

The Voice

of the Volcano Community Association

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Beautification Project
Update

KIPUKA PROGRESS CONTINUES

Submitted by Aubrey Hawk

VCA is thrilled to report huge progress on our joint project with Rotary Club of Volcano, to clean up and enhance the planted “kipuka” on Old Volcano Road in front of Volcano Store/Ohelo Café. After removing the broken

payphones in April, we teamed up with Volcano’s own Zach Mermel of Ola Design Group to clear out weeds, trash and invasive ginger in May. In June and July, we constructed a low dry stack wall, using 3 tons of local blue rock from right here in Volcano (courtesy of the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Keakealani Campus job site around the corner on Haunani Rd.).

This month, we’ll be adding more cinder soil to backfill the rock wall, then planting a beautiful array of native flora.

After that, we hope to install signage welcoming people to Volcano and ID-ing the various plants.

Mahalo to Rotarians Jane Field, Paul Field, Alida (& Ray) Gandy, Bev Garrett, Mike Leidemann, Jay Robinson; VCA board members James Morgan and Mahi Yong Snell; and community members Jeff Hawk and Zach Mermel for your incredible work on this project. If you’d like to join us on the final planting day (date TBD), email vcainfo@yahoo.com!



(Above) July 10 work party: rock wall almost complete



(Above) The view from Ohelo Café on July 14

Volcano Biz Spotlight

MCCALL FLOWER FARM

Submitted by Jim Buck

Jeff and Claudia McCall have been selling produce at the Cooper Center Sunday Market since 2011. Born and raised on the Big Island, Jeff started growing flowers in Volcano in 1982. The two were in the same grade at Hilo High School and Jeff surfed with Claudia’s brothers. Jeff’s parents had a second home in Volcano, so he came up here all the time. Claudia has been doing stained glass art for over 20 years and

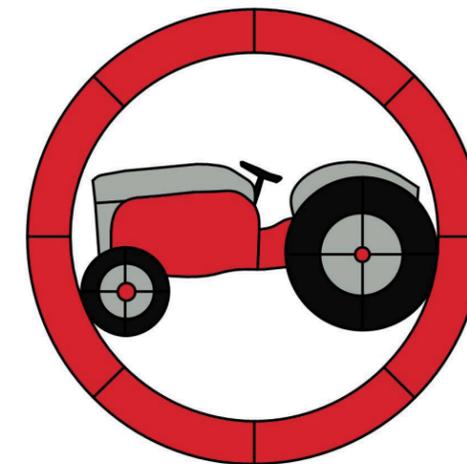
has taught at the Volcano Art Center. You can view her pieces and inquire about commissions on Wednesdays after 3:00 at the farm.

Jeff has a Master’s Degree in Horticulture and it shows in the high quality of the produce. About half of their sales are to Island Naturals, Dimple Cheek and other retailers; the rest are direct to the community.

Their son, Gary, works full time in the business along with four part-time employees. They have 13 greenhouses plus outdoor growing beds.

You can text or email an order for pickup (see their ad in

this newsletter), visit them at the Sunday Market on the lower lanai, go to their farm at the top of Haunani Road on Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m., or make an appointment. We are so lucky to have their great produce available in Volcano!



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