



State Champion Crew Podium - Manu O Ke Kai paddlers from left to right are: Aries Lawrence, Guy Phillips, Nate Burgoyne, Nate Schindler, Michael Kirby, Kea Demello Photo MOKK

Manu O Ke Kai Celebrates Eighth Straight Championship and First Men's State Gold

The 2026 paddling season was one to remember for Manu O Ke Kai.

The Hale'iwa-based canoe club completed an undefeated Hui Wa'a season, winning every regatta and finishing the year with its eighth consecutive Na 'Ohana O Nā Hui Wa'a championship.

That final victory did not come easily. After the first 21 races of the championship regatta, Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i led the standings 86–70, with Kāne'ohe also close behind. Manu O

Ke Kai came alive during the second half of the regatta, steadily closing the gap and eventually taking control.

By the end of the day, Manu had earned 188 points, finishing comfortably ahead of Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i with 140 points and Kāne'ohe with 102.

Manu led all clubs with 10 race victories, but the team's depth made the biggest difference. Manu crews also finished second in 15 races and consistently placed near the top throughout the day. The points came

from across the club—from keiki and junior paddlers to adults and masters.

One of the day's individual highlights came from the Girls 12 crew, which won its championship race with a time of 2:27.78. Manu also placed among the top five in numerous keiki races early in the day, picking up valuable points before making its big move in the afternoon.

Winning 10 races is impressive

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on its own. Adding 15 runner-up finishes shows just how many competitive crews Manu brought to the regatta. The club did not have to rely on only a handful of standout paddlers or divisions. It scored consistently from beginning to end.

The championship continued one of the league's most impressive winning streaks. Before Manu's current run, Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i had won six championships in seven years. Manu has now won eight straight.

The success reflects the strength and size of the entire club. Manu O Ke Kai is the largest club in Hui Wa'a, with approximately 300 members ranging in age from 8 to 81. This season, the club qualified 27 crews to compete at the State Championships.

One of the biggest moments of the season came at State Championships, where Manu's Novice A Men captured the gold medal in a thrilling finish. The crew beat Lanikai Canoe Club by just two-tenths of a second, earning the first men's gold medal at the State Championships in Manu O Ke Kai's history. In seat order, the championship-day crew included Aries Lawrence, Kea Demello, Michael Kirby, Nate Burgoyne, Nate Schindler and Guy Phillips. On the road to States, they also won the Hui Wa'a Championships and Ekahi Medal.

Behind every crew was a dedicated group of volunteer coaches who gave countless hours throughout the season. Manu O Ke Kai was led by Head Coach Robert Pactol and Assistant Head Coach Rick Cretsinger, along with division coaches Terence Yogi for the 10–12 boys, Catherine Lo for the 10–12 girls, Liliuokalani Taliulu for the 16–18 girls, Brian Amantiad for the 16–18 boys, Tommy Schlotman for the novice men and men, Guy Phillips for the novice women, Tim Vierra for the women, and Johnny Agoo for the master men and women.

The club also extends its mahalo to Uncle Randy Sanborn and the entire coaching staff for their leadership, encouragement and commitment to paddlers of every age.

Manu O Ke Kai's mission is to perpetuate Hawaiian culture through the ancient art of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling. This year's undefeated season was a powerful example of that mission in action—bringing generations together, strengthening the paddling community and representing the North Shore with pride.

Congratulations to all of the paddlers, coaches, families and supporters who helped make the 2026 season such a special one for Manu O Ke Kai.

Manu O Ke Kai welcomes new and experienced paddlers, including complete beginners who have never stepped into a canoe. Anyone interested in learning more about Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling and becoming part of the Manu 'ohana can visit [manuokekaicc.org](https://www.manuokekaicc.org) (<https://www.manuokekaicc.org/>) or follow the club on Instagram at @manuokekaicc.



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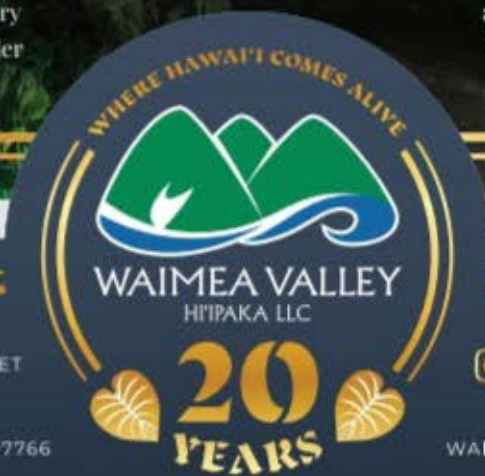
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From Shared Meals to Shared Power

At a recent gathering marking the 80th anniversary of the 1946 Hawai'i Sugar Strike, Governor Waihe'e reminded us of a part of that history that does not always receive enough attention.

The strike involved 26,000 workers at 33 of Hawai'i's 34 sugar plantations. For 79 days, they stood together against some of the most powerful corporations in the islands. They won higher wages and better working conditions, but their victory went well beyond a labor contract. Working people discovered what they could accomplish when they organized across the divisions that had been used to keep them apart.

Workers at Waialua Plantation were part of that strike. Families from our own community helped carry a struggle that changed Hawai'i, and one of the ways people sustained that struggle was through food.

Across the islands, workers and their families organized soup kitchens and food depots. They planted gardens, shared what they had, and formed hunting and fishing parties. Food moved between plantation camps and across communities whose members spoke different languages and came from different places.

It was necessary. People could not remain on strike for nearly three months if their children were hungry, and feeding one another built the relationships that made the strike successful.

Plantation owners had long maintained their power by dividing workers by race, language and nationality. Earlier strikes had failed when one group could be pressured to take the place of another. By 1946, workers understood that they would either stand together or lose separately.

A shared meal made that solidarity real. It said: what happens to your 'ohana matters to mine.

Over the past several months, I have seen that same spirit reemerging here in Waialua.

After the Kona Low storms flooded our community, people did not wait for every government program to be established. Neighbors opened supply hubs, prepared and delivered meals, checked on kūpuna, cleared damaged property and helped farmers begin the exhausting work of recovery. They shared information, equipment, transportation and whatever else they could offer.

Farmers also took care of one another. Those with working equipment helped neighbors rehabilitate their fields. People translated relief applications, shared information about available assistance and helped other farmers maintain relationships with customers while their own fields remained unproductive. At the end of long work days, farmers and community gathered around

shared meals.

That mutual aid mattered because the official recovery process was slow and difficult to navigate. Many small farmers lease their land, operate on narrow margins and lack insurance. Much of the assistance offered after a disaster comes through loans or reimbursement programs that require farmers to spend money before receiving help. For someone who has lost both a crop and months of income, those programs can be nearly impossible to use.

But something else has grown out of the recovery effort. In the months since the floods, Filipino farmers and farmworkers in Waialua have begun organizing together, with support from the Hawai'i Workers Center. Through that work, they formed the Filipino Farmers and Farmworkers Association of Waialua—not only to help one another recover, but also to build a collective voice around the challenges they have faced for years.

That development carries the history of 1946 forward in a particularly meaningful way. Mutual aid helps people survive a crisis. Organizing gives them the power to change the conditions that made them vulnerable in the first place.

The plantation workers understood that distinction. Soup kitchens and food depots helped families make it through 79 days without wages, but the goal was not simply to endure. The food sustained a larger effort to win dignity, economic security and a voice over the conditions of their lives.

The same is true today. Our farmers need immediate assistance to restore soil, repair irrigation and replace equipment. But they also need a meaningful voice in decisions about disaster programs, agricultural leases, water, markets and the future of agricultural land.

Mutual aid should not become an excuse for government to step back. Communities should not have to compensate indefinitely for slow assistance or inaccessible public systems. Government should listen to the people closest to the problem and build programs around the realities they face. And when farmers and community organize, we make those realities harder to ignore.

The workers of 1946 did not build solidarity through speeches alone. They built it through picket lines, gardens, fishing parties, soup kitchens and shared meals. Waialua was part of that history, and eighty years later, food is again bringing people together here—not only to recover, but to build the relationships and collective power needed to shape what comes next.

North Shore

Neighborhood Board Meetings #27

Next Meeting: October 27, 2026

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm
at Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria
67-020 Waialua Beach Rd.

Hawai'i's Seven-Mile Miracle



JOHN R. K. CLARK

Book cover photo - January 29, 2022, Jason Clark at Sunset, one of the four world-class surf breaks in the Seven-Mile Miracle Photo courtesy of Noa Napoleon

In the April 1989 edition of SURFER magazine, the article "Seven-Mile Miracle: SURFER Magazine's Pictorial Encyclopedia of North Shore Surf Spots" introduced "Seven-Mile Miracle to the surfing world as an alternate name for O'ahu's legendary North Shore.

In 2025 Hawai'i surf historian John R.K. Clark contacted Matt Warshaw, listed on the magazine's masthead as its managing editor, who recalled that he had "assigned, edited, and titled" the article-confirming it was Warshaw who coined the phrase "Seven-Mile Miracle."

Now, author Clark uses that original SURFER article as the starting point for an in-depth look at the histories of the North Shore's world class surf breaks.

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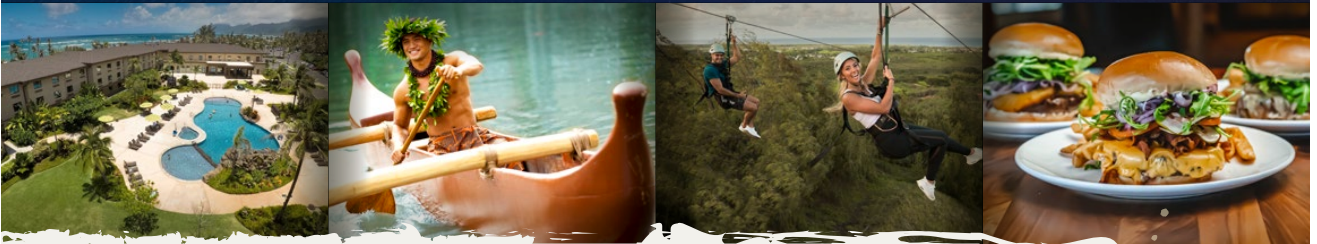
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NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Richard Sterman (R)
of Sterman Realty & Director of
Shoreline Preservation Coalition

Real Estate Updates

1. SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS: The good news for anyone thinking of building in Pupukea, or above the "No-Pass" line, you are now allowed to install Septic Tank systems once again! Dennis Poma (an engineer with Advanced Compliance Solutions) helped get this approved and recommends including an Aeration Pump (which gets rid of phosphorus from laundry detergents), however, a very expensive Evapo-Transfer system is no longer required.

2. THE REAL ESTATE MARKET: There has been a "slow-down" in our real estate market due to a "lack of inventory". And the low inventory is due to owners not wanting to walk away from their 3% loans.

This week - rates actually got worse due to the 10 year treasuries spiking up.

The Chief Economist from our National Association of Realtors, Lawrence Yun, explained, "Mortgage rates and home sales move in opposite directions".

I expect rates will continue to stay high into year-end, however, I also expect that rates should come back down by early next year.

NOTE: I think "Creative Financing" may become more popular again.

It's not as easy as paying cash or getting a simple 30 year fixed-rate loan, however, it IS possible to get very creative with agreements between Sellers and Buyers.

