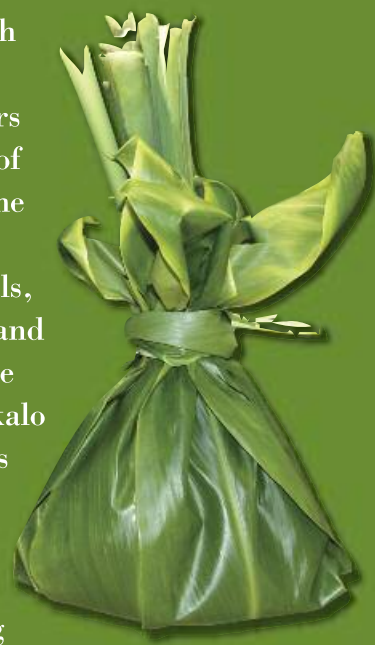


A Celebration of Cultures & Traditions in the Islands

Then and Now: Mea'ai (Food)

Mea'ai has a long and rich history in Hawai'i dating back to thousands of years ago when the first group of Polynesians discovered the Hawaiian Islands and brought with them animals, that were bred for food, and edible plants, that became staples of life, including kalo (taro). Today, immigrants to the Hawaiian Islands from different countries brought different foods, making Hawai'i a melting pot of cultures, and inspiring 12 Hawai'i chefs to establish Hawai'i Regional Cuisine, a culinary movement that blends Hawai'i's diverse flavors with the cuisine of the world.



Pu'olo
(Ti leaf bundles used to hold food or gifts.)

In this Fall edition of the Festivals of Hawai'i calendar, you will discover more than 50 festivals and events statewide that celebrate a broad range of themes in addition to mea'ai such as hula; music; arts and crafts; sports; agriculture; and more.

These are the Festivals of Hawai'i, where culture and traditions are celebrated in our islands.

Then: When King Kamehameha II abolished the kapu (taboo) system in 1819, men and women were allowed to eat together. A traditional Hawaiian lū'au (feast) is eaten on the floor on lauhala (hala tree leaves) mats with ti leaves and koa bowls filled with different foods.

Photo: Hawai'i State Archives

Now: Roy Yamaguchi, one of Hawai'i's most famous chefs, is known for helping to establish Hawai'i Regional Cuisine and also starting the first Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival on O'ahu.

Photo: Roy's Restaurants

KAUAI

Kauai Marathon

September 4, 6 a.m.

Various locations, Po'ipū

This 3rd annual event will be hosted at the Sheraton Kauai Resort on Po'ipū Beach and is offering a full & half marathon and a new 4-person marathon relay course. The courses provide spectacular views of Kauai's white sand beaches and tropical rainforests.

www.thekauaimarathon.com

Kauai Aloha Festivals

September 4, 11-12, 14, 23; October 28

Various locations

Kauai Aloha Festivals is a series of events intended to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through Hawaiian music, dance, cuisine, arts and cultural practices. Visit the website for the full schedule.

www.kauiaalohafestivals.net

Kauai Mokihana Festival

September 18 - 24

Various locations

A week-long celebration of Hawaiian culture including educational lectures, music and hula competitions at various locations around the island. This year's theme is Celebrate the Year of Hula to commemorate 25 years of the festival's hula competition.

(808) 822-2166 or www.mailefoundation.org

The Coconut Festival

October 1 - 2

Kapa'a Beach Park, Kapa'a

Are you ready to immerse yourself into all things coconut? There is something for everyone at this year's festival, including entertainment, cultural displays, crafts, games, cooking demonstrations, contests and food.

(808) 651-3273 or www.kbakauai.org

Eō e Emalani i Alaka'i Festival

October 8

Kanaloa-Huluhulu Meadow, Kōke'e

This event commemorates the 1871 journey of Hawaii's beloved Queen Emma to the island's upland forests. As one of the most authentic and powerful Hawaiian cultural experiences in the islands, the festival features live Hawaiian music, historical displays, hula performances and more.

(808) 335-9975 or www.kokee.org

Kauai Healing Garden Festival

October 15

Kilohana Plantation, Līhu'e

Celebrating healing and health and wellness, this two-day festival features a health expo, lei contest, eco fashion show, cooking demonstrations, wine tasting, live entertainment, kids yoga, and various workshops and tours.

(808) 638-0888 or

www.hawaiihealthguide.com

Nā Lima Hana

October 27 - 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort, Kōloa

Marvel at cultural artisans and crafters showing their displays, demonstrations, and workshops depicting various arts and crafts attributed to the Hawaiian culture. There will also be healing and meditative practices, a Hawaiian buffet lunch and an evening lū'au with Hawaiian musical specialists and island entertainment.

