

Keeping It Green

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Message from the Executive Director



Autumn's climate changes have been less than subtle this year - with more sticky, hot and humid days than I can remember. Fall also brings us the 28th Annual Big Island Artists Trash Show at the Hawai'i

Museum of Contemporary Art at 141 Kalakaua Street in Hilo, on display until Wednesday, October 28.

Recycle Hawai'i has been a patron of this long-running show founded and juried by Volcano artist, Ira Ono. In 2004, the organization lost our beloved North Hawai'i Community Recycling Educator, Jo Diotalevi, aka "*Tutu Hana Hou*," to an unfortunate traffic mishap. To honor Jo's inspired creative career and accomplishments, we have dedicated a special "*Tutu Hana Hou*" perpetual trophy award to one of the art works in the Trash Show each year.

Engraved on the trophy plaque is the likeness of *Tutu Hana Hou* dressed in her teaching costume made of reused recycled materials together with "Small Stuff," one of several hand puppets that served as props during Jo's many presentations to Hawai'i Island school children and adults alike. *Tutu Hana Hou* winning pieces tend to reflect the capricious whimsy characteristic of Jo's teaching style.

Awardees since 2004 have been:

2004 – Jane Dunn
2005 – Russell Salazar
2006 – Ken Charon
2007 – Jeffrey Kurash
2008 – Tom Olcott
2009 – Joseph M. Pinc
2010 – Kristina Lilleeng
2011 – Diane Thornton
2012 – Dennis Taniguchi
2013 – Kathleen Dunphy
2014 – Jeffrey Kurash

And this year's 2015 winner – Melany Kerver for her "*Ganesha Altar*" made from mixed found objects.



If you missed the gala opening, try getting a glimpse of this strong and vibrant exhibition of fine and fanciful art made from discards and detritus put to reuse in value-added creative and often comical works.

November brings America/Hawaii Recycles Day on and around the 15th of the month. The promotion of recycling and resource management is highlighted with the 4-week Recycle-Bowl School Competition. Kuleana Green Business Committee of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business After Hours event – go to www.kona-kohala.com for details.

Special mahalo goes to the Swain Barber Foundation for once again supporting Recycle Hawai'i's ongoing hands-on educational outreach programs with a 2015-16 grant of \$20,000. This is especially appreciated as outreach funding was curtailed in 2014 by the current County administration. Swain Barber's support will go a long way towards maintaining a consistent sustainability education throughout the Hawai'i Island community.

Recycle Hawai'i is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization serving the people of Hawai'i. Our mission is to promote resource awareness and recycling enterprises in Hawai'i. To achieve this, we educate the community about sound resource management and recycling opportunities for a more environmentally sustainable future.

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Upcoming EVENTS

• 2015 Recycle-Bowl School Competition

Oct 19 – Nov 15 Competition period for participating schools K-12
Nov 16 – Dec 15 Schools Report Data to sponsors KAB

• Kona Historical Society Founders Day – October 24

Composting display by Ann Hassler

• 2015 America/Hawai'i Recycles Day – November 15

Take the 'I Recycle Pledge' at www.americarecyclesday.org

• Household Hazardous Waste & Latex Paint* Collection

*Recycle Hawai'i handles paint collection in nearby tent

Sat., Dec. 5 - Hilo Recycling & Transfer Station, 7:30 am-2:30 pm

Sat., Dec. 12 - Kealakehe Recycling & Transfer Station, 7:30 am-2:30 pm

• Great American Cleanup – March 1 to May 31, 2016

Nationwide beautification, garden/planting & recycling initiative

• Art & Science of Recycling Projects – April 2016

Reusable & recyclable materials for creative, innovative & STEM projects.

Open to Hawaii Island K-12 students & schools; register by 3/30/16.

• Think Yellow Go Green – April 22 to May 22, 2016*

Yellow Pages directory school recycling contest; *dates subject to change

REUSE CENTERS

Drop off or pick up good condition, reusable, items at
Reuse Centers located at these County Recycling & Transfer Stations.
Centers are closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

Hāwī/Ka'auhuhu Reuse Center

Mon., Tues. & Wed. 8 AM – 4 PM

Kea'au Reuse Center

Open daily 8 AM – 5 PM

Kealakehe Reuse Center

Open daily 8 AM – 4 PM

Keauhou Reuse Center

Open daily 8 AM – 4 PM

Laupāhoehoe Reuse Center

Sun., Tues. & Fri. 6 AM – 6 PM

Pāhoa Reuse Center

Open daily 8 AM – 4 PM

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For information about recycling, composting, education programs,
zero waste and Reuse Centers visit www.recyclehawaii.org or
contact info@recyclehawaii.org.