I don't have room in this article to go into the details on these financing vehicles, however, I think they could be win-win solutions and I would be glad to explain this to both Sellers, that are reluctant to sell and give up their low interest loans and Buyers, that think they can't afford today's high interest loans.

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Aloha North Shore Neighbors,

The recent impacts of Hurricane Lowell and Tropical Storm Lala are a reminder that hurricane season can change quickly and that being prepared matters. Communities across Hawai'i felt the effects of Hurricane Lowell, with particularly significant impacts on our neighbors on Kaua'i. Here on O'ahu, Tropical Storm Lala brought downed trees, extended power outages, and other storm-related impacts to communities across District 2. As residents continue cleaning up and recovering from both storms, my office remains focused on ensuring everyone has access to the resources they need.

Report Storm Damage

O'ahu residents and businesses affected by Lowell and Lala are encouraged to self-report property damage. Information collected through the City's damage survey will help officials and nonprofit partners assess the storm's impacts and determine whether the City may qualify for federal assistance. The survey is not an application for financial assistance and does not replace reporting damage to your insurance provider. Please submit one survey per affected household. If living with roommates, please submit one per roommate.

Stay Informed During Hurricane Season

The City has repurposed OneOahu.org as a resource for storm recovery information, including damage reporting, permitting and rebuilding, storm debris disposal, and ways to give or receive assistance. Please also sign up for HNL Alert, the City's emergency notification system, to receive alerts about severe weather and emergencies. Sign up at hnlalert.gov or text HNLALERT to 888-777.

Bill 42 (2026): Planning for the Future in Lā'ie

The Honolulu City Council has advanced Bill 42 (2026), which would update the land-use designation for the existing Lā'ie Corporation Yard from the State Agricultural District to the Urban District. This change is consistent with the existing use of this area, and will support needed improvements to City operations. For residents across the North Shore, these improvements can help strengthen the City's ability to maintain roads, manage refuse operations, and respond quickly during emergencies. Planned upgrades include new administrative offices, vehicle garages, maintenance facilities, and emergency support infrastructure. Bill 42 passed second reading at the September full Council meeting.

North Shore Park Updates

Mahalo to the Department of Parks and Recreation

(DPR) for addressing concerns from North Shore residents about maintenance in our community parks.

At Sunset Beach Neighborhood Park, DPR was able to schedule mowing ahead of the new school year and has been working to weed-whack around the park perimeter and tennis courts. At Waiialua District Park, DPR responded to a resident's concerns about overgrown grass at the baseball field and mowed the fields shortly after.

Meanwhile, DPR staff installed new signage at Hale'iwa Beach Park to clearly identify closure hours. As a reminder, the park is closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., while the parking lot is closed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Visitors may still walk through the park during these hours to access the ocean, but remaining on the park grounds is not permitted.

Weed Circle Update

Cleanup efforts are moving forward at Weed Circle following the Kona Low storms earlier this year. Debris that was temporarily placed there during emergency response and stream dredging operations is now being cleared from the site. I appreciate the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) for their continued coordination and work to restore the area.

Kawailoa Transfer Station Green Waste Disposal Changes

To better accommodate the public, the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has updated its green waste drop-off schedule to Saturdays and Sundays, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., effective immediately. Please note that green waste will only be accepted during these times. Kawailoa Transfer Station will remain open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for other accepted materials.

Helping North Shore Businesses Prepare

The City has launched Stay Open O'ahu, a free program designed to help small businesses prepare for emergencies, maintain operations, and recover more quickly. The program provides an online resource hub, a business disaster-preparedness guidebook, free workshops, and connections to community partners and City resources.

A workshop will be held on the North Shore on Tuesday, September 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Small business owners, managers, and decision-makers are encouraged to participate. To register for the workshops, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/StayOpenOahu>.

Neighborhood Board Meeting No. 28

Ko'olauloa

Next Meeting: October 8, 2026

Second Thursday of the month
 6:30 p.m. at Hau'ula Community Center
You know your community! Give voice!



Wow, Look at All the Colors!

By Aubrey Emi

Sometimes I know exactly what I am going to create, and sometimes I don't. When that happens, the outcome is a total surprise! But no matter what, it is so satisfying when people come to my booth and say, "Oh my gosh, this makes me so happy!"

I've always known I wanted to do something in the creative field, and I've always loved tropical design. My grandma and my mom taught me how to sew from a young age, so I studied textile design in school. Since then, I have expanded into a collection of mediums: painting, drawing, textiles, and more.

I love the joyful feeling people get when they see my art, especially when someone comes into my booth and says, "Wow, look at all the colors!" They love it, so I keep making happy, colorful, vibrant things. I feel really blessed by my customers.

My family is from Hawaii, but I never thought about living here until after college. The rest is history. I started the business right before COVID, and now I do markets all over the island. It's so cool. Hawaii supports me and it is home. I believe we all have our kuleana to support the island in return. This is why I am committed to an environmentally conscious supply chain. I love the North Shore. It's so peaceful. Plus, the people up here, from locals to tourists, are simply happy. I mean, how can you not be?

*Check out Aubrey's designs! Website: www.aubreyemi.com IG: @aubrey.emi.designs

Let's add some color! I met Aubrey as she was wrapping up her booth outside of Queen Lilioukalani church in Haleiwa. Her designs sing to the power of art to bring joy into everyday life. Has art ever changed you? Submit YOUR story to Kezia at shorebreakbooks@gmail.com. 300 word limit. Pieces will be considered for publication in the North Shore News as well as a Shorebreak book for the community to enjoy together :)



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "Should I get the shingles vaccine?"

Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox, herpes zoster virus, which is a DNA virus, and therefore, once you have the infection, it will live in your body for the rest of your life! The chickenpox vaccine was FDA-approved in March 1995 and is a two-shot series, with the first shot administered between 12 and 15 months of age and the second between ages 4 and 6 (often required before enrollment in preschool or kindergarten!). The shingles vaccine is administered to prevent the chickenpox virus from causing symptoms again (aka shingles), which can often lead to chronic pain issues in the area where the rash appears.

The shingles vaccine is recommended for most adults aged 50 and older who have had chickenpox, including those who have already had shingles. It is also recommended for some patients over age 19 who are immunocompromised or meet other specific criteria.

The vaccine is given in two doses, usually 2-6 months apart. The first dose provides partial protection, but the second dose raises effectiveness to about 97% in adults ages 51-69 and 91% in adults over 70. If you start the series, make sure to return for the second dose.

Side effects occur in up to 11% of patients and may include injection-site pain, muscle aches, and fatigue. They typically last 1-3 days, so I advise patients to get the vaccine when they can take it easy if needed.

If you need further motivation to get the shingles vaccine, ask anyone who has had a shingles outbreak before: it's no fun!

Dr. Nash Witten is a Board-Certified Family Medicine physician at Queen's Health Care Centers, Hale'iwa. You can submit questions at nsnaskthedoctor@gmail.com.



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Hawai'i - America's First Pacific Ocean State

By Boyd Ready

President Eisenhower's signing Hawaii's Statehood law, August 21, 1959, ratified a constitution already written in 1950 to impress Congress: a strong governor, centralized schools, a compact for Hawaiian Homes as a trust, and a right of private-sector unions to bargain. Hawaii's citizens could now vote for their own governor, two US Congressmen, and two Senators.

The Cold War was at its height, with Hawaii serving as America's forward Pacific base. Hawaii influenced America through music, movies, radio, sports, pineapple, sugar, and the military. Martin Luther King visited, then recognized the interracial Aloha Spirit by marching at Selma garlanded with lei.



*Martin Luther King at the Selma march -
encyclopediaalabama.org*

The coalition that had already replaced the Big Five, took up the 1950s influential government posts. Governor Burns (1962-1970) led the ILWU, Japanese American veterans and professionals, and Filipino union households to take the 1954 legislature. Soon they had all the offices the 1950 charter had made powerful. The Big Five and Dillingham always vigorously lobbied Washington to influence choice of judges and governors. The new majority kept the habit. Hiram Fong was elected the first Asian Senator, and Senator Daniel Inouye turned Senate seniority into earmarks: harbors, housing, highways, bases, university upgrades.

How does Hawaii compare to other islands? Guam and Puerto Rico rely on nonvoting delegates. Tahiti has votes in Paris but is far from the French economy. Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga speak their own languages but live with little revenue and rely on remittances. Although

Hawaiians are not a native majority, 'ōlelo Hawaii is official and now widely taught. English and Pidgin remain common languages. Local dominance is multi-cultural—predominately Japanese Americans, Filipinos, kama'āina and malihini haoles. Hawaiians have a parallel track: OHA, Hawaiian Homes, Kamehameha Schools and olelo schools—but there is no state legislature full of native language speakers like Hawaii's 1900-1930s territorial legislatures or those of Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa.

The jet-age boom after 1959 turned scarce, zoned land into housing wealth (for connected insiders and for anyone already owning a home or getting a public pension.) Since 1990 tourist arrivals still grow but revenues stay flat. Scarce, high cost housing sends young people away, and more Native Hawaiians live on the continent than in the islands.

The vast distances of the Pacific, combined with interisland and, for Hawaii, Jones Act shipping law, challenge island economies. Honolulu is the Pacific transport hub. Apia (Samoa), Nuku'alofa (Tonga) and Suva (Fiji) must wait as ships and jets often arrive only weekly. Hawaii, linked to US tourism, the military, and agriculture dwarfs other Polynesians' economies. It is double Guam's, four times Tahiti's, ten times Tonga's.

Hawaii's voters have real power, a strong executive, unions, and national Senators who can bring federal money. Popular sovereignty is limited: all three Hawaii conventions: 1950, 1986, and 1978, rejected citizen initiative, referendum and recall, and the legislature never enabled local self-governance for towns or schools. But since Hawaii adopts common law and the US Constitution, Hawaii's citizens have orderly liberty in a sovereign state and nation.

www.waialuahistoricalociety.org



Hawaii's leaders Spark Matsunaga, Patsy Mink, President Lyndon B. Johnson, John Burns and Daniel Inouye 1966 - LBJ Library photo A1901-36A, Yoichi Okamoto, 6 February 1966

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In Loving Memory of Melvin Amantiad

January 5, 1967 – August 16, 2026



With great sadness and love, we announce the passing of Melvin Amantiad, who died peacefully at Queen's Medical Center Punchbowl, surrounded by his family and close friends.

Melvin was a lifelong part of the North Shore community. Born and raised at Punalau Place, he attended Hale'iwa Elementary School and graduated from Waialua High School. Although he spent many years living and working in California, the North Shore, O'ahu was always home.

Melvin had a generous heart and believed in giving his time to others. He volunteered throughout the North Shore and O'ahu, including with Once a Month Church, North Shore Food Bank, AccesSurf, and numerous community events and programs. His enthusiasm for upcoming events and celebrations was infectious, often inspiring family and friends to join him.

One of Melvin's greatest passions was caring for and bringing joy to the seniors of the North Shore. Along with his sister, he continued the North Shore Seniors Program, following in the footsteps of their mother, Sally Amantiad, after her passing in 2003. Melvin dedicated countless hours to coordinating meetings, activities and bringing in friends, family, and community guests to share their knowledge and talents. His mission was to provide seniors with a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and fun place to gather, connect, and feel special. He loved them deeply, and they loved him in return.

