

Community

FOREST FEST



Foster Botanical Garden



Sunday, Nov. 16
11 am - 3 pm

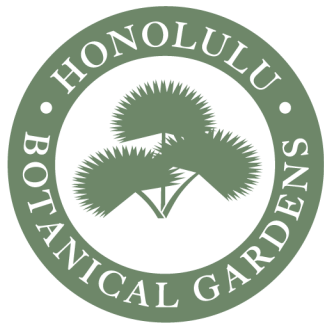
LEI MAKING . WOODWORKING . PRESENTATIONS
WEAVING DEMOS . LIVE MUSIC . GUIDED TOURS



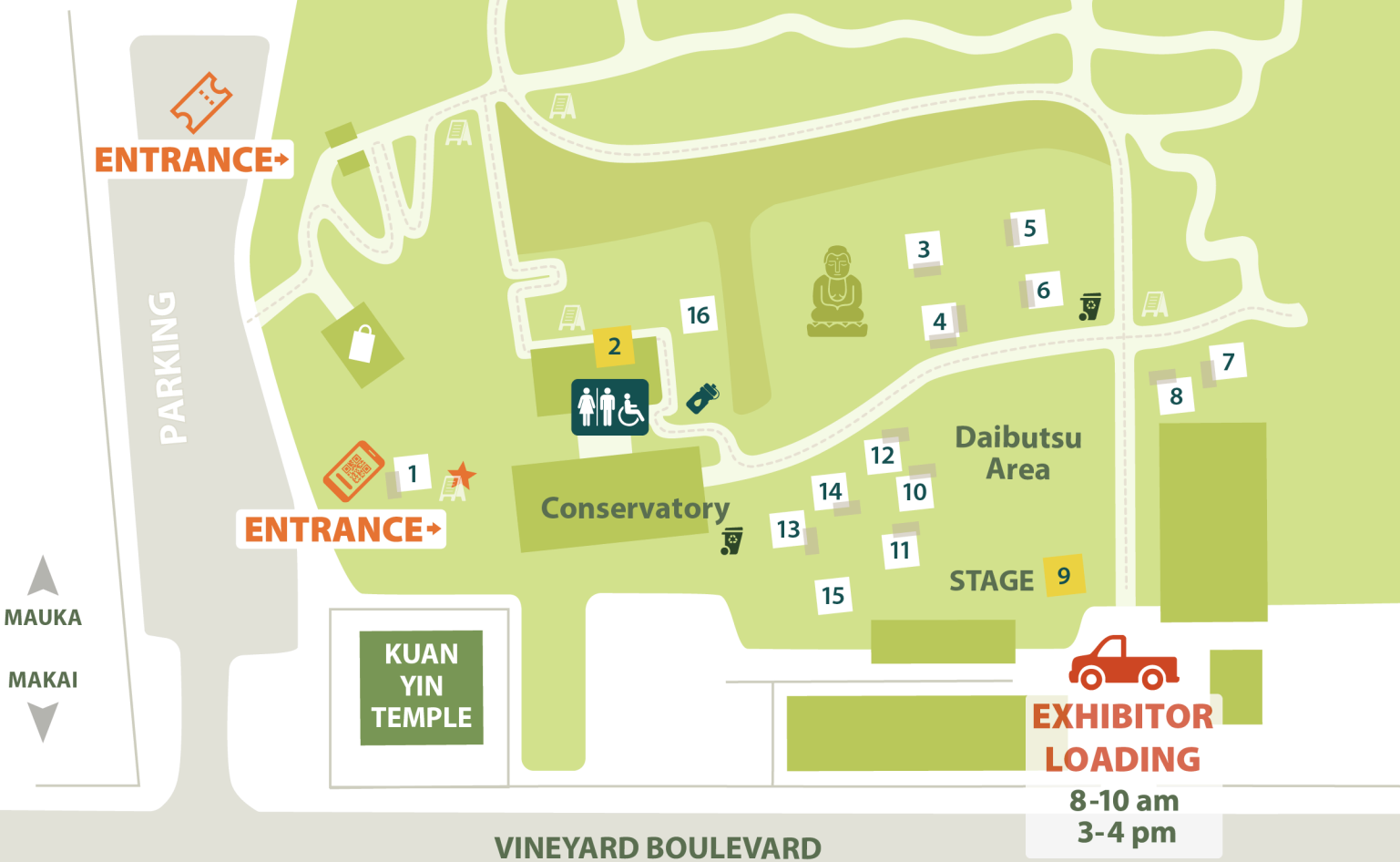


LEGEND

-  Walk-in Ticket Entrance
-  Gift Shop
-  Reserved Ticket Entrance
-  Water Station
- 1** Kaulunani
- 2** Classroom
- 3** Kumulā'au Game
- 4** Lei Making
- 5** Lauhala Weaving
- 6** Launiu Weaving
- 7** WCCHC
- 8** 'Ulu Co-op
- 9** Main Stage
- 10** Ki-Lin Reece
- 11** Nalu Andrade
- 12** Ben Fairfield
- 13** Mohala Farms
- 14** Kalo & Cream
- 15** Mahi La Pierre
- 16** Mea'ai (Chef Anela)



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----- Accessible Path ★ Resource Table



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Kauluwela Elementary

Foster Botanical Garden

Borthwick Mortuary

Chinatown Cultural Plaza Garage

Hale Pauahi

Kukui Plaza

- Limited street parking available.
- Carpooling and/or public transportation encouraged.
- Parking lots listed here are not affiliated with the event.
- Parking fees apply.
- Please observe all posted signage related to street and lot parking.

Aala St.

River St.

N Beretania

Maunakea

Vineyard

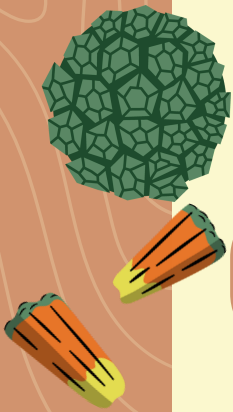
Nu'uuanu

Kukui St.

Pali Hwy



PROGRAM



Community Forest Festival

BRING: Filled water bottle, lowback chairs/picnic blankets, picnic lunch, and aloha!

11:00-11:10 am

Opening & Welcome (Main Stage)

11:10 am-12:15 pm

Main Stage
DJ A.i.T

Conservatory Classroom
We♥Trees! Keiki Art Showcase (ongoing)
Student Animation Showcase (Wāhine Freelance Alliance) (11:30 AM -12:15 PM)

11:10-1:30 pm

Outdoor booths
'Ulu (with Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative)
Lauhala (Keanahala)
Launiu (NiU NOW!)
Lei (Honolulu Botanical Gardens)
Wāhine akua (learn the stories of Kou & Nu'uaniu)
Kumulā'au (tree) card game (Trees For Honolulu's Future)
Luthiery petting zoo (Ki-Lin Reece)
Instrument making (Ben Fairfield)
'Ohe pū and carving demo (Nalu Andrade)
