

# November activities

The Gannenmono floral design at the County Building was erected toward the end of October. Flowers and foliage were refreshed on the Veteran's Day weekend and remained in place through Thanksgiving.

The bamboo structures were donated to the County for use in holiday displays. See page 3 for photos.



2019 Calendar: Congratulations to Jay Takaaze on winning the grand prize for his cover shot of the moon over Waihonu in Lili'uokalani Gardens. Prizes will be presented during the Banyan Drive Art Stroll Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Help from students: UH-Hilo and Master Gardeners joined in efforts to foster the gardens this month. See page 3 for photos.

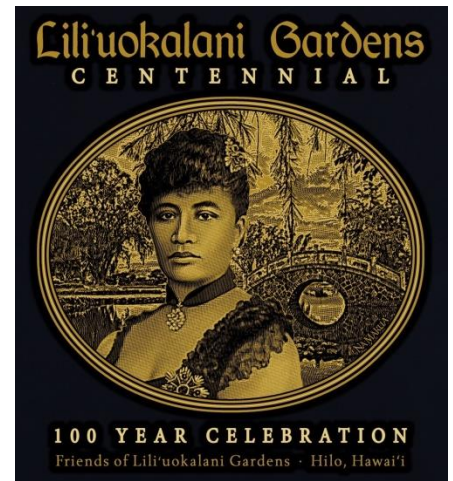
See page 4 for our participation in the Na Makua Christmas Gift Fair at the Afook-Chinen Civic Center.



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## December 2018



### The Magic of the Season

At the County Building on Aupuni Street, Magic of the Season offers free entertainment, refreshments, and a chance to vote for your favorite Christmas tree. All the County departments participate.

Monday through Friday, December 10 through 14, every evening from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. please go see the magic created by County Parks and Recreation Department Culture & Education Division. Canned goods will be collected for Hawaii Island Food Basket.

Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens contributed the bamboo structures used for the Gannenmono floral displays in the County Building and in Lili'uokalani Gardens. The fan shaped floral design was created by Hitomi Gilliam AIFD of Vancouver, BC during the second annual floral design in late October.

Entertainers featured Monday are Christy Lassiter & Friends, Randy Lorenzo & Friends, and Kolea. Tuesday will see Loeka Longakit & Friends, Patio Productions, and Darlene Ahuna & Friends. Wednesday the Puna Men's Choir will perform followed by Hula Halau O Kou Lima Nani 'E, and Ol' School.

Thursday's entertainment includes Times Five, Kris Fuchigami, and The Hawaii County Band. Closing the week Friday will be Hilo High Ambassadors with Wendell Ing, Lori Lei's Hula Studio, and DD and the High Rollers.



## Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens events & partnerships: December +

First Sunday of every month, join Halau LeiManu for maintenance to native Hawaiian plant areas, lei demonstrations, and hula practice, 10 a.m. to noon.

The 2019 photography contest winners calendar is available at Banyan Gallery, Basically Books, and Cunningham Gallery in Hilo and at Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Cost: \$20. Shipping available.



December garden illumination 12/24

Saturday, Jan. 5: volunteer work day 8 – noon

Saturday, Jan. 12: third annual Banyan Drive Art Stroll noon to 6 p.m. throughout the Waiakea peninsula; free admission, plein air artists demonstrations, photographers tours, entertainment, art exhibits, gytaku, door prizes, and more

Saturday Feb. 3: Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival in Waimea

Saturday, Feb. 9: volunteer work day 8-noon

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 19 & 20: pruning workshop with Dennis Makishima; advance registration needed

## Old photos provide clues

At a church social or selling calendars at a Christmas gift fair, we never know when old photos of Lili`uokalani Gardens will show up. They may be a question to the family (Who do I give these to? Does anyone in my family want these pictures?), but to us they are gold.

Here are two examples.



A black pine was planted in 1985 by Prince Hitachi. Visible in the photograph are the Prince and Princess, former Governor John Waihee, Dante Carpenter, and the grower Tatsuji Nagao. (photo courtesy of the Nagao family)



During the 1930s, a lotus pond produced large blooms above the huge leaves. It was destroyed by the 1946 tsunami. In 1955, County Chairman James Kealoha and Tokyo Metropolitan Governor Yasui arranged for 60 seeds from Shinobazu in Ueno Park to restore the pond. (photo courtesy of the Ogata family)



# November Memories –



UH-Hilo students and Master gardeners help with weeding and cleaning chores

The County of Hawai'i presents the  
**2018 "Magic of the Season"**  
December 10th to 14th  
**Holiday Open House**  
at the Hawai'i County Building  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nightly

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
Christy Lassiter & Friends  
Randy Lorenzo & Friends  
Kolea

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
Loeka Longakit & Friends  
Patio Productions  
Darlene Ahuna & Friends

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
Puna Men's Choir  
Hula Hālau O' Kou Lima Nani 'E  
O' School

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Times Five  
Kris Fuchigami  
Hawai'i County Band

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
Hilo High Ambassadors with Wendell Ing  
Lori Lei's Hula Studio  
DD and the High Rollers

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Hawai'i Island Food Basket. Please kōkua.



Magic of the Season makes use of the Gannenmono bamboo structure.



# November memories



Thanks to Nelson Makua, Friends enjoyed a prime spot at the annual Christmas Fair. Many thanks to Gladys and Amy Nishiura, An O'Callaghan, Galyn Williams, and Bill Eger for help setting up, selling, and taking down. We were very busy and grateful for the opportunity.



Coming  
soon