Another great passion was wine. During his years in California wine country, Melvin worked in the industry at Napa Wine Company, Mondavi Winery, Firestone Vineyards, and Vincent Winery, where he developed and hosted a popular chocolate-and-wine pairing event. His fascination with wine went far beyond simply enjoying it. He continually studied, traveled to wine regions and wineries, and shared what he learned with others. He successfully completed his WSET Level 3 Award in Wines and, at the time of his passing, was close to taking the WSET Level 4 Diploma examination, the highest level of WSET wine qualification.

Melvin often used family and friends as his students, teaching them about the world's wine regions, varietals,

and the art of tasting. His lessons left people more knowledgeable, but more importantly, with a greater appreciation for wine, friendship, and the memories created together.

He brought his love of wine back to Hawai'i, hosting wine tastings and creating beautiful wine boxes and baskets. A portion of the proceeds from many of these projects supported causes close to his heart, including Holomua Farms, Na Mea Kupono Learning Center, and his nephew's paddling team for their first Moloka'i canoe crossing. He was also frequently invited to private gatherings and community functions to share his knowledge and passion for wine.

Throughout his years on the North Shore, Melvin worked in many places and touched countless lives. At Tamura's Grocery Store, he shared his extensive wine knowledge with customers. At Waimea Valley, he embraced Hawaiian history and culture. As a concierge at Turtle Bay, his knowledge of the North Shore was an asset to visitors, and at the Pearl Factory at Dole, he entertained tourists with his genuine spirit of Aloha. He could also be found at the Waialua Farmers Market selling his beautiful photographs of the North Shore.

Melvin also loved paddling, as did so many in his family. While living in California, he paddled with Pale Kai Canoe Club at Avila Beach, where he developed lifelong friendships, and enjoyed beach volleyball at Pismo Beach. After returning home, he continued recreational paddling with New Hope Canoe Club at Sand Island and La Hui Canoe Club at Kahana Bay. He loved learning to steer, catching a few waves, and most of all, being on the water with friends—with that big smile always on his face.

That smile was one of the things people will remember most about Melvin. He could be seen throughout the North Shore with a smile and a little giggle that was unmistakably his. Even during the final year of his life, despite countless health challenges, Melvin remained remarkably positive. He continued to find reasons to smile, laugh, celebrate, and enjoy the people around him.

Most recently, Melvin practiced Sukyo Mahikari, the Art of True Light, seeking spiritual and physical well-being for himself and others. During his many hospital stays, his Sukyo Mahikari friends visited almost daily, offering True Light and surrounding him with love, support, and comfort.

Melvin had a love for his family and the many friends he made in Hawai'i, California, across the country, and around the world. To Melvin, every person he met mattered. He had a gift for making people feel welcome and valued. He was a champion for people in need and a true gatherer of people. He brought people together for birthdays, celebrations, community events, wine gatherings, paddling, and simply for the joy of being together.

Melvin leaves behind a community that is richer because he was a part of it.
Cheers, Melvin. Until we meet again.

Celebration of Life - Family and friends gathered to celebrate Melvin's life on September 14, 2026 at the Waialua Community Association (Hale'iwa Gym), a place that held special meaning to him and where he spent so much of his time with the North Shore Seniors Program.

25th Thanksgiving and Gratitude Seminar



Haleiwa Shingon Mission
66-469 Paalaa Rd
Sunday, October 18, 2026
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

"The Contributions of Ernest and Dorothy Hunt to Buddhism in Hawaii"

By Dr. Masumi Kikuchi
Ryukoku University, Japan

"Lessons from the Hunts about the Future of Buddhism in Hawaii"

By George Tanabe
Professor Emeritus,
University of Hawaii

Ernest and Dorothy Hunt were pioneers in the Japanese Buddhist community in pre-WW2 Hawaii who created English language services, composed hymns (gathas), and established Dharma schools. Their legacy lives on today and has important lessons for the future.

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25th Thanksgiving and Gratitude Seminar Haleiwa Shingon Mission

By George Tanabe

For over 30 years, the Haleiwa Shingon Mission has sponsored the Thanksgiving and Gratitude Seminar in which speakers have addressed topics ranging from religion and the press, the similarities between Buddhism and Native Hawaiian religion, skin cancer, meditation and mental health, Buddhism in Bhutan, and many other subjects of interest. Speakers have spanned a range of scholars, medical professionals, students, newspaper editors, and community residents.

After a lapse of about five years due to the Covid epidemic and its aftermath, the Seminar is being revived, and this year will feature Dr. Masumi Kikuchi, who received her doctoral degree from Ryukoku University in Kyoto after completing a dissertation on Ernest and Dorothy Hunt [see ad in this issue].

The Hunts have been largely forgotten even though they were responsible for transforming Japanese Buddhism into an American religion. Working with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission and later the Soto Mission of Hawaii, the Hunts explained and presented Buddhism in English so that Japanese Americans from the Nisei second generation on could understand and practice Buddhism. They created English language services, wrote hymns (gathas) that are still sung today in many local temples, and established Sunday Dharma schools with lessons taught in English. Without their pioneering work, Japanese Buddhism might not have survived in Hawaii.

Dr. Masumi Kikuchi has done extensive research on Ernest and Dorothy Hunt and will present a PowerPoint lecture on their lives and contributions. Dr. Kikuchi is the preeminent expert on the Hunts, and will tell their story, which has largely been forgotten today. George Tanabe will add comments about what lessons can be learned from this fascinating past and applied to the future.