(808) 240-6370



Okinawan Festival
Photo: Hawai'i United Okinawa Association

Kauai Marathon.
Photo: Jo Evans Photography



OAHU

Oahu Farmers' Markets

Weekly

Various Locations

Meet the farmers and food producers of Hawaii's diverse agricultural scene. Select from a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Plus amazing beef, aquacultured seafood, baked goods, handmade pasta, local honey, and much more.

www.hfbf.org

Aloha Festivals

September 1, 10, 17, 24

Various locations, Waikīkī

Honolulu's 65-year-old Aloha Festivals is the oldest and largest Hawaiian cultural celebration of Hawaii's music, dance and history in the U.S., intended to perpetuate the state's unique traditions. A series of events will take place in various locations including a royal court investiture, floral parade, ho'olaule'a (celebration), and more. Visit the website for complete schedule of events.

(808) 483-0730 or www.alohafestivals.com

First Friday Honolulu

September 2, October 7

Various locations, Downtown Honolulu

Head to Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown every first Friday of the month and dive deep into Oahu's vibrant art scene. Each month, you can interact with local artists and artisans sharing their work during a festive night that draws a stylish crowd of visitors and locals.

www.firstfridayhawaii.com

Okinawan Festival

September 3 - 4, 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Kapi'olani Park, Waikīkī

Come dressed in your kimono and happi coats, enjoy delicious andagi (Okinawan fried donut), and learn traditional bon dance techniques at this 29th annual festival. Celebrate the unique culture of Okinawa with performances; delicious culinary creations; historical and cultural displays; games; and more.

(808) 676-5400 or www.okinawanfestival.com

Mid-Autumn Festival

September 10, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Chinatown Cultural Plaza, Honolulu

An annual tradition, the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival, celebrates the fullness of the moon and is one of the most popular holidays in Asia. Featuring live entertainment by the Royal Hawaiian Band; Chinese dance performances and lion dances; hula performances; free moon cake samples; food samplings; moon cake demonstrations; and more.

(808) 536-4621 or www.ucshawaii.com

O'AHU continued

Mānoa Jazz and Heritage Festival

September 24, 6 p.m.

Andrews Amphitheatre at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu

Immerse yourself in an evening of jazz at this annual event featuring GRAMMY® Award winner Bill Cunliffe and his trio, Dean Taba Quintet and the UH Mānoa Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Reggie Padilla. (808) 956-8246 or www.outreach.hawaii.edu/community

Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival

September 29 - October 1

Various locations, Waikīkī

The first-annual Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival features a roster of internationally renowned master chefs, culinary personalities, and wine and spirit producers. Co-chaired by two of Hawai'i's own James Beard Award-winning chefs Roy Yamaguchi and Alan Wong, the three-day event in Honolulu will showcase dishes using the state's bounty of local produce, seafood, beef and poultry. Open to the public. (808) 738-6245 or www.hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

Octoberfest Street Festival

September 30, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Nu'uano Avenue, Downtown Honolulu

Celebrate Octoberfest island style with hearty food, steins of beer, singing and games. Many of the Bavarian favorite games will be featured such as Stein Hoisting, Yodel Competition, Prettiest Fraulein and the Lederhosen Barrel Lift.

(808) 521-9699 or www.timbostockproductions.com

Windward Ho'olaule'a

October 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Windward Community College, Kāne'ohe

Celebrate the beauty and pride of O'ahu's magnificent Windward side at this annual event featuring top entertainment, 'ono (delicious) food, crafts, silent auction, keiki (children) games and rides.

(808) 235-7396 or windward.hawaii.edu/Hoolaulea

Nā Haku Mele: Irmgard Farden Aluli

October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Hawai'i Theatre, Downtown Honolulu

The legendary Auntie Irmgard Farden Aluli, one of Hawai'i's most beloved musicians, is honored through song and hula at this tribute concert.

(808) 528-0506 or www.hawaiiitheatre.com

Hawai'i Fishing and Seafood Festival

October 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Honolulu's Fishing Village at Pier 38, Honolulu

Join the Pacific Islands Fisheries group as they celebrate their sixth annual event featuring more than 100 different vendors, local seafood tastings, live fishing demonstrations, long-line boat tours, and more. Admission is free and first 300 children receive bamboo fishing poles.

