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Around the Island



Happy Holidays To One And All!!

My best wishes to all of our readers and their loved ones this Holiday Season. Following is s story that warms my heart each time I read it. I hope you enjoy it.

Aloha,
Herb

The Christmas Rifle

Pa never had much compassion for the lazy or for those who squandered their means and then never had enough for the necessities. But for those who were genuinely in need, his heart was as big as all outdoors.

It was from him that I learned the greatest joy in life comes from giving, not from receiving. It was Christmas Eve 1881. I was fifteen



years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted so badly that year for Christmas. We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Pa wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible.

So after supper was over, I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace, waiting for Pa to get down the old Bible. I was still feeling sorry for myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read Scriptures. But Pa didn't get the Bible; instead he bundled up again and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I didn't worry about it long though; I was too busy wallowing in self-pity.

Soon Pa came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard "Come on, Matt," he said. "Bundle up good, it's cold out tonight." I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, but, now Pa was dragging me out in the cold, and for no earthly reason that I could see. We'd already done all the chores, and I couldn't think of anything else that needed doing, especially not on a night like this.

But I knew Pa was not very patient at one dragging one's feet when he'd told them to do something, so I got up, put my boots back on, and got my cap, coat, and mittens. Ma gave me a mysterious smile as I opened the door to leave the house. Something was up, but I didn't know what.

Outside, I became even more dismayed. There in front of the house was the work team, already hitched to the big sled. Whatever it was we were going to do wasn't going to be a short or quick or little job, I could tell. We never hitched up this sled unless we were going to haul a big load. Pa was already up on the seat, reins in hand. I reluctantly climbed up beside him.

The cold was already biting at me, and I wasn't happy. When I was on, Pa pulled the sled around the house and stopped in front of the woodshed. He got off and I followed. "I think we'll put on the high sideboards," he said. "Here, help me." The high sideboards! It had been a bigger job than I wanted to do with just the low sideboards on, but whatever it was we were going to do would be a lot bigger with the high sideboards on.

After we had exchanged the sideboards, Pa went into the woodshed and came out with an armload of wood - the wood I'd spent all summer hauling down from the mountain and all fall sawing into blocks and splitting. What was he doing? Finally I said something.

"Pa," I asked, "what are you doing?"

"You been by the Widow Jensen's lately?" he asked. The Widow Jensen lived about two miles down the road. Her husband had died a year or so before and left her with three children, the oldest being eight. Sure, I'd been by, but so what? "Yeah," I said, "Why?" "I rode by just today," Pa said. "Little Jakey was out digging around in the woodpile trying to find a few chips. They're out of wood, Matt." That was all he said.

He then turned and went back into the woodshed for another armload of wood. I followed him. We loaded the sled so high that I began to wonder if the horses would be able to pull it. Finally, Pa called a halt to our loading and went to the smokehouse where he took down a big ham and a side of bacon. He handed them to me and told me to put them in the sled and wait.

When he returned he was carrying a sack of flour over his right shoulder and a smaller sack of something in his left hand. "What's in the little sack?" I asked. "Shoes. They're out of shoes. Little Jakey just had gunnysacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I got the children a little candy too. It just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy.

"We rode the two miles to Widow Jensen's pretty much in silence. I tried to think through what Pa was doing. We didn't have much by worldly standards. Of course, we did have a big woodpile, though most of what was left now was still in the form of logs that I would have to saw into blocks and split before we could use it. We also had meat and flour, so we could spare that, but I knew we didn't have any money, so why was Pa buying them shoes and candy? Really, why was he doing any of this? Widow Jensen had closer neighbors than us; it

shouldn't have been our concern.

We came in from the blind side of the Jensen house, unloaded the wood as quietly as possible, and took the meat and flour and shoes around to the front door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said, "Who is it?" "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt. Could we come in for a bit?" Widow Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire that hardly gave off any heat at all.

Widow Jensen fumbled with a match and finally lit the lamp. "We brought you a few things, Ma'am," Pa said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then Pa handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children - sturdy shoes, the best, shoes that would last. I watched her carefully. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks.

She looked up at Pa like she wanted to say something, but it wouldn't come out. "We brought a load of wood too, Ma'am," Pa said. He turned to me and said, "Matt, go bring in enough to last awhile. Let's get that fire up to size and heat this place up." I wasn't the same person when I went back out to bring in the wood. I had a big lump in my throat and, as much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes, too. In my mind, I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks with so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn't speak.

My heart swelled within me and a joy that I'd never known before filled my soul. I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I could see we were literally saving the lives of these people. I soon had the fire blazing and everyone's spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Pa handed them each a piece of candy, and Widow Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn't crossed her face for a long time.

She finally turned to us. "God bless you," she said. "The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his angels to spare us." In spite of myself, the lump returned to my throat and the tears welled up in my eyes again. I'd never thought of Pa in those exact terms before, but after Widow Jensen mentioned it, I could see that it was probably true. I was sure that a better man than Pa had never walked the earth.

I started remembering all the times he had gone out of his way for Ma and me, and many others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it. Pa insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Tears were running down Widow Jensen's face again when we stood up to leave. Pa took each of the kids in his big arms and gave them a hug. They clung to him and didn't want us to go.

I could see that they missed their pa, and I was glad that I still had mine. At the door, Pa turned to Widow Jensen and said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get cantankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt, here, hasn't been little for quite a spell." I was the youngest. My two brothers and two sisters had all married and had moved away. Widow Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you". Out on the sled, I felt warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice the cold.

When we had gone a ways, Pa turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your ma and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough. Then yesterday, a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your ma and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that. But on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunnysacks and I knew what I had to do. Son, I spent your rifle money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand." I understood, and my eyes became wet with tears again. I understood very well, and I was so glad Pa had done it.

Now the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. Pa had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Widow Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children. For the rest of my life, whenever I saw

any of the Jensens, or split a block of wood, I remembered, and remembering brought back that same joy I felt riding home beside Pa that night. Pa had given me much more than a rifle that night; he had given me the best Christmas of my life.



Puka Boutique & Gallery Open in Hanapepe

There is a great newer gallery in Hanapepe that is worth a visit and it's called Puka Boutique and Gallery. What makes it even more special is that the owner, Ana, is a past guest at Hideaway Cove. She came with her parents a while back and her parents returned recently to help Ana and her husband move into their new home in Koloa.


I'm certain this is the first instance of one of our guests starting a business on Kauai. I am absolutely not claiming any credit for this as Ana arrived on Kauai determined to start a business and Puka Boutique & Gallery is the result. And what a great result it is!

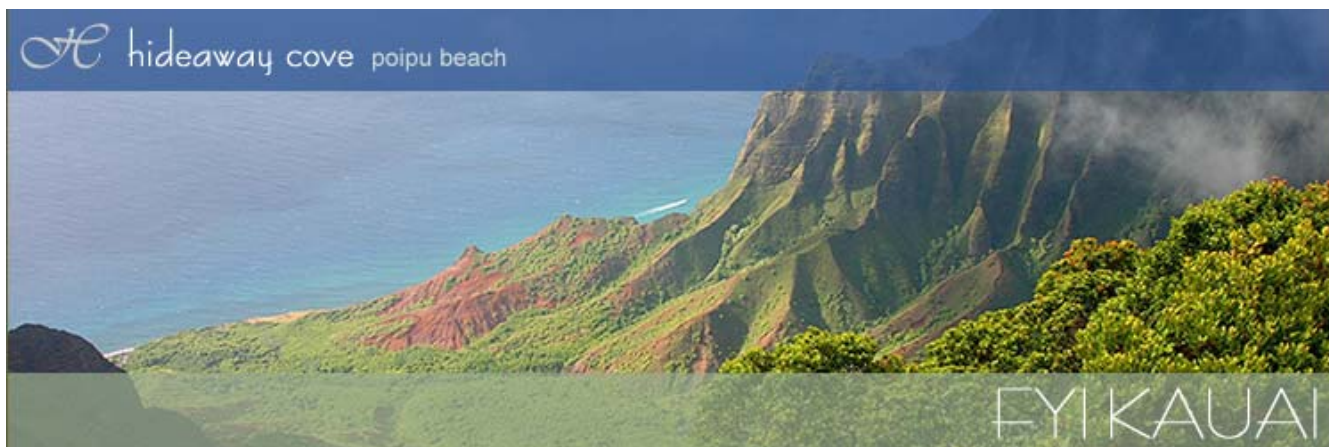
The address for the Boutique is 3900 Hanapepe Road in Hanapepe. They are open Monday through Saturday from 11 to 4 and on Friday from 12 to 9 p.m. The website address is www.pukaboutiquegallery.com and their local phone number is 808.335.5306. You can email Ana at ana@ukaboutiquegallery.com.