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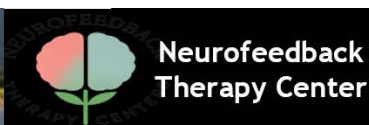
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Whitetip sharks are classified as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The whitetip sharks are caught for their fins and meat. It is a solitary traveler but they do congregate where food is and they can be aggressive. They live in Hawaiian waters. Now the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology has tagged one for the first time. The tag is so great. It's a satellite-linked "bathygraph" tag that uplinks all kinds of important information like ocean temperature, depth, as well as the movements of the shark. The shark is a female and about 6.5 feet. The wahine has already moved super far from where it was tagged. The deployment is a big step in understanding shark ecology and supports conservation and management of our oceans and sea creatures. The Hawaii Institute tagged tiger sharks years ago and you can follow the maps online at <https://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/projects/sharks/>. The Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System also reported that it has developed a data system for local divers. It is call LuuLive and can be found on the site as well. Check it out! pacioos.org

SUPER SUPER EL NINO NOT SO GOOD SURF

Surfers, don't get too excited when you see that a super El Niño is forecasted to be a big event. Warmer ocean temperatures and lower vertical wind shear in the Pacific are fueling a very busy storm season. It has already been devastating for many areas in Hawaii. The El Niño cuts off our regular northeast trade winds so we can expect muggier and sticky conditions. According to NOAA, the climate pattern is an "oscillation" where atmospheric circulation is higher causing heavy rain followed by drier weather late in the season, sea level rising higher on coastlines, and, of course more tropical storms. It also means storms are closer to the islands, which is bad for the surf because swells arrive with a lot of bad weather. Too close means the surf is bumpy and disorganized. Surfing 20-foot storm surf is not the plan!

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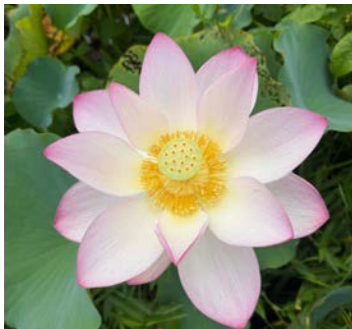
Waialua Wonder Lotus Thrives

By Penny Nakamura

Though George Tanabe worried his Waialua acre of Chinese pink lotus flowers would be destroyed by the muck and mud of the Kona Low storms, he stood on the shores of his large spring fed lotus pond and smiled at the irony on a recent sunny summer day.

"You can see where the mud flowed, by the high marks on the trunk of these coconut trees, this whole pond was several feet under water," said Tanabe, a retired University of Hawaii religion professor and author. "But it turned out, we had more pink lotus flowers, than I've ever seen; it was really a bumper crop."

The Chinese lotus, an aquatic perennial plant with its large fragrant bowl-shaped pink flowers towered over the pond water with its eight- to twelve-inch-wide blossoms. The round shaped hydrophobic leaves, also rise above the water.



It is a true visual feast for the eyes.

"There's a lesson in this: In Buddhism, we believe something beautiful can come up from the muck and mud," said Tanabe surveying his pond full of lush pink lotus flowers. "When you see pictures or statues of Buddha, he's sitting on a lotus."

Tanabe explains the "lotus effect" pointing to the round broad leaves of the lotus, which can repel water into water droplets that roll off the plant taking with it dust, dirt and bugs, in a natural self-cleaning method.

The lotus symbolizes: divine purity and spiritual awakening and rebirth.

As for "lotus eaters", Tanabe says every part of this rhizome plant, known as hasu in Japanese, is edible, and it's supposed to have a calming effect on the mind.

"People always complain that it's so expensive to buy hasu, but it's so much work to harvest lotus root, I know because when I was a youngster, we used to have to harvest it," said Tanabe laughing. "You're knee high in mud, and you take this large, long root out of the water for harvesting, but you have to leave the suckers in the mud for the next year's harvest, it's back breaking labor."

Tanabe tells the story of how he grew up with lotus.

"My grandfather immigrated here from Japan in 1898 worked on the sugar plantations and knew enough English that they made him the first Japanese luna (foreman) on the North Shore. But in 1914 the workers had a dispute, so instead of betraying his friends, he quit the plantation leased some

land here and started planting lotus," said Tanabe.

Several acres of lotus were planted. Tanabe says it originally extended from his current lotus farm all the way to Waialua Beach Road.

At the lotus farm, Tanabe has built a wooden boardwalk that allows visitors to stroll through the lotus patch to his hand built Japanese Tea house at the far end of the pond.

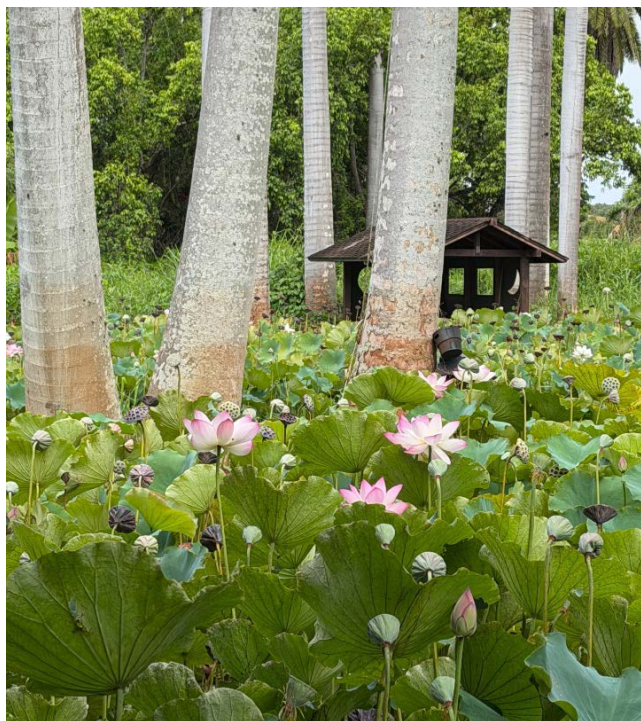
Along the stroll, Tanabe uses the analogy of the strength of the lotus to endure and spread beauty.