(808) 265-4962 or www.hawaiifishingfestival.com

Hawai'i International Film Festival Presented by Halekulani

October 13 - 23

Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theatres, Honolulu

The Pacific's premier international film event and the largest "East meets West" festival in the United States, the Hawai'i International Film Festival is the primary source for the discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific feature films, documentaries and short films. Visitors and residents can enjoy films not available through any other venue in Hawai'i.

(808) 792-1577 or www.hiff.org

Huli'au

October 22, 7:30 p.m.

Hawai'i Theatre, Downtown Honolulu

Huli'au is a contemporary Hawaiian dance company that showcases hula as a high art form under the direction of artistic director and kumu hula Michael Pili Pang of Hālau Hula Ka No'eau. This hula concert brings to the stage Hawaiian rituals, myths and legends with a contemporary flair that tells the stories of Hawai'i and its rich culture.

(808) 528-0506 or www.hawaiiitheatre.com



Hale'iwa Farmers' Market Taro Fest
Photo: Annie Suite

Taro Fest

October 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hale'iwa Farmers' Market, Hale'iwa

Come to the Hale'iwa Farmers' Market to celebrate Hawai'i's most culturally significant crop, the taro. Featuring poi pounding, board shaping, stone cutting and traditional cultural arts demonstrations; Guinness World Record attempt for heaviest taro; kōnane (ancient Hawaiian checkers game) tournament; food tastings; workshops; lo'i (taro farm) tours; and more.

Celebrate Kaimukī Kanikapila

October 29, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kaimukī Community Park, Honolulu

Celebrating the pride of one of East Honolulu's historic communities, this annual craft fair and street festival offers local handmade arts and crafts, 'ono (delicious) foods, live entertainment, prize drawings and information booths from Kaimuki shops and restaurants.

(808) 735-8801 or www.celebratekaimuki.com

Hallowbaloo Music + Arts Festival

October 29, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Nu'uano Avenue, Downtown Honolulu

Celebrate Halloween island-style at one of Hawai'i's largest costume street fairs featuring six outdoor stages of live entertainment, more than 15,000 costumed attendees, dozens of food booths, costume contests and more.

(808) 735-8801 or www.hallowbaloo.com

Narcissus Festival's Splendor of China

October 29 - 30, 10 a.m.

Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall, Honolulu

The Splendor of China is the kickoff event for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's Narcissus Festival. This signature event promotes the rich Chinese cultural heritage to the community through exhibitors, cuisine, fashion and jewelry, arts and crafts and more.

(808) 533-3181 or www.splendorofchina.com

MAUI

Wailuku First Friday

September 2, October 7

Market Street, Wailuku

Discover Maui's electric nightlife each first Friday of the month in historic Wailuku from 6 - 8:30 p.m., with live entertainment, local foods, art, shopping, a beer garden and so much more.

(808) 878-1888 or www.facebook.com/WailukuFirstFriday

Hawai'i's Alfred Shaheen: Fabric to Fashion at Schaefer Gallery

September 4 - October 29

Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului

This traveling exhibition organized by the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is the first major retrospective of textiles and aloha wear from Hawai'i, representing the fashion creations of Hawai'i designer Alfred Shaheen.

(808) 242-7469

or www.mauiarts.org

Hawaiian Music Series

September 8, October 13

Front Street, Lahaina

Pull up a beach mat and join us on the lawn of the Baldwin Home Museum for live Hawaiian music and hula performances every second Thursday of the month.

(808) 661-3262 or www.lahainarestoration.org

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style - Maui

September 9 - 11

Kahului, Kapalua, Lahaina

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style presents this year's theme E Hi'ipoi I Ka Lei Aloha (Cherished is the Beloved Child), honoring and celebrating Hawaiian culture through a series of events in various locations including a falsetto contest and ho'olaule'a (celebration). Visit the website for complete schedule.

(808) 878-1888 or www.festivalsofaloha.com

Kū Mai Ka Hula

September 10, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului

This sixth annual international competition features group and solo dancers from Japan as well as Hawai'i. The groups compete in adult male and female categories, along with solo performances in kahiko (ancient) and 'auana (modern). Immerse yourself in an exciting and inspiring day of hula and Hawaiian culture.

(808) 242-7469 or www.mauiarts.org

Maui OnStage ONO Series at 'Iao Theater

September 12, October 10

'Iao Theater, Wailuku

The historic 'Iao Theater features free play readings, concerts and comedy every second Monday of the month.

(808) 242-6969 or www.mauionstage.com

Aloha Peace Festival

September 17

Maui Arts and Cultural Center, Kahului

Experience the diverse culture of Maui with performances, ethnic foods and arts exhibits at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.

