



Preserving and promoting the rich history of Kapaia Valley

Kapaia Foundation

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Koinobori Kaua'i 2026!

Kapaia Foundation's April newsletter highlights Koinobori Kaua'i. The flying carp is a symbol of hope that children will grow up physically strong and courageous against adversity. A rare sight in our community today, Kapaia Foundation continues the colorful and joyful tradition introduced to Hawaii by Japanese sugar plantation immigrants.

We display strings of windsock carp to remember the entire community of Kapaia in its heyday, the 1930's, and to celebrate all children. The koinobori will be flying in Kapaia Valley from April 27 – May 22. It will be an amazing sight when the wind blows, making the koi windsocks appear to be swimming vigorously against an imaginary river current and leaping over rapids! This impressive display instills community pride and fulfills a need for cultural enrichment and historical preservation. We hope to achieve awareness of the contributions of sugar plantation era immigrants to the history of Hawaii.



VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS

Three work days are planned to prepare for the happy display. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

April 11, Saturday, 8am-12pm Clean grounds and river bank. Take out and clean poles and stakes. Wear comfortable clothes, covered shoes and gloves. Bring any tool you want to use...weed wacker, chain saw, rake, lopper, sickle, etc. Lunch will be provided.

April 18, Saturday, 8am-12pm Clean grounds and pound pole stakes. Wear comfortable clothes, covered shoes and gloves. Bring any tool you want to use...post pounder, weed wacker, chain saw, rake, lopper, sickle, etc. Lunch will be provided.

April 25, Saturday, 8am-12pm Raise koinobori and clean grounds. Wear comfortable clothes and covered shoes. Koi raisers should bring a scissors & a needle nose plier. Grounds maintenance volunteers can bring any tool listed above. Lunch will be provided.



Be a Koinobori Sponsor

Sponsorship helps cover the cost of the free public display. Sponsor's name will be displayed on the sponsor koi. A message can be printed as well. For example, a koi could be in honor of, memory of, happy birthday to, congratulations to, love from, etc., etc. Kois will fly until May 22. **Print and fill out the attached sponsor pdf file** and mail with a check or cc info to Kapaia Foundation, 4453 Laukini Rd. Lihu'e, HI 96766. To expedite your order, or if you have questions, email kapaiafoundation@gmail.com or **text/call 808 639-3606**



Mahalo to Koinobori Kaua'i 2026 Sponsors (as of 4/8/2026)

Stephen & Sylvia Fujii	3'	The Kapaia Fujii's: Tom, Betty, Stella, Arnold, Steven, Roger, Calvin
Stephen & Sylvia Fujii	3'	Forever in our hearts: Tsutomu Fujii, Fusayo Fujii, Stella Fujii, Arnold Fujii and Calvin Fujii
Inagaki/Doi Family	3'	Aloha, Ikuma Okazaki Family Ehime-ken, Japan
Kuhio Auto Group	3'	From your friends at Kuhio Motors-Chevy, Hyundai, Nissan
Kuhio Auto Group	3'	From your friends at Midpac Auto-Ford, Mazda
Bob & Michielle Looser		Benefactor
Laraine Moriguchi		Benefactor
George & Rie Tsukamoto	3'	In Memory of the Tsukamoto Ohana of Kapaia Camp

Koi Windsocks for Sale

Colorful polyester koi windsocks are for sale Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm at SIGNart, 4453 Laukini Rd. Lihue. Mahalo to SIGN ART for assisting Kapaia Foundation with its annual windsock fundraiser.

12" \$ 9

24" \$ 11

36" \$ 19

60" \$ 31

Keep this colorful and happy local tradition alive by flying a koi windsock to celebrate the joy of children!



Note: **Purchased** koi windsocks are for you and your own use. A **Sponsor** koi is a donation to Kapaia Foundation and will be displayed in Kapaia Valley, next to the swinging bridge, until May 22.



Visitor Industry Charity Walk *May 2*

The walk starts at 7am from Vidinha Stadium. **Register to walk or donate by going online** [Charity Walk 2025 - Hawaii](#)

[Lodging & Tourism Association](#) and **join Kapaia**

Foundation's team!!!

Your support helps Kapaia Foundation and all other non-profit organizations on Kaua'i.

Charity Walk is Hawaii's visitor industry's way of showing its appreciation for the community by way of fiscal contribution. They provide assistance to more than 60 non-profit organizations throughout Kaua'i.

A special mahalo to SIGN ART for actively donating their time and energy to fundraise for Charity Walk. Stop by their shop this Monday, 4/13 to purchase some of their baked goods and snacks. Call 808 246-6812 for more information.

RETURNING APRIL 13

BAKE SALE MONDAY



A Fundraiser
for
Charity Walk
Kaua'i

Treat yourself to delicious homemade desserts and support a great cause!

**Lemon Bars, Sweet Potato Pie, Energy Bars,
Rice Krispies Treats, Slutty Brownies,
Mini Oreo Cheesecake
and Chocolate Chip Cookies**

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8am - 4pm, 4453 Laukini Road Lihue, HI 96766
Follow @signartkauai on Instagram or call for more info: 808-246-6812

Mahalo to all Kapaia Foundation Members and Supporters

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Randal & Debbie Ihara Valenciano (In Memory of Muneo & Hatsuko Ihara, my paternal grandparents who were proprietors of Ihara Store in Kapaia)
Marisa Valenciano (In Memory of Grandpa Richard Ihara, born & raised in Kapaia)
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Sponsor

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Sustainer

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Bob & Michielle Looser
Laraine Moriguchi

One Time Gift

Russell & Marsha Ishii \$200

Your membership makes our organization stronger. The stronger we are, the more we can do! Your support is appreciated. Membership is free. Just fill out and return the membership form.

Membership...Includes public support listing, email announcements and open invitation to all meetings, events and activities. Benefactor membership...includes all of the above benefits, plus donor recognition at every opportunity (unless donor advises otherwise).

Kapaia Foundation membership is open to anyone wishing to support the intent and purpose of Kapaia Foundation. Kapaia Foundation is a purely voluntary association whose primary source of funding is through donations and grants. Kapaia Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin, or other personal factor. (PDF printable file attached)

YES! I would like to preserve and promote the rich history of Kapaia Valley.

Name _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

Phone _____

E-mail _____

_____ **Contributor Lifetime \$0 - \$99/yr donation**

_____ **Sponsor Membership \$100-499/yr donation**

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Print, mail to Kapaia Foundation 4453 Laukini Rd. Lihu'e, HI 96766

Donation payment with credit card or check:

cc Payment: _____ **VISA** _____ **Mastercard**

Acct # _____

EXP Date _____/_____/_____ **3 digit security # (located back of card)** _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Billing Address Street _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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