"This is a true story: a Japanese paleobotanist; Ichiro Oga in 1951 found a lotus seed that was carbon dated to be two-thousand years old, he scored it, and that seed grew to be a new lotus plant," said Tanabe. "Now they grow this Oga lotus all over Japan. I tried to grow it in my pond here, but unfortunately it didn't take."

Farther along the boardwalk, Tanabe plucks a stalk of a lotus plant and breaks it in half, to show a long fiber that emanates from the stalk halves and he starts twisting it.

"If you twist this long enough, it's a very strong thread, in Southeast Asia they make threads out of this to make a cloth," said Tanabe, who still marvels at the overall utility of the lotus plant. "In Japan there's a very famous tapestry that's made of this lotus thread."

Though the Kona-Low storms destroyed so much on the North Shore, Tanabe can still see strength and beauty that has come from the mud and the muck, not just from his lotus blossoms, but also how neighbors showed up for one another, and continue to show up in the aftermath of the additional tropical storms, hurricanes and flooding that have been pummeling the islands.



George Tanabe's lotus farm Photos P. Nakamura

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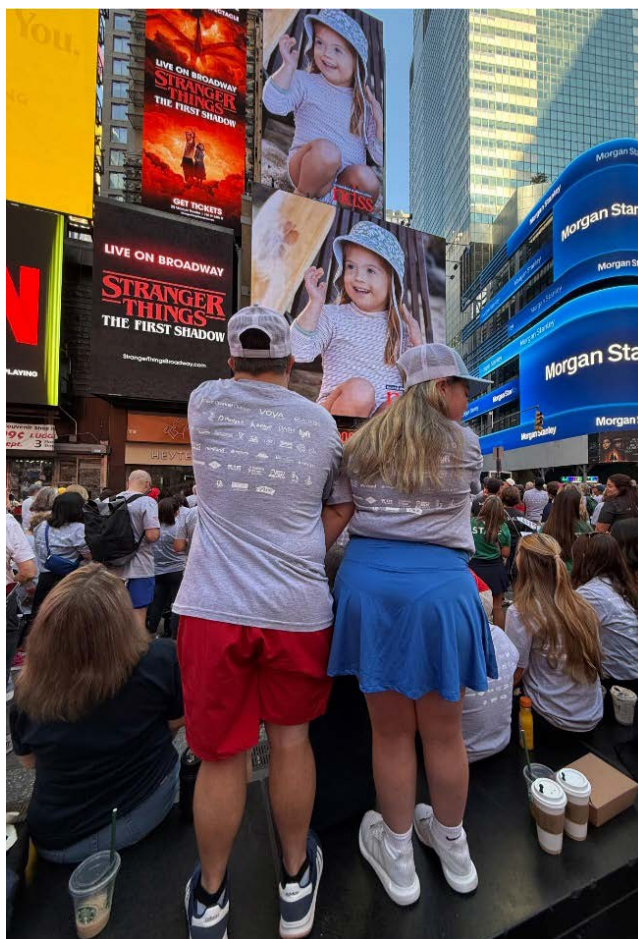
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The one-hour video of 500+ photographs includes children, teens, and adults with Down syndrome from all 50 states and 12 countries.

The photo of August was selected from more than 2,700 entries in the NDSS worldwide call for photos. Her photo will be shown on two Jumbotron screens. She is pictured playing at one of her favorite North Shore beaches wearing a locally made designed suit.

To learn more about the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) visit: www.ndss.org



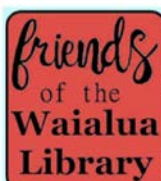
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North Shore Local Wins Medal at World Sprints

Congratulations to Dawn Peerson, a long-time North Shore resident, who recently flew to Singapore to compete in the IVF World Sprints. Dawn was invited to paddle with her six-person crew in several categories and won a bronze medal in the woman's 75 category at 500 meters.



The World Sprints is hosted annually by a different country and attracts over 3000 canoe paddlers from all over the world. Hawaii is well-represented by clubs from the islands, and this year was no different. In Dawn's 500-meter race two of the top three medalist crews were from Hawaii.

Dawn became a water baby from an early age. Her father was a Lieutenant Commander navy pilot and brought an authentic Chinese junk to Southern California in the early 60's. There he put Dawn behind the helm while the junk crossed the Catalina channel, and later she bought her own Hobie 16 catamaran. So, it came as no surprise that after raising her two daughters, she returned to the water.

When she and her husband landed on the North Shore a friend invited her to join the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club as a member where she has parked her canoes ever since.

Anyone around the waterfront in Hale'iwa can attest that she paddles one of her several canoes many times every week and trains for the annual regatta races. As her husband said, "If I were a betting man chances are Dawn will be returning to the World Sprints aiming for another medal".



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Deadline Date - Oct 7, 2026

**Would you like
to receive
the North Shore News
via email in COLOR!**
 Just send us a message at:
 NSNHaleiwa@gmail.com

OFF da ISLAND

Are you leaving Oahu on vacation or business? Do you live on a neighbor island, the mainland or foreign country and subscribe to the NSN? Send us a photo with someone in front of a sign or landmark holding a copy of the NSN or send a photo without the NSN. Email your photo with a caption including names, place of residence and photo location.
 NSNHaleiwa@gmail.com

Tutu's Treasures Thrift Shop

in Hauula is open every
 Wednesday and Friday
 from 9-11:30am
 Donations accepted
 during business hours.
 For info call Ella
 808-778-0086

FREE ADS

**Garage & Yard Sales,
Reunions, Lost & Found.**
 Email ad to:
 NSNHaleiwa@gmail.com

FREE PALLETS
 (808) 780-8037

Drug Problem? Call Narcotics Anonymous

808-734-4357
 Meeting 7pm Mondays
 Cottage 2 behind Waialua
 Community Asso.
 66-434 Kam Hwy Haleiwa