(808) 667-2805 or www.aecg.org

Kū Mai Ka Hula.
Photo: Richard Marks



The Garden of BE

September 23 - October 2

'Iao Theater, Wailuku

Maui OnStage presents an original production of The Garden of BE, a joyous musical fantasy with unique sets and costumes created from recycled materials.

(808) 244-6969 or www.mauionstage.com

Kūlanihāko'i: Living Waters

September 23 - October 2

Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului

See the world premiere of a hula drama inspired by Hawaiian myths; Kūlanihāko'i is about the many facets of water and its relationship to ocean, land and sky.

(808) 242-7469 or www.mauiarts.org

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style - Hāna

October 15 - 22

Various locations, Hāna

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style continues its celebration of Hawaiian culture through a series of events in various locations in the historic town of Hāna in East Maui including a parade and ho'olaule'a (celebration); 'ohana (family) play day; sports night; keiki mu'umu'u and aloha shirt contest; movie in the park; and more. Visit the website for complete schedule of events.

(808) 264-3563 or www.festivalsofaloha.com

Maui 'Ukulele Festival

October 16, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului

Enjoy a free afternoon concert performed by some of the islands' favorite 'ukulele players at this sixth annual event also featuring 'ukulele door prizes, food booths and Hawaiian crafters.

(808) 242-7469 or www.mauiarts.org

MAUI continued

Lahaina Plantation Days

October 20 - 22

Old Pioneer Mill, Lahaina

Lahaina's annual heritage festival kicks off Thursday at 6 p.m. with a movie night showing 'Great Grandfather's Drum' that tells the story of Japanese-American settlers on Maui. On Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. come enjoy the great food, entertainment, cultural displays and keiki (children) games at this signature event.

(808) 661-3262 or www.lahainarestoration.org

XTERRA World Championships

October 23

Kapalua Resort, Kapalua

The sport of XTERRA is the world's premier off-road triathlon, combining a 1-mile swim, 20-mile mountain bike race and a 7.5-mile trail run that traverses lava rock, forest trails, and beach sand. Watch as a sold-out field of 550 racers including professionals and amateurs compete for the honor and title of XTERRA World Champion.

(877) 751-8880 or www.xterraplanet.com/maui

MOLOKA'I

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style-Moloka'i

October 13 - 15

Various Locations, Moloka'i

Maui Nui Style continues its celebration of Hawaiian culture through a series of events in various locations on the Friendly Isle of Moloka'i including a Royal Court Investiture; food booths; crafts demonstrations; parade; ho'olaule'a (celebration); and more. Visit the website for complete schedule of events

(808) 553-3356 or www.festivalsofaloha.com

LĀNA'I

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style - Lāna'i

September 23 - 25

Various locations, Lāna'i

Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style continues its celebration of Hawaiian culture on the beautiful island of Lāna'i including cultural demonstrations; keiki (children) hula show; concert by The Makaha Sons; and more. Visit the website for complete schedule of events.

(808) 870-7546 or www.festivalsofaloha.com

HAWAII

NELHA Presentations & Tours

Ongoing

NELHA, Kailua-Kona

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) operates a unique and innovative ocean science and technology park in Kailua-Kona and offers presentations, tours and tastings of its deep seawater abalone farm.

(808) 329-8073 or www.nelha.org

Palace Theater's Hawaiiana Live

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Palace Theater, Hilo

Every Wednesday, the historic Palace Theater hosts a 45-minute cultural tourism program featuring live on-stage presentations that share the history and traditions of the Hawaiian culture through storytelling, film, music, chanting and hula.

(808) 934-7010 or www.hilopalace.com

The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kilauea

Ongoing

Volcano Art Center, Volcano

The Volcano Art Center at the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park features monthly hula kahiko (ancient) performances, 'ukulele lessons and hands-on cultural demonstrations. Visit the website for the current schedule.

(808) 967-7565 or www.volcanoartcenter.org

Hawai'i Island Festival: 30 Days of Aloha

August 27 - September 17

Various Locations

A month-long celebration of Hawaiian culture and tradition featuring a series of events including Royal Court Investiture, Miss Aloha Nui Competition, poke (raw fish) and falsetto competitions and paniolo (cowboy) parade. Visit the website for events, current schedule and locations.

www.hawaiiislandfestival.org

Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Races

September 3 - 5

Various locations, Kailua-Kona

Held on the beautiful Kona Coast, this is the largest long-distance canoe race in the world, attracting dozens of canoe hālau (clubs) and hundreds of paddlers from Hawai'i and beyond. The event features single hull, double hull and individual races along with a torchlight parade, dance and lū'au awards ceremony.