So go visit them in Hanapepe! You can either go on art night, which is becoming quite the event on Fridays in Hanapepe from 6 to 9 pm, or any other time they're open. They proudly offer local designer goods, one of a kind dresses, earrings, skirts, handbags, pearl jewelry, exclusive art and photography! Pay them a visit and you won't be disappointed.

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Kauai Coming Events



Found below are links to several different Kauai events calendars. Click on one or all of them and you'll be right up to date on absolutely everything happening on our garden island during the time you're planning to be on Kauai.



Hawaii State vacation planner
www.bestplaceshawaii.com/calendar/kauai

Visitors and Convention Bureau
www.gohawaii.com/about_hawaii/plan/events_in_hawaii


Festivals
www.kauaifestivals.com

Community events
kauai.alllocalevents.com


Off the beaten path events
www.alternative-hawaii.com/kaucal.htm

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What's Happening at Hideaway Cove



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Now you can become a fan of Hideaway Cove on Facebook. If you're not already a member of the Facebook community, it's a very simple process to sign up. Just go to www.facebook.com and follow the instructions.

Then become a fan of Hideaway Cove by entering "Hideaway Cove" in their search box. You'll then be one of the first to hear about our last minute specials and other special offers from Hideaway.

Hideaway Cove Happenings

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We've put a new coating on the deck of the Coral One Bedroom. It's actually a roofing material, however when I commented to a local roofer about the problems I was having with my decks (the paint continually chips off), he said just use three coats of Thompsons white roofing "goo"

(not the real name) applied one day at a time and then paint as usual. Although it sounded like a lot of work, I decided to give it a try. So far it looks like he was right as the deck is holding up really well. Now I just need five days of vacancy in the rest of our places to do the same thing to their decks. It really does look nice.

The interior of the Aloha also received the Plantation Green color of all the rest of the Hideaway interiors. It is such a peaceful and calming color and makes such a difference. This was the last of the interiors to receive the new Plantation Green color.

Exterior painting continues. The Seabreeze is now a pleasing pastel yellow and the Dophihn and Coral a nice ocean blue. That is to say the fronts of those villas are those colors--the rest of the building is still scheduled.

There's a new roof on the 2307 building and a new air conditioner in the Beachcomber. We originally purchased top of the line air conditioners thinking that if the compressor gave out in time, which we expected, the unit on the wall would still be good. But NO. Turns out the federal government now requires a different coolant in air conditioning lines, so we had to replace the compressor, the unit on the wall AND all of the copper tubing that went from the compressor to the wall unit. The cost was more than the original installation, however we are helping the planet, our only saving grace in all this.

Then the dryer in the 2315 building went on the fritz. Called the repair guy who said it would be \$450 to repair it. I figured with my luck, if I repaired the dryer on this nine year old machine, which has washer and dryer in one stacked unit, it wouldn't be long before the washing machine went out. So this time I purchased individual GE washer and dryer which could be stacked on one another. Of course that required hiring our friendly electrician to bring new power to the washer. And then the valve to one of the supply hoses was frozen and required Pete the Plummer to come out and fix it. So naturally the original cost estimate I gave to Gale went way over budget.