North Shore Food Bank
 IG @nsfoodbank

HELP WANTED

Household Help
 Beachfront Estate
 16 hours per week
 808-637-0808

**MATSUMOTO
SHAVE ICE**
 Now Hiring!
 Apply in person daily
 10am - 6pm
 808-637-4827

MISCELLANEOUS

**Storm Recovery
Information**
 OneOahu.org

HISTORICAL TOURS
 Walking tours of historic
 Haleiwa & Waialua by
 local historian. \$20 per person,
 minimum of 5 people
 808-342-8557
 info@WaialuaHistoricalSociety.org

**KQNS 107.3
Christian Radio**
 Inspirational, Health,
 Music, Addictions,
 Marriage, Prophecy,
 Stories, etc...

**TAI CHI
Free Classes**
 Waialua Rec Center
 Mondays and Wednesdays
 9:30am - 11:00am
 808-489-5426

**House/Pet-Sitting
Pro Handyman/Apt.
Manager**
Pro Surfer Photographer
 EXCELLENT REFERENCES
 (Haleiwa - Kaneohe 2025-26)
 Watch home, pets, do repairs
 October - December or more
 Drug/Alcohol/Drama Free
Rob 323-252-0382
 rjhooverwon@gmail.com

RENTAL WANTED

Single, mature female
 seeking Ohana unit for Nov
 or Dec. Walking distance to
 beach hopefully.
 \$2300 max.
 Please email
 pattinew25@gmail.com
 or call 480- 549 -6023

**North Shore Serenity
Al-Anon Family Group**
 meets 6:30 pm Wednesdays at
 St. Michael's Church,
 Outreach Room, 67-340 Haona
 St, Waialua. Participants may
 also attend virtually via Zoom
 ID 84783266578 Password
 809980.

Open to anyone who believes
 his or her life may have been
 affected by someone else's
 drinking.
 Additional information available
 at www.al-anon.org; or by
 calling 808-546-5647

NEED A ROOM FOR RENT

63 year old employed
 Korean man, non-smoker,
 non-drinker, and quiet
 Please leave a message at:
808-728-4078

The Honolulu Museum
 of Art (HoMA)
 offers free admission for
 Hawaii residents every
 third Sunday of the month
 during Community
 Sundays.

**Celebrating Waialua
Fundraiser**
Saturday, October 3, 2026
5:30pm - 9pm at
Waialua United Church
of Christ
 Dinner, Live Music & Entertainment
 Presented by
 Hale'iwa Waialua Historical Society
 Benefiting the Museum and Archives
 For tickets and information contact:
 Antya Miller 808-342-8557

**Coconut Rhinoceros
Beetle response:**
 for info visit hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/crb/
 email: BeetleBustersHi@gmail.com
 phone: (808)643-7378
 call or text: (808)678-5244

**Hawai'i Statewide Marine
Animal Stranding,
Entanglement, and
Reporting Hotline**
*Includes stranded/injured sea
turtles, monk seals, dolphins,
and whales.*
Phone: (888) 256-9840

Watchman Security Caretaker Available

Longtime NS resident, retired
 professional with 15 yrs experience.
 For more background
 info call or text Ed
 808-562-9718

Haleiwa First Baptist Church

Join us for Sunday morning
 worship. Begins at 10:45am
 66-415 Haleiwa Rd,
 Haleiwa

Give Aloha

Make a donation to our
 organization at any Foodland
 or Sack N Save checkout,
 through the month of
 September, and Foodland,
 will make a
 donation to our
 organization too!
 Our organization code is:
78488 for
Once A Month Church
All proceeds go to the
North Shore Food Bank!

**North Shore Service
Center**
4th Wednesday
Every Month
10am- 1pm
at the WCA
Hale'iwa Gym

Wednesday, Sept 23
Wednesday, Oct 28

All are Welcome!
 Assistance in housing,
 medical, dental,
 and fellowship
 by: North Shore Food Bank,
 Ke Olaauloa Health Center,
 Ke Ola Mamo, U.S. Vets,
 Keiki O Ka'Aina, SNAP
 and more...
 To join us as a provider or
 for more information call
 Linda 808-780-8037

KŌKUA HAWAII FOUNDATION

www.kokuahawaii.org | (808) 638-5145 | info@kokuahawaii.org

**KŌKUA
LEARNING FARM**

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT FARM FUN DAY!



*Join us for Fall festivities, food, and fun
for the entire 'ohana!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10AM - 2PM

Kōkua Learning Farm
66-249 Kamehameha Hwy
Hale'iwa, HI 96712



**KŌKUA
GENERAL STORE**

NEW HOURS:

MON - FRI
10AM - 5PM

SAT - SUN
10AM - 3PM

**ĀINA
Farm Stand**

NEW HOURS:

TUES - FRI
9AM - 4PM

SATURDAY
8:30AM - 3PM

FARM TO TABLE DINNER ON THE KŌKUA LEARNING FARM

We are hosting our next Farm to Table Dinner with Chef Miriam Olivas from Barrio Cafe! Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 30** to enjoy the breathtaking view of Mt. Ka'ala and a close to the source meal with family and friends.

KHF Members receive access to Presale tickets **September 24-28!** General on-sale tickets begin on **Tuesday, September 29!**

Become A KHF Member!



**KŌKUA
LEARNING FARM**

FARM TO TABLE DINNER

All proceeds
support
Kōkua Hawai'i
Conservation

WITH CHEF MIRIAM OLIVAS
FROM BARRIO CAFE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
WWW.KOKUAHAWAIIFOUNDATION.ORG