(808) 334-9481 or www.kaiopua.org

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival - Keauhou Style

September 4, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, Kailua-Kona

Hawai'i's trademark method of tuning and playing the guitar (called "slack-key") is showcased at this free music festival. Fifteen of the best slack-key artists from Hawai'i will perform.

(808) 226-2697 or www.slackkeyfestival.com



Cultural demonstrations including lei hulu (feather lei) making workshops at Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style - Lāna'i.
Photo: Lisa Villanimo

Aloha Saturdays

September 17, October 15

Kalākaua Park, Hilo

The East Hawai'i Cultural Center presents a special program every third Saturday promoting Hawai'i's people, traditions and heritage. Elements include Hawaiian music, hula, arts and crafts, and food to provide visitors and locals with a unique and authentic experience

(808) 961-5711 or www.ehec.org

HAWAII continued

Parade and Festival for the United Nations International Day of Peace
September 18

Downtown, Honoka'a

The tranquil Hāmākua Coast town of Honoka'a joins the world in observing the United Nations International Peace Day with a parade featuring bands, floats, clubs, school groups, performance artists and dancers, food vendors, information booths, and entertainment.
(808) 640-4602 or www.peacedayparade.org

Breadfruit Festival

September 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, Captain Cook

A celebration of the culinary culture of this staple of the Hawaiian diet, 'ulu (breadfruit), this event features breadfruit cooking demonstrations; food booths with breadfruit creations; an "I Love Breadfruit" cook-off; breadfruit culture and history, arts and crafts; and more.
(808) 960-3727 or www.breadfruit.info

Hawai'i Marlin Tournament Series

September 22 - 24

Various Locations, Kailua-Kona

Kailua-Kona hosts the world's largest and only game fishing tournament series with national television coverage. Visit the website for the current schedule and locations.
(808) 557-0908 or www.konatournaments.com

Mealani's Taste of the Hawaiian Range

& Agricultural Festival

September 30, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort, Waikoloa

One of Hawai'i's premier food festivals, the event provides a venue for education to the public on local agricultural products. The event features culinary workshops and more than 30 island celebrity, resort and restaurant chefs who will prepare grass-fed beef, pork and lamb dishes with island-grown vegetables and fruits.
(808) 987-3432 or www.tasteofthehawaiianrange.com

Kona Portuguese Festival

October 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kona Historical Society Pasture, Captain Cook

Portuguese immigrants were among the various ethnic groups to settle in Hawai'i, and this event will showcase their heritage, cuisine and culture. Enjoy cultural demonstrations, agricultural products, food booths featuring Portuguese favorites, entertainment as well as historical exhibits.
(808) 322-2788 or www.konahistorical.org

Hilo Wayfinding & Navigation Festival

October 7 - 9

'Imiloa Astronomy Center, Hilo

This three-day event celebrates the historic sailing feats of Polynesian people using celestial navigation along with current efforts to revive and expand skills and interest in long-distance canoe voyaging. Free activities include panel presentations and workshops led by Hawai'i's master canoe navigators.
(808) 969-9704 or www.imiloahawaii.org

Moku O Keawe Kapa Festival

October 7 - 9

Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, Captain Cook

The event centers on a three-day kapa (bark cloth) workshop for both experts and beginners. Hawaiian arts, Hawaiian music, hula performances and food will create a festive atmosphere.
(808) 323-3318 or www.bishopmuseum.org

Ford Ironman Triathlon World Championship

October 8

Kona Coast

The top 1,800 triathletes from around the world (50 countries and all 50 states) converge in Kona for this Super-Bowl of triathlon events, featuring a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike course and a 26.2-mile run.
(813) 868-5929 or www.ironman.com/worldchampionship

Kona Chocolate Festival & Symposium

October 15

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort, Kailua-Kona

This sweet and distinctive festival celebrates chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate. Taste creations by the top chefs and chocolatiers of Hawai'i Island, and enjoy wines, gourmet dining, live music and more.
(808) 987-8722 or www.konachocolatefestival.com



Photo: Mealani's Taste of the Hawaiian Range

Puna Chefs & Farmers Culinary Arts Festival

October 24 - 31

Kalani Oceanside Retreat, Puna

Enjoy a full week of experiencing culinary delights at Puna dining spots. Discover the secrets of creating wholesome, delicious Hawaiian-Pacific cuisine, including sustainable aqua and agriculture production and meal presentations.
(808) 965-0468 or www.kalani.com



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