We also installed new heat plates and stainless steel burners on many of the barbecues. Of course these parts came from the mainland and the shipping was more than the cost of the parts, which we've come to expect. The barbecues themselves are still looking good and everyone who stays with us seems to appreciate having their own individual barbecue to cook on.

We have also begun the great lamp shade project. It seems that no matter how nice the shades are when installed, they just get hammered by the elements. Our problem has always been that no local source existed for quality lamp shades. Wal Mart and K-Mart had shades, however they just weren't the quality we were looking for. We were very fortunate to hear about a liquidation sale from the Marriott and went the first day to the warehouse where everything was stored. Gale and I must have gone through 300 lamp shades to find 30 that were in good condition. Now we are systematically going through all villas and replacing shades.

Our cats Junior, Smokey and Tiger send you their best. Still no photos as they remain pretty skittish, seeing as how they are wild and only come around when its feeding time. We remain hopeful of photos some day.

Kauai Vacation Helpers Offers

Best Price Guarantee

on Activity Prices!



Gale has been hard at work scouring the internet for the very best activity prices on Kauai. So she is now able to offer the best prices to be found anywhere.

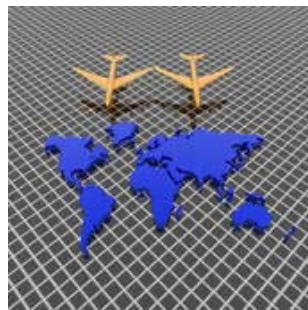
So now you don't have to spend all your time looking around for the best prices, because she's already done that. Just give her a call on her toll free line at 800-427-5996 or you can email info@kauaivacationhelpers.com. And how sure is she that her prices are the lowest you'll find anywhere? She offers you this guarantee--

If you find a lower written price for a Kauai activity

Gale will match or beat it!

Call Toll Free at 800-527-5996

At Hideaway Cove Villas Make Your Reservations With Us First



Then Confirm Your Airline Tickets

If you have decided that Hideaway Cove Villas is where you want to stay for your trip to Kauai, but don't have your airline reservations made, we have a solution to this potential problem. Because what happens if it takes a day or two to secure your flights, and in the meantime the Villa you had your heart set on, gets booked by someone else?

The solution is to let us know you're coming and we'll put a 48 hour hold on your reservation. Just go to our website at www.hideawaycove.com, click on Reservations and then on the Secure Reservation Form.

Fill it out completely and at the bottom, in the comments section, indicate that you would like a 48 hour hold. You can also call our toll free line at 866-849-2426 with the same information.

Secure Reservation Form



Reservations Available on Our Website.

Please use our **Secure Reservation Form** that allows anyone to transmit their information and is encrypted, so that no one else but us can read it. It's been so popular that a lot of our regular guests, who don't have time zone issues, prefer the convenience of just filling out the secure form and emailing it.



To find the form, go to our website at www.hideawaycove.com, then click on Reservations in the directory to the left of the home page, and then click on Secure Reservation Form. Oh, and if you're wondering what time it is on Kauai, there's a cute little clock there to tell you.



Send Your Positive Hideaway Cove Comments to TripAdvisor.com and Fodors.com.


We're now consistently ranked number one or two on TripAdvisor. Thanks to everyone for sharing your experiences at the TripAdvisor website <http://tripadvisor.com/> We really appreciate the time you've taken to relate your positive experiences. We've been told by several different sources that travelers not familiar with Kauai are increasingly relying on this site for advice.

So, if you haven't already done so, please take a moment and let the rest of the world know what a great time you had at Hideaway Cove! And while you're at it, take your same comments from TripAdvisor or Fodors, then cut and paste them into our online guestbook (see below). Mahalo!

