

## June activities

Thank you Jane Heit, Amy Nishiura and Tsukikage Odorikai for heading up the third annual Obon in the Gardens on Saturday, June 1. For photos, see page 2.

Thank you Historic Hawaii Foundation for the invitation to present projects planned and lessons learned to the preservation workshop in Hilo June 10.

Thank you `Ohelo Brown, Leilehua Yuen and Hilo Lei Day Festival for participation in Kamehameha Day festivities. See page 4 for photos at Wailoa State Park and Mokuola.

Thank you Christine and John Dicapua of New York who took time from their vacation to move sod. See page 3 for photo.

Thank you Thank you Thank you board members , Bert Mukai, and members of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry for continuing friendship with Hiroshima. A new black pine has joined the Sister City Grove. See page 3 for photos.

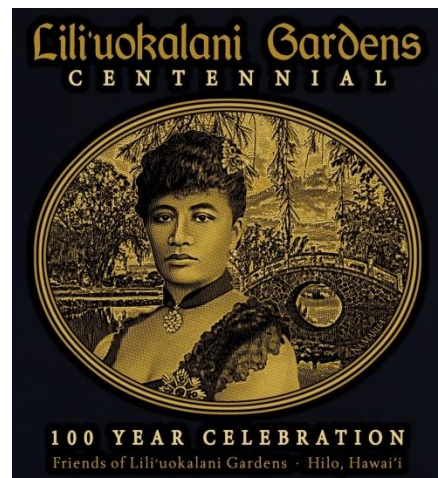
Thank you far-flung friends Takuhiro Yamada, Jake Hobson, and Ebi Kondo for taking time to visit at Kew, Chelsea Flower Show, and Denver Botanic Gardens.



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## Send Aloha to Deployed Soldiers on July 4

Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens will join the Salute to Veterans on Thursday, July 4, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. During the annual Hilo Bay 5 K sponsored by VFW Post 3830, Friends will accept donations of new or gently used Hawaiian shirts and care package items. These will be sent to the Hawaiian Shirts for Deployed Soldiers non-profit effort that already has sent more than 13,000 shirts in the two years since the mission started.

Any size, men's or women's shirt, clean and in good condition will get a thank you note in the pocket and be "Army rolled" for packaging.

Other items of interest to this effort are: thank you notes, packing tape, lip balm, playing cards, forever lei, non-perishable snacks such as macadamia nuts or trail mix, party supplies.

Below: Army rolled shirts

Right: examples of other care package goodies such as lei, playing cards, munchies, and magazines



UPDATE: On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 88 shirts were noted, rolled, and boxed for mailing. A few more shirts were donated after we took down the tent. In all 12 boxes of 94 shirts and other items were mailed.

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

Thursday, July 4: VFW Post 3830 Salute to Veterans at Lili`uokalani Gardens including Hilo Bay 5K run/walk. Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens will have an information table.

Saturday, July 6: 9 a.m. annual cleaning of the ishi doro (stone lantern) by Fukushima Kenjin Kai and tanabata.

Sunday, July 7: Tanabata Festival at Imiloa.

Sunday, July 7: Hilo Lei Day Festival meeting, practice, and garden work 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet in old sumo ring. Brown bag lunch.

Saturday, July 13: Hilo Lions cleanup at the Lions Legacy Project 8 a.m. to noon

Saturday, August 10: AARP Paletas in the Park social and stroll, 10 a.m. to noon

August 24: 8-noon bamboo thinning

Monday, September 2: in 1838, Queen Lili`uokalani was born.

Saturday, September 7: the 20<sup>th</sup> annual He Hali`a Aloha No Lili`uokalani – A Cherished Memory of the Queen will be held in the gardens 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 8: floral design installation 8 a.m. to noon

Wedding vow renewal event noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 21: Walk to End Alzheimer's, registration 7 a.m., Walk 8 a.m. two miles around Lili`uokalani Gardens. To register, go to the web site, Aloha Chapter: [http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/HI-Aloha?fr\\_id=12173&pg=entry](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/HI-Aloha?fr_id=12173&pg=entry)

## Third Annual Obon in the Gardens

Getting set up at the old sumo ring and parking lot, opening blessing, entertainment, dances, lantern scavenger hunt, crafts (photos by Jane Uyeno)





## June memories – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration



To celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their partnership, Higashi Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry joined Hilo's JCC&I to plant a black pine in the Sister City Grove. In the center photo from left to right are: (kneeling) Art Taniguchi (representing Consul General of Japan), Kazunari Ohara (Senior Managing Director HHCCI), Steve Ueda (JCCIH president), Kazuyuki Kihara (Chairperson HHCCI), Mayor Harry Kim, (standing) Donn Mende (Incoming President JCCIH), Etsuko Masada (wife of Councilor Koji Masada HHCCI), Katsuhiko Muneto (Executive Councilor HHCCI), Glenn Miyao (Director, Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens), Tokiko Sasaki (Staff HHCCI), Jan Higashi (Past President JCCIH), Rev. Naohiro Hotta (photos by Laurie Higashi)

## June memories – community partnerships



Left: PowerPoint presentations on Hawaii Island preservation efforts were made at a National Park Service and Historic Hawaii Foundation workshop at UH-Hilo on June 10. Lili'uokalani Gardens was one featured project. The PowerPoint presentations are featured on the Historic Hawaii Foundation web site.

Center: Christine and John Dicapua of New York took a break on their vacation and volunteered to move sod from the Sister City Grove to the Nakamura stone arrangement in the Bicentennial Garden. We have requested that County maintenance not spray in this area to allow the soil to build up around the stone foundations.

Right: K.T. Cannon-Eger and David French sat the information booth at the Hilo Orchid Show, a shared space with Hilo Lei Day Festival.



# June memories – Kamehameha Day



Lei presentation at the Kamehameha statue is organized by Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association. Thank you Kenji Kuroshima for the photo of Ohelo Brown, who made Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens ti leaf lei maile-style, presenting the lei with K.T. Cannon-Eger and Japanese visitors. The plumeria lei in the photo at the right are in memory of the late Jacqueline "Skylark" Rossetti, KS alumna.



Kamehameha Day on Mokuola saw Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens with an information booth next to Hilo Lei Day Festival and presentation of ho'okupu to the Royal Order.



Vacation connections: Takuhiro Yamada of Hanatoyo Landscape was doing some work at RBG Kew Gardens in London. Jake Hobson of Niwaki had a booth at the Chelsea Flower Show. Ebi Kondo still oversees the Japanese garden as well as the vegetable garden at Denver Botanic Gardens.