

Keeping It Green

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Message from the Executive Director



Happy Year of the Monkey!

Despite last year's abrupt end to our outreach and education funding from the County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management to support its recycling and zero waste efforts, Recycle Hawai'i (RH) managed to carry out a number of community outreach activities in the first half of this 2015/2016 fiscal year, albeit at a significantly reduced level compared to almost two and a half decades past.

Due to funding cuts, Recycle Hawai'i no longer maintains East and West Hawai'i telephone numbers for the 24/7 Recycling Infolines for recycling information. The Hawai'i Island Recycling Guide on our website: <http://www.recyclehawaii.org/hawaii-island-recycling-guide.html>, is the go to place for up-to-date islandwide recycling opportunities as well as the Hawai'i County's website: <http://www.hawaii zerowaste.org/>

We are once again very grateful for the support shown over the years by the Swain Barber Foundation. This year they granted us \$20,000 which will go a long way to reinstate our home composting workshops into the new year as well as increase the number of zero waste focused community events to which we are continually invited to participate in island wide.

From July – December of 2015, RH staff and volunteers participated in the following events:

October 2-28: 28th Annual Big Island Artists Trash Show at the Hawai'i Museum of Contemporary Art in Hilo. Recycle Hawai'i's special annual Tutu Hana Hou Award went to artist, **Melany Kerver** for her "Ganesha Altar" made from mixed found objects.

October 24: Kona Historical Society Founders' Day with Composting display by RH Home Composting Workshop Educator, Ann Hassler.

Nov. 1: Going Nuts for the Holidays at Sheraton Convention Center in Kailua-Kona. RH Board Director, Randy Rupar coordinated the event; RH Exec. Director Paul Buklarewicz & wife Arlene handled RH information table.

Nov. 11: America/Hawai'i Recycles Day (ARD) Display at KTA Puainako in Hilo. Recycle/reuse artist Susan Champeny, RH Education Director Marsha Hee, and RH volunteer Victoria Haili received "I Recycle" Pledges and answered



recycling questions. Michele Carvalho of Hui Ho'omalu gave out reusable grocery bags. Presentation of **Keeping It Green Hawai'i Award to KTA Superstores** Vice President Andrew Chun and Supervisor Tony Armstrong by RH Executive Director Paul J. Buklarewicz.

Nov. 15 America/Hawai'i Recycles Day Clean-up in Hilo by Merahi Productions through Matson *Ka Ipu 'Aina* Grant. RH Exec. Director Paul Buklarewicz was on hand to support this community volunteer group.

Nov. 18: ARD Event Green Fair (Business After Hours) by Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kuleana Green Business Committee at Jack's Diving Locker in Kailua-Kona. RH Exec. Director Paul Buklarewicz at RH Info. table signed up two new RH "Life" members.

Dec. 3 & 4: Hilo Symposium on Marine Debris & Tsunami Driftage at NOAA Mokuapāpapa Discovery Center in Hilo. RH Exec. Director Paul Buklarewicz at RH info table and RH Board VP/Treasurer Angela Kang made a presentation on the Zero Waste concept and progress.

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

FEB 6 - Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival

*Free event, 9 am to 3 pm in Waimea Town
Volunteers needed for HI5 bins & ZW sort station*

FEB 13 - Home Composting Workshop with Ann Hassler

Free, 10 am to 12 noon at Earth Matters Farm, Registration required.

FEB 27 - Grow Hawaiian Festival

*Free event, 9 am to 2:30 pm at Amy Greenwell Garden
Recycle Hawai'i information table and Zero Waste sort station*

MARCH 5 - Home Composting Workshop with Ann Hassler

Free, 10 am to 12 noon at Kea'au Reuse Center, Registration required.