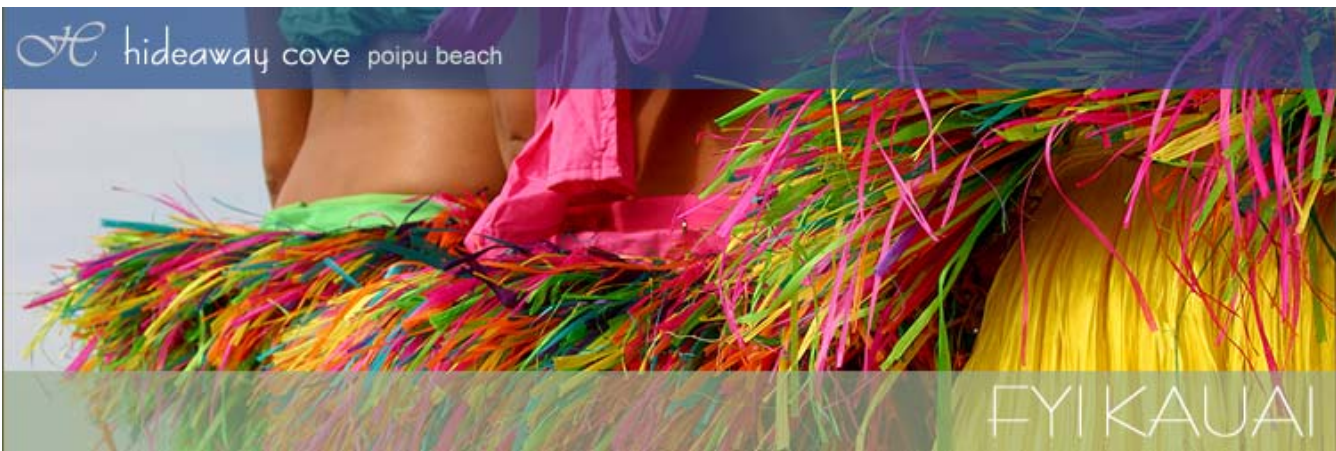
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A Little Bit of Laughter



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Math Quiz

Here is a math problem that is bound to amaze you.

1. Grab a calculator. (You won't be able to do this one in your head.)

Make sure you hit the equals (=) key after each step.

2. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the area code)
3. Multiply by 80

4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again.
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?



Remember The Milk Man?

These are actual notes left for the milk man over the years.

Dear Milkman, I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Please leave an extra pint of paralyzed milk.

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby, and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.

When you leave my milk, knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

Please knock. My TVs broken down, and I missed last night's SOPRANOS. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened?

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

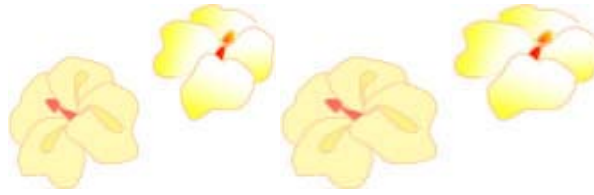
From now on please leave two pints every day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.

MY back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table, because we want to play bingo tonight.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday or is it today?

No milk today. Please do not leave milk at No. 14 either as he is dead until further notice.

When you come in with the milk, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out, and put newspaper inside the screen door. P.S. Don't leave any milk.

**Do You Know Or Do You Care...?**

A catfish has over 27,000 taste buds, more than any other animal.

A flea can jump 350 times its body length, which is like a human jumping the length of a football field.

A cockroach will live nine days without its head. The only reason it doesn't live longer is that it is unable to eat.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump (thankfully).

A cat's urine glows under a black light

An Ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.

Fish haven't got brains.

Any time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.

You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider?

Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

A pig's orgasm lasts for 30 minutes.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.

Polar bears are left handed.





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Real Estate Corner



Six Acre Kalaheo Family Retreat with outstanding ocean views.



The property consists of a two building sites, each approximately a half acre in size. The address for Google Maps is 1001 Puu Road, Kalaheo, HI 96741.

Build your primary residence on the lower lot with sweeping views up the coastline all the way to Poipu Beach. Plenty of room for a multi-car garage and/or workshop plus pool and spa.

The upper lot also has good ocean views and would be perfect for a guest house with plenty of room left over for tennis courts and/or pool.

