

Mahalo - Arigato

Many thanks to Stacy, Darren, Jason and all those who pay attention to Lili'uokalani Gardens and all the other County parks every day. Your perseverance is an inspiration.

Thank you to the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Mamalahoa Chapter; Ka `Ahulei O Kamehameha; and Kamehameha Alumni for continuing the tradition (20+ years) of draping lei on the statue of King Kamehameha. All large celebrations were cancelled this year, but a small group continued the protocol of offering honor and respect.

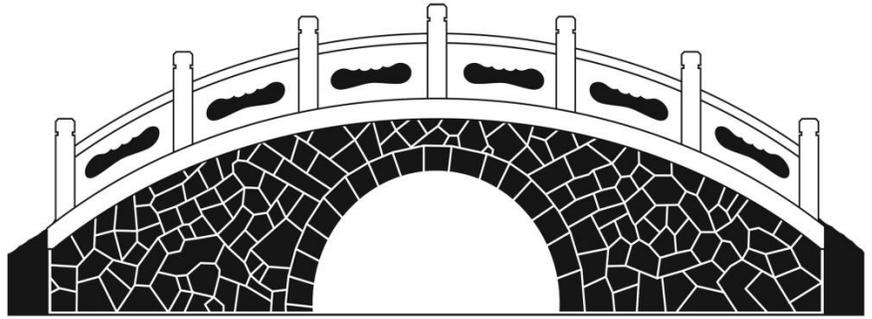
Thank you to the efforts of the County and State to mitigate the impact of little fire ants in our coastal parks. Bi-monthly treatments continue.



Thank you to UH-Hilo marine biologists, Steven Colbert and intern Yukio for continuing water testing on Waihonu.



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Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens

News, Photos, and Calendar Items for

June / July 2020

New Rules Govern Volunteer Efforts

The re-opening of County of Hawai'i public parks to volunteer group activities requires some new rules (through July 31, pending continued good results).

Outdoor activities will be done in groups of 10 with no more than 100 people gathered throughout the park at any time.

Wearing of masks and observing physical distancing is required.

Hand sanitizer will be provided. Sharing of tools will not be allowed.

Bring your own tools from home. Also bring your water bottle.



March, before
and after (left)



June progress
(right)



The last volunteer cleanup was on March 7, during which cycads were cleaned and fertilized.

Fukushima Kenjinkai will gather by the large stone lantern on Saturday, July 11, at 8 a.m. to clean the lantern and observe Tanabata. Advance registration must be done with Winston Towata. Please contact him at wwtowata@hawaiiantel.net or phone 959-0425.

East Hawaii Lions will gather at the Lions Legacy Project in the southern shaded corner of the park on Saturday, July 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. Advance registration is necessary. Please contact Clyde Yoshida cjr100@gmail.com or phone 640-4625 or Melissa Chong easthawaiilions@gmail.com or phone 640-0225.

Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens

events & partnerships: June, July +

Thursday, June 11: Kamehameha Day

Saturday, July 4: VFW run/

Lili`uokalani Gardens 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

cancelled

Saturday, July 11: Tanabata with Fukushima Kenjinkai in Lili`uokalani Gardens. Advance registration necessary. See page 1.

Saturday, July 18: Lions Legacy Project volunteer day 8 a.m. to noon. Advance registration necessary. See page 1.

Sunday, August 9: anniversary of Sister City relationship with Sumoto City (2000)

Wednesday, Sept. 2: Queen Lili`uokalani was born 1838.

Saturday, Sept. 5: He Hali`a Aloha Lili`uokalani the 21st annual birthday festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Lili`uokalani Gardens

To be determined

Sunday, September 13: Hilo Huli Mokuola by Rotary Club of S... Advance tickets necessary.

cancelled

Thursday through Monday, October 8 – 12: Hawaii Floriculture & Nurseries Association 2020 floral design workshop with Hitomi Gilliam. Advance registration necessary.

To be determined

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 28: La Ku`oko`a, Kingdom of Hawai`i Independence Day

All events subject to change due to public health concerns. Please see the Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens Facebook page for up to date information.

Koinobori emphasize Strength and Perseverance

Our Board of Directors decided last month that the annual display of koinobori on the Waiakea peninsula should be put off for a year, given the current public health emergency.

Our collection grew last year to enough koinobori to place at least three on each bamboo pole. This year we were gifted with two sets of very large (9 meters) koinobori and were making plans to suspend some koinobori over the pond at the heart of Lili`uokalani Gardens.

Bert Mukai of the Culture & Education Division of the County's Parks & Recreation Department learned of our decision not to fly koinobori on the Waiakea peninsula this year and asked to borrow the collection.

The display, installed by Bert and Mark, filled the center courtyard at the County Building and was enjoyed by all who could see it.



Meanwhile, we were able to thank all previous participants and donors with koinobori cookies thanks to Short N Sweet Bakery.