Household Hazardous Waste & Latex Paint* Collection

Sat., MARCH 5 Waimea Recycling & Transfer Station, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Sun., MARCH 6 Pahoa Recycling & Transfer Station, 8:30 am-3:30 pm*

**Recycle Hawai'i handles paint collection in nearby tent for Waimea*

REUSE CENTERS

The Kea'au and Pahoa Reuse Centers in East Hawai'i have maintained an average of 20 tons per month landfill diversion of "still good stuff" from Feb. 2014 to Dec. 2015. The County Department of Environmental Management has extended our contract for managing Kea'au, Pahoa, Waimea, Kealakehe and Keauhou RCs for another year beginning Feb. 1, 2016. Due to site space and operating time limitations at the Hawi RC, we have decided to close that facility by end of January 2016.

*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
(Closed after January 27, 2016 until further notice)

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

Waimea Reuse Center

Open daily 9 AM – 4:30 PM

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In the News

RECYCLE BOWL SCHOOLS

Schools statewide continue to recycle with support from their school community plus state and national non-profits, local businesses and government. For the 2015 Recycle-Bowl School Competition, sponsored by national non-profit **Keep America Beautiful (KAB)**, students from 11 schools on Kauai, Maui and Hawai'i islands collected and recorded how much discards from their campus were diverted from landfill or incineration from Oct. 19 to Nov. 15, 2015.

When official results of this nationwide recycling competition are announced in February 2016, top schools in Hawai'i will receive awards sponsored by **Goodfellow Bros. Inc., Lex Brodie's Tires & Service Center of Big Island** and **Island Naturals Market & Deli** on Hawai'i Island.



Kamali'i Elementary utilizes green & food waste for their compost pile. Photo by Kamali'i Elem.



Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Middle students weigh paper before it goes to mixed recycling bin at nearby Volcano Transfer Station operated by County of Hawai'i.

Photo by Hal Tredinnick

All **2015 Recycle-Bowl Schools** are acknowledged here for their commitment to recycling on campus and the positive impact they make for our island community and environment.

**First time participants to Recycle-Bowl*

HAWAI'I

Kea'au Elementary*

Konawaena Middle*

Konawaena High

Pahoa High & Intermediate

Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Middle

MAUI

Kamali'i Elementary*

Lahainaluna High

King Kekaulike High

St. Anthony School*

KAUAI

Kalaheo Elementary*

Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle*



Kalaheo Elementary's Adrian Smith (Kindergarten) & Noah de la Pena (1st grade) sort recyclables during the school's Recycle Mondays drive.

Photo by Malie Smith



Konawaena Middle students learn how HI5 beverage containers are processed at Atlas Recycling.

Photo by Mary Kay Slingerland

In Hawai'i, Recycle-Bowl is coordinated by Marsha Heel/ Recycle Hawai'i and Keep the Hawaiian Islands Beautiful. For information, contact <http://recycle-bowl.org/> or <http://www.recyclehawaii.org/>

GO GREEN in 2016 with COMPOSTING!

Since 2004, Recycle Hawai'i's "Composting is Recycling, Too!" program has brought experts in the recovery of discarded organic materials into communities islandwide to conduct over 260 home composting and vermiculture workshops plus community event displays. An estimated 5000 participants have learned how to turn food scraps, food contaminated paper and yard trimmings into valuable soil amendments - thus reducing green waste deposits to the island's landfills.

Master composter-educator Ann Hassler has been responsible for coordinating and conducting a large part of these activities since 2006. Participants have learned the basics of composting and vermiculture through Ann's workshops and community events. Beginners and experienced individuals of all ages have benefited from sessions in Hilo, Pa'auilo, Honoka'a, Waimea, Waikoloa, Kailua-Kona, Kealahou, Ocean View, Volcano, Kea'au and Pahoa.

Together with her daughter, Piper Seldon, RH compost instructor from 2003-2015, Ann wrote and designed the "Backyard Composting in Hawai'i" brochure used in our workshops.

In late March, Ann moves to Washington State. Before leaving, she teaches two final **Home Composting Workshops on Saturdays, February 13 and March 5** (see Events on page 2). Workshops are free; donations and memberships to Recycle Hawaii are appreciated. **Registration required with Marsha Hee at hiartrecycle@gmail.com or 985-8725. Sign up soon as space is limited.**



MAHALO!

**ANN HASSLER
Master Composter**

**For many years of
expertise and dedicated
service to our Hawai'i
Island community!**

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