



HAWAII'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July-December 2023

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JULY 2023

◆ **May 26-July 21, 2023**

Beneath the Surface: Marine Life of Hawai'i (Maui) — “Beneath the Surface: Marine Life of Hawai'i” is a community art exhibition celebrating marine biodiversity. The Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center is thrilled to collaborate with its 2023 Artist in Residence, Gar Waterman, on the exhibit, with an aim of engaging the community in the discovery, celebration and conservation of Hawai'i's marine ecosystems. The exhibition includes Waterman's completed nudibranch sculpture, dynamic artwork created by Maui's school children and works of marine-themed art created by local artists. Artworks in the exhibit were required to feature an existing ocean species found in or near Hawaiian waters. For more information, visit HuiNoeau.com

◆ **July 1, 2023**

Lāna'i Pineapple Festival (Lāna'i) — Since James Dole's purchase of Lāna'i in 1922 to grow pineapple, the sweet and juicy fruit has evolved into an iconic symbol of the Hawaiian Islands. Thanks to Dole's green thumb and ingenuity (canned pineapple, anyone?), the tiny island became an agricultural giant, with its plantation acreage once accounting for 75 percent of the world's pineapple production. While the majority of Lāna'i's pineapple production shut down in the late 1980s — only about 100 acres remain today to supply enough fruit for local consumption — the island still celebrates its rich history as Hawai'i's Pineapple Island each summer with the Lāna'i Pineapple Festival. Be sure to come hungry to enjoy pineapple eating contests, pineapple-cooking competitions and food booths showcasing tasty island eats. For more information, visit LanaiPineappleFestival.com.

◆ **July 4, 2023**

Queens' Marketplace Fourth of July Celebration (island of Hawai'i) — Set for Independence Day, from noon to 8 p.m., Queens' Marketplace's free, open to the public Fourth of July celebration will feature live entertainment from local musicians, face painting, popcorn, cotton candy and lots of family-friendly activities throughout the day, culminating with a spectacular fireworks display over Waikoloa Bowl at Queens' Gardens. For more information, visit QueensMarketplace.com.

◆ **July 4, 2023**

Parker Ranch Annual 4th of July Rodeo & Horse Races (island of Hawai'i) — Celebrating the Waimea community and commemorating its unique ranching culture and way of life, this Independence Day rodeo is a long-standing tradition promoting camaraderie and friendly competition among several Hawai'i Island ranches and showcasing the skills that have made *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys) famous throughout the world. *Paniolo* compete in multiple events, including horse racing, ranch mugging, team roping, *po'o waii* (*paniolo* ranching technique) and more. The community is invited to enjoy crafts and food from local vendors, and *keiki* (children) activities, including a petting zoo. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit ParkerRanch.com.

- ◆ **July 14-15, 2023**
Molokai Holokai Ho'olaule'a (Maui, Moloka'i) — The Molokai Holokai Ho'olaule'a is a combination of two great ocean paddling events. The first day's Maui to Moloka'i Challenge is a 27-mile race tracing a course from Kā'anapali, Maui, across the Pailolo Channel to Kaunakakai, Moloka'i. The second day's competition is the family-friendly Keiki and Makua Race with different distance options and a course running alongside south Moloka'i's protective fringing reef. The event honors the Hawaiian sport of paddling and aims to embody the Hawaiian cultural value of taking care of the land and sea, giving back to the community, honoring host culture and language, and respecting others. For more information, visit MolokaiHolokai.com.

- ◆ **July 15, 2023**
46th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival (O'ahu) — This annual Hawaiian cultural event honoring beloved Hawai'i monarch and *bula* enthusiast Kamehameha V (born Lot Kapuāiwa) brings *bula* practitioners and admirers together for an exhibition of dance performances by invited *bālan bula* (*bula* schools). One of Hawai'i's most revered cultural events, this year's in-person festival will be held at Thomas Square, once again offering residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the beauty, skill and spirit of the Hawaiian art of *bula*. For more information, visit MoanaluaGardensFoundation.org.