Six Acre Parcel
Offered at \$1,345,000.
MLS #227487

The lots can also be purchased individually, in which case the costs

of maintaining the compacted gravel driveway and landscaping, would be shared equally by both owners.

Lower lot is approx. 3.4 acres
Offered for \$695,000
MLS # 220645

Upper lot approx. 2.6 acres
Offered for \$650,000
MLS # 220647



A compacted gravel driveway has been installed (550 feet to the 2.6 acre lot and 1150 feet from the street to the 3.4 acre lot).

Both lots provide seclusion and privacy. Landscape design for the road was done by Maureen Murphy, formerly of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens.

Underground Utilities Installed

Underground electric, cable, phone and water have all been installed and approved by the County of Kauai.



Well known Kauai architect Ginny Latham has completed plans for a single story plantation style home featuring two master suites, an office, media room and detached oversized two car garage.

The plans for the home are submitted to the County of Kauai and are nearing approval.




So if you've looking for a shovel ready project with roads and underground utilities already installed plus plans submitted to the County for approval, this is the project for you.

These prices are well below the cost to purchase raw land in this area and add the infrastructure and landscaping that has been done on this project.

Full Disclosure--Herb Lee is a licensed real estate broker in Hawaii and California and also the co-owner of these lots.

For additional information, please email Herb at herblee143@gmail.com or call toll free 866-849-2426.

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Thoughts to Ponder



It is one of the blessings of friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The hardest lesson in life is to know which bridges to cross and which to burn.

Author Unknown

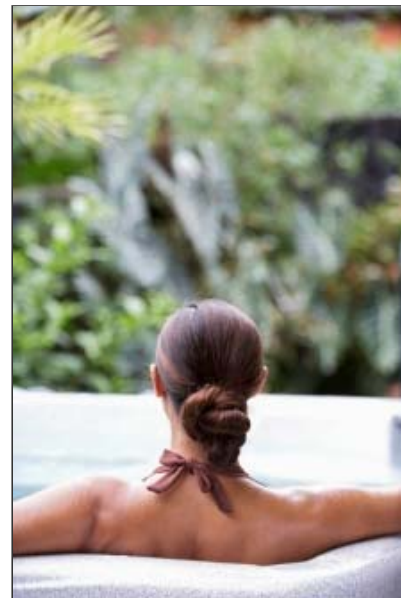
Read, every day, something no one else is reading.

Think, every day, something no one else is thinking.

Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do.

It is bad for the mind to be always part of unanimity.

Christopher Morley



Growing up I was always very different and it bothered me. If only I had known back then that my differentness was an asset, it would have made my childhood much easier.

Bette Midler




Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.

Alexandre Dumas

I never let my schooling interfere with my education.

Mark Twain

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And the Winner is...



Congratulations to... Fred and Wanda Woodruff of Santa Barbara, California for winning a \$300 credit toward a future stay at Hideaway Cove. The credit expires a year from now, so give us a call and make a reservation!

The winner of our new drawing will be announced in our next issue. Good luck to everyone!

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Year Round Things To Do



Hanapepe Art Night

Every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. is **Hanapepe Art Night** and is unique. Participating galleries take turns being the weekly host gallery, offering original performances or demonstrations which become the theme for that art night. All the galleries are lit up and decked out, giving the town a special atmosphere. Enjoy a stroll down the streets of quaint, historic Hanapepe Town and meet the local artists. This is also the only night the Hanapepe Café is open (it's otherwise open for breakfast and lunch) and it is a wonderful restaurant serving vegetarian fare. For Art Night info, call Lew or Annette Shortridge at (808) 335-0343.

Enjoy free hula shows at the following locations:

Seaview Terrace at Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa, Poipu, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Be sure and call (808) 742-1234 to double check the type of performance. Some nights there is guitar music, others keiki hula with young children performing. If you've never seen 3-9 years olds doing the hula, you should go. It's really a joy to watch.

Kukui's Restaurant at Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club, Lihue (on Kalapaki Bay), Wednesday & Saturday shows, 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM Call (808) 245-5050

Coconut Marketplace, Kapaa, 5:00 PM daily (programs vary) Call (808) 822-3641

Happy Talk Lounge at Hanalei Bay Resort, Princeville, Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 PM - call (808) 826-6522. Also enjoy live jazz here on Sunday afternoons.