Koekoe ā Pā'ani 'Ūkēkē (Strum and Play 'Ūkēkē with Mahi La Pierre)
Sips from the community forest (Mohala Farms; Kalo and Cream)
See map for locations and partner list for detail.

12:15-12:45pm

Caring for Trees Presentation (City & County Division of Urban Forestry)

Foster Docent Tour begin

1:00-1:30pm

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Music Ensemble: Flobax Trio

Foster Docent Tour return

1:45-2pm

Community Forest Kuleana Award Ceremony

2-3pm

Music from Our Community Forests Showcase



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Please see event offerings and ways to stay in touch with contributing groups.

EVENT PARTNERS

Musicians

Join Kaulunani Artists in Residence for the grand finale of this event (2 pm - 3 pm) to bring the community forest soundscape to life. The music we will create and enjoy highlights materials and themes derived from trees and community forest elements - our inspiration and motivation!

Coordinated by composer Takuma Itoh, this showcase will feature 'ohe pū guided by Nalu Andrade, 'ūkēkē with Mahi La Pierre, Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra percussionists Jordan Schifino and Chris Cabrera, and work from composers Rafael Borges Amaral and Ben Fairfield.

Opening performances:



DJ A.i.T

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DJ A.i.T (Ancestor in Training) is a reminder that we're all A.i.T.s while on this Earth plane. She sees music as medicine and a tool to educate and unify people. Music requests are welcomed! (11:10 - 12:15)



University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Music Ensemble

Flobax Trio

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/music/about-us/ensembles/>

Enjoy a live trio performance by Emily Fujii (oboe), Oliver Tanouye (flute), and Cayne Hiraoka (alto saxophone) (1:00 - 1:30)

Visual Storytelling



A Hardflip Production

ahardflipproduction.com

Specializing in creative storytelling and complete production services, the A Hardflip Production team provides video documentation of the event.



Ka'ōhua

kaohuaphotography.com

Ka'ōhua is an artist and storyteller who will photograph the event to support our collective memories of this special day.

Organizations



Kaulunani

kaulunani.org | @kaulunani

Check in with the Kaulunani team and visit our resource table when you arrive!



Honolulu Botanical Gardens

www.honolulu.gov/dpr/honolulu-botanical-gardens

@honolulubotanicalgardens

Our hosts and guides for the event, and caretakers of these treasured places. Special mahalo to Foster staff, and volunteer lei makers (tent #4) and docents (tours start at the main stage @12:45)!



City and County of Honolulu

Division of Urban Forestry

www.honolulu.gov/dpr/division-of-urban-forestry/ | @oahutrees

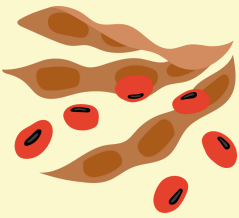
Learn about for caring for O'ahu's urban trees with the Division of Urban Forestry!



Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens

www.friendsofhonolulubotanicalgardens.org/

Check out their shop for thematic books, games (including Kumulā'au cards), treats. Consider becoming a member to support the botanical gardens!



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Demonstrations & Activities 11:10 AM -1:30 PM or noted otherwise. While supplies last!



Pu'uhonua Society
puuhonua-society.org
@puuhonuasociety, @niu.now

Provides technical and creative support of this event and invites connection with two of their programs:
Keanahala: Engage with lauhala and encourage care for and connection with the pū hala - hala tree! (tent #6)

NiU NOW! Express vitality for niu (coconut) through weaving and conversation on the connection between coconut and humanity. (tent #5)

Hō'eu Mana, Wāhine Akua
kaohua001@gmail.com | @puuhonuasociety
Reawaken and learn ancestral stories of Kou & Nu'uaniu by meeting the wāhine akua, the guardians, of this beloved wahi pana. A photography and art installation designed to honor and celebrate the sacred place we are in.



Trees For Honolulu's Future
treesforhonolulu.org |
@treesforhonolulu

Provides technical and community organizing support of the event and

Kumulā'au game: Kumulā'au translates to "tree" in 'ōlelo Hawai'i. This game explores Hawai'i's trees, the many benefits they provide, the threats they face due to climate change, and their needs for growth and survival. (tent #3)

We♥Trees! View the many benefits of trees through the eyes, and art, of keiki in grades K-8; on display throughout the day (classroom)



Nalu Andrade, Na Maka Kahiko
namakakahiko.square.site | @na_maka_kahiko
Make 'ohe pū with Nalu, talk story and observe wood carving in action (tent #10)



Ki-Lin Reece, Kealakai Center for Pacific Strings
kcpstrings.org | @pacific_strings
Interact with stringed instruments highlighting local and international wood (tent #12)



Ben Fairfield
Learn a simple technique to create sound from wooden materials and meet the author of Kani Ka 'Ōpala (tent #11)



Koekoe ā Pā'ani 'Ūkēkē
Strum and Play 'Ūkēkē
mahilapierre@gmail.com | @mahimaunaluaboy
Mahi La Pierre of Kapālama and Maunaluā, O'ahu will be sharing about traditional and modern materials used to fashion Hawai'i's only indigenous stringed-instrument, the 'ūkēkē. Come and visit with Mahi to learn to strum and play a 'ūkēkē song perpetuated by Mary Kawena Pukui and James Ka'upena Wong, Jr.



Wāhine Freelance Alliance
wahinefreelancealliance.org
@wahinefreelancealliance
Enjoy stories of connection with community forests, as told by keiki animators!
(classroom, 11:30 - 12:15)



Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
wcchc.com | @waianaecomp
Celebrate resilient community food systems by tasting locally grown mea 'ai (tent #7)



Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative
eatbreadfruit.com | @hawaiiulucoop
Sample 'ulu creations and grow the role of breadfruit in your life (tent #8)



Mohala Farms
mohalafarms.org | @mohala__farms
Sip on farm-fresh abundance from Waiālua, an expression of connection to community food forests (tent #13)



Kalo and Cream
kaloandcream.com | @kaloandcream
Indulge in a bubbly soft drink, with a special flavor collaboration for Year of Our Community Forests! (tent #14)



Chef Anela's 'Ai Pono Fusion
@chef_anelas_ai_pono_fusion
Using locally sourced ingredients and indigenous crops, every meal is a celebration of community, connection and the healing power of food. (tent #15) (12 PM)