In the News

KTA's Kōkua I Nā Kula Community Service Program

For a second year, Recycle Hawai'i partnered with KTA Super Stores to offer schools a chance to recycle and reuse while earning additional points for their school's share of \$100,000 for school equipment, beautification projects & extra-curricular activities.



From August 5 to Sept 15, 2015 students collected, cleaned and counted up Mylar wrappers from snack bars, chip bags and juice pouches for bonus points. Schools delivered wrappers to KTA stores, where Recycle Hawai'i received them for shipping to TerraCycle, Inc. in Michigan for upcycling and recycling into various products.

Mahalo to Pearl Daimaru and Brittini Kuwahara of KTA and Taryn Bohan of Becker Communications for their support and assistance with receiving and shipping arrangements.



Over 3200 wrappers were diverted from our landfill thanks to students and teachers of participating schools:
Konawaena Elementary
Kahakai Elementary
Keaau Middle
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo PCS

KEEPING IT GREEN HAWAI'I

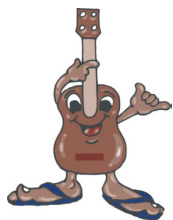
Recycle Hawai'i recognizes KTA Super Stores for a 2015 Keeping It Green Hawai'i Award. Founded in 1916, this local and family-owned supermarket business approaches a century long commitment to humbly serve the community on Hawai'i Island. Its management, operation and customer service clearly demonstrate a commitment to the environment through its 'Green Initiatives':

- *Promotion and practice of the 3 R's: reduce, reuse, recycle*
KTA's Ho'ohana Hou initiative includes a rebate for customers bringing in reusable shopping bags and providing bins for plastic bags that are recycled along with other plastics used in their operations.
- *Support for organic farming and locally grown food*
KTA strongly supports the concept of grown-in Hawai'i foods and believes it offers local pride and sustainability to build on. KTA's Mountain Apple Brand highlights its support of more than 200 different food products grown, manufactured or processed on Hawai'i Island.
- *Utilizes renewal, alternative energy sources*
In early 2007, KTA Super Stores was the first supermarket in Hawai'i to install and operate energy-producing photovoltaic (PV) systems at their Waimea and Kailua-Kona locations. In early 2013, they expanded their renewable energy program by installing PV systems at their Keauhou, Kona store and Waikoloa Village Market. To date, these photovoltaic systems have reduced emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) by over 4,590 tons. This is equivalent to planting nearly 869 acres of trees or not driving 8,618,957 miles.
- *Youth service-learning projects that protect our natural resources*
KTA's Kōkua I Nā Kula Community Service Project includes an option for students to help upcycle and recycle thousands of Mylar snack, chip & juice wrappers. (See sidebar article for more.)
- *Reduce/offset CO₂ emissions; envision climate change solutions*
In 2010, KTA became a sustainable contributor to voluntary climate protection by producing their Super Saver coupon booklets in a climate-neutral manner that offsets CO₂ emissions. Their printing uses soy based inks, paper of which 90% was produced using renewable energy and chlorine-free fiber from North American sources that meets all ISO environmental and quality standards.



Tony Armstrong, a Supervisor at KTA's Puainako store, utilizes recycled items for the entire Halloween Haunted House and all his instore seasonal decorations. He upcycles plastic jugs, colored cardboard, white paper ... and he makes a display in the store for customers to see how to recycle items.





KOA'S CORNER

Keeping It Green Hawai'i!

Recycle Hawai'i's Keeping It Green Hawai'i program fosters resource awareness, sustainability and resilience in Hawai'i. Since 2008, RH has recognized over 50 businesses, schools and organizations for their efforts in conserving natural resources, protecting native habitat and preserving the quality of life in Hawai'i.

Nominees for a Keeping It Green Hawai'i Award must demonstrate overall commitment and comprehensive ongoing implementation in two or more of the following criteria:

- 3 R's: reduce, reuse, recycle
- Zero waste systems or events
- Organic farming and locally grown food
- Renewal, alternative energy sources

- Youth or community service projects
- Protect and preserve native species and habitat
- Sustainable industry; green building
- Energy and resource conservation
- Open space "greenways"
- Reduce/offset CO₂ emissions; climate change education and envision solutions
- Indigenous native Hawaiian gathering rights and cultural practices



KIGH information and nomination form are available on our website www.recyclehawaii.org or by contacting Marsha Hee, Education Director at (808) 985-8725 or hiartrecycle@gmail.com

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- Sign up for new/renewal RH membership of \$50 or higher category by Nov. 15, 2015—get a FREE solar lantern (*offer good while supplies last*).

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<http://www.recyclehawaii.org/memberdonate.html>

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membership
by Nov. 15**



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Corporate - \$100

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Individual - \$20 • Family - \$30

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Friend - \$50 • Lifetime - \$50
Donor - \$100 • Patron - \$250

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