- ◆ **July 21-30, 2023**
37th Annual Kōloa Plantation Days Festival (Kaua'i) — Held in the south Kaua'i district where Hawai'i's first sugar plantation was founded in 1835, this 10-day community celebration features a lively, family-oriented slate of events showcasing the area's rich history and diverse multicultural traditions. Bring the family to celebrate Kōloa and enjoy live music, dance, a rodeo, a festival parade and lots of multiethnic comfort food. For more information, visit KoloaPlantationDays.com.

- ◆ **July 29, 2023**
Volcano's 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs (island of Hawai'i) — The public is invited to enjoy this annual fun run through a beautiful '*ōhi'a* forest on the island of Hawai'i, with scenic views of Maunakea and Maunaloa volcanoes. Runners participating in 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs can opt to join the event's half-marathon or 5K courses. For more information, visit OhiaLehuaHalf.com.

- ◆ **July 30, 2023**
2023 Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Moloka'i, O'ahu) — The Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships is one of the most prestigious paddleboard races in the world, attracting elite athletes from around the globe. The challenging race covers 32 miles across the Kaiwi Channel from the island of Moloka'i to O'ahu. Spectators can witness the thrill of the race from multiple points along O'ahu's coastline as competitors race to the finish line. For more information, visit Molokai2Oahu.com.

- ◆ **July 30, 2023**
The Virtual V.4 Edition of Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Virtual) — Alongside this year's live championship race detailed above, paddleboarders unable to participate in person can compete in this Virtual V.4 Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships. Participants can also challenge friends and family to do the same during the live weekend event. Solo paddlers and relay teams can race the championship's 16-mile course length anywhere and at any time in the world and submit their times to the official leaderboard. For more information, visit Molokai2Oahu.com.

- ◆ **July 28-August 25, 2023**

Youth Art Exhibition (Maui) — The Hui No‘eau Visual Arts Center will present the works of more than 250 youth participating in its summer arts programming at this monthlong exhibition, which serves as a showcase for the students’ vibrant creativity and the possibilities of community visual arts education. For more information, visit HuiNoeau.com.

◆ **July 21-23, 2023**

Garden Island Boogie Board Classic (Kaua‘i) — Celebrating its fifth year, this community-based competition on Prince Kūhiō Beach educates boogie board competitors on the long-term benefits watersports can contribute to their lives. *Kūpuna* (elders) and professional bodyboarders mentor participants through the competition and coach the contest’s amateur-level divisions. For more information, visit Kaikeha.org.

◆ **July 21-23, 2023**

Paniolo Heritage Rodeo (Kaua‘i) — The Paniolo Heritage Rodeo, held during the annual Kōloa Plantation Days Festival, offers a fun, cultural experience spotlighting the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) lifestyle. Crowds gather over three days to cheer-on the competitive races, fast-action riding and roping sports, and enjoy *‘ono* (delicious) local foods, educational exhibits and *paniolo* storytelling. For more information, contact cjmstables@gmail.com.

◆ **TBA 2023**

Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge (Kaua‘i) — The Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge was named one of the Top 100 American Open Water Swims by the World Open Water Swimming Association. Hanalei Bay in the summer — with its warm, clear, gentle waters and sandy bottom — offers an ideal venue for the event’s fun and competitive open-water races, which are open to multiple ages and skill levels, and attract swimmers from around the world. For more information, visit HanaleiBaySwimChallenge.com.

AUGUST 2023

◆ **August 2-4, 5-13, 2023**

61st Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (island of Hawai‘i) — Set for multiple days in August, the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (HIBT) returns this year after a three-year hiatus. The second-oldest big-game sport fishing event in the world, the multiday fishing tournament happens in the offshore waters of the beautiful Kona Coast and features a slate of community and cultural events throughout its week of competition. New for this year, the August 2-4 tournament is adding a Four Flag Tournament — a light tackle, 30 lb. test line tournament focusing on four species of marlin, *‘ahi* (Hawaiian tuna), *mahimahi* (dolphin fish) and *ono* (large mackerel fish). For more information, visit HIBTFishing.com.

◆ **August 4-6, 2023 (Kaua‘i)**

Heiva I Kaua‘i (Kaua‘i) — Celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2023, this colorful two-day Tahitian cultural festival at Kapa‘a Beach Park features Tