on the U.S. Capitol. She was returning home to Hawaii from an Urban Forest Conference held in New York City.

Editor's note: On 9/11/2001, a group of LKOC members assembled at 9 a.m. at Kalaheo High School to plant a shower tree outside the Communications/Visual Arts Department. It was intended to provide shade for the rooms in gratitude for the students' production of the Frank DeLima video featuring TOC's Mr. Mynah. Those assembled had heard early reports on the Trade Center attack that morning but didn't know Christine Snyder had died in Shankesville. That tree would later be dedicated to Christine who was a Kalaheo High School graduate and an employee of The Outdoor Circle.



This tree was the first designated Exceptional Tree at Schofield. It has small pink flowers with a very pungent odor, thus its name: skunk tree. It is also called Java olive or Indian almond.



This magnificent tree is the only Exceptional monkey pod tree at Schofield. It is seventy years old and its canopy spread is at least eighty feet.

Preserving Our Urban Forest

The magnificent line of monkey pod trees along the center of Kailua Road, fronting Kailua Shopping Center, has been restored with the replanting of a tree that was removed two years ago due to disease. The new tree, though small at this point, is thriving and will soon stand tall with the others.

Several kamani trees along Kuulei Road, fronting Kailua Library and farther up the street, will be removed and replaced with new kamani trees by the City and County. The trees slated for removal are damaging the sidewalk and curb areas and present a liability and safety issue. LKOC supports this effort to preserve the character of the existing kamani tree canopy along this thoroughfare which runs from North Kalaheo to Hamakua Drive.

The Kawainui Marsh levee has long needed maintenance to remove the mangrove and other invasive species that are detrimental to the watershed, water quality, and water flow. The original plan, as put out for bid, included removal of several magnificent tree specimens within the setback on the makai side of the levee. LKOC was able to work with the Kailua Neighborhood Board, the contractor, and city entities to, thankfully, have these trees taken off the removal list.

From February to July of this year, a group of Kailua citizens, including several LKOC members, were trained as "Citizen Foresters" in a pilot tree inventory project in Kailua. This program, in partnership with the Honolulu City & County Department of Urban Forestry, was organized by a variety of groups including participation from The Outdoor Circle. The goal was to map and inventory over 600 trees on public property in Kailua in order to determine their health as well as the environmental and economic benefits trees provide for the community. From the data they gathered, new and replacement planting sites will help increase the urban forest in Kailua.

These are examples of how LKOC, working behind the scenes, continues to partner with City and County officials and others to preserve and increase our urban forest and keep our community green and beautiful.

If you enjoy seeing large beautiful trees in your neighborhood and would feel a loss if they were removed, help us recognize and thank these homeowners for taking the time and care to maintain them for our enjoyment. We recognize that it takes a lot of effort to sustain these trees. Send us the address and type of tree you particularly admire, and we will send the owner an acknowledgment in appreciation. Your nomination will remain anonymous, but we would be happy to include your comments in our thank you. Email us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

Past Events in 2016



I Love Kailua Town Party
in April



Fashion show models with
designer Ginger Leong (middle) at
May annual meeting & luncheon



Fourth of July Parade
Tree of Liberty and
Lei of Aloha



Flashback [*From its beginnings in 1948, LKOC worked at what would later be its slogan: to keep Lani-Kailua Clean, Green and Beautiful.*]

From the Windward Oahu Reporter, Thurs., Oct. 11, **1951**, “Windward Organizations”

It was at the first meeting of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle in May, 1948, that certain aims for the group were outlined by the many women who felt the need for organized work to help beautify this area. These aims were to cooperate with other organizations in community development, to assist in long-range landscaping and planning, and to attempt to remove neighborhood eyesores.

Since that time many committees have worked to bring about such things as a cinder path for school children along Kuulei and Kailua Roads, floats in the annual Fourth of July parades, [brush] clearance of Ulupo Heiau, and educational classes on grafting, plant identification, landscaping and flower arrangement.

A plant exchange has been established for the use of Circle members to encourage landscaping by individual members.

The landscaping committees have to their credit the clearing, planting and maintenance of medial strips and triangles, tree planting on the roadsides of various new subdivisions, and the landscaping of schools and churches.

The neighborhood committees have had the never-ending job of telling the community about laws governing garbage and refuse disposal and to encourage residents to keep garbage containers off the sidewalk and street areas.

Outdoor Circle members have been actively interested in the African snail problem and have entered campaigns to fight sky advertising and the depletion of coconut trees by hat makers.

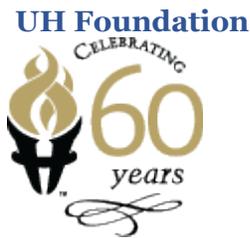
An alert committee helps to control the use of billboards and large signs which could very well ruin the scenic beauty for which Windward Oahu is noted.

Funds to carry on these activities have been derived from the sale of gift wrapping paper, fashion shows, which have now become an annual event around Easter time, and by a supper dance. The Kailua Business Group gave financial assistance in clearing the Kailua medial strip.

Coming Soon - Adopting Kalama Beach Park

LKOC is in the process of adopting Kalama Beach Park (the Boettcher Estate) as an on-going work project to keep the makai side of the building grounds free of invasive plants and replanted with naupaka. If you are interested in volunteering for quarterly work projects there, contact us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.





LKOC Scholarships at WCC

Classes have started back at Windward Community College (WCC) for the 2016-2017 school year. Two students in environmental studies will be receiving \$2,000 each from the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle. The yearly total amount given by LKOC in environmental scholarships is usually \$3,000, but there was an amount left over from last year which was carried forward to this year.

The two recipients of the environmental studies scholarships are Jodie Marek of Haleiwa and Eli Vendiola of Kahuku. Jodie is pursuing a degree in Ethnobotany as well as Hawaiian Studies. After graduating from WCC she is planning to transfer to UH West Oahu to pursue a degree in Sustainable Community Food Systems. Eli is pursuing studies in Sustainability and Natural Resources. After his studies at WCC, he would like to earn a degree from either UH Manoa in Natural Resources and Environmental Management or UH West Oahu in Sustainable Community Food Systems. Malia Peters, Director of Scholarship Development at the University of Hawaii Foundation said, "We can't thank you enough for the difference this support is making for these students."

The WCC Agriculture Program is currently being reassessed, so no scholarships have been awarded yet. Chancellor Doug Dykstra and his team will inform us when a decision is made.

LKOC established the Environmental Scholarship Program in 2007, and we are the only donor for these scholarships. LKOC has been contributing to the Agriculture Scholarship Program since 1993. It was established years before, and there are several groups that donate to the Agriculture scholarships.

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