The free Tiare Tahiti Dance Show takes place Monday & Thursday evenings at 5:00 PM, in the courtyard of Poipu Shopping Village. Call (808) 742-2831.



Hawaiian crafts

Watch Hawaiian crafts being created at the Hui Aloha (friendly get-together) in the Sheraton Garden Court Lobby in Poipu from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. This daily display features everything from coconut hats to Niihau shell leis, lauhala baskets and more. Call (808) 742-



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Crater Hill Hikes

Monday through Thursday go on Crater Hill Hikes. From the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center, you can join this 2 to 2-1/2 hour hike. Guides discuss the geology of the island and Crater Hill, seabirds and migratory birds, native plants, and marine wildlife that visit Kilauea Point. Spectacular setting including historic Kilauea Point Lighthouse, visitor's center, and grounds open all day. Free with paid entry fee of \$3 to the Wildlife Refuge. Call (808) 828-0168 for reservations.

Gay & Robinson Tour

Monday through Friday take a Gay & Robinson Tour. See Makaweli's sugar irrigation systems Mon - Fri, 8 - 4 p.m. Exhibits show the 17.5 mile Koula Ditch, 13 mile Olokele Ditch, and history of Gay & Robinson, Olokele and Hawaiian Sugar Co. plantations. Free. Call (808) 335-2824.

Kapaa History Tour

Take walking tours through Kapaa town. Meet at Pono Kai Resort lobby at 10 am, by appointment only. Call (808) 245-3373 for reservations.

Historic Waimea Walking Tour

Mondays are reserved for the Historic Waimea Walking Tour. This 90 minute tour offers a glimpse of historic Waimea town Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Call (808)338-1332.

Sugar Mill Tour

Mondays through Fridays enjoy a Sugar Mill Tour. This two-hour field and factory tour is given twice daily at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m. There is an admission charge for the tour, but admission to the Visitor Center is free and is open 8 - 4. Kaumakani Ave. Call (808)335-2824 for reservations.

Garden Tours

Mondays through Fridays take advantage of any one of a number of Garden Tours. North shore Limahuli Garden: Restored ancient taro fields, rare species, and spectacular views. (808) 826-1053. Kalaheo Allerton Garden: Exquisite statuary and reflecting pools plus amazing flora. (808) 742-2623. Na Aina Kai: Contemporary sculptures and wonderful grounds. (808) 828-1525.



Walking Tour of Old Waimea Sugar Plantation and Cottages

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays stroll back in time with a Walking Tour of Old Waimea Sugar Plantation and Cottages. The tour meets at 9:00 a.m. and lasts approximately 90 minutes. Volunteers lead you through Waimea Plantation Cottages, a vacation resort of restored plantation houses, and the neighboring Waimea Sugar Company "camp" of houses dating to the turn of the century. Tours are limited to 12 people. For reservations please call (808) 335-2824.

Kauai Museum Tour

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays take a Kauai Museum Tour. Free tours at 10 am with admission. Docents provide interpretation of Kauai and Niihau culture as they lead tours through the Museum's galleries. Call (808) 245-6931 for more information.

Hawaiian Slack Key Music Concerts

Fridays and Sundays perk up your ears for Hawaiian Slack Key Music Concerts. Enjoy a delightful afternoon of live slack key guitar and ukulele with stories of the history of the music, Kauai, endangered species, and more. Free gift drawing! Tickets \$10 (\$8 keiki/kupuna). [Hanalei Community Center](#) - Fridays at 4 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. For more




information call (808) 826-1469.

Grove Farm Museum

Grove Farm Museum offers a walking tour of the grounds and building of a sugar plantation home with little bits of Hawaiiana that are hard to find. Offered daily. Reservations are required and can be made up to three months in advance. (808) 245-3202. Donation of \$5 per adult and \$2 for children 12 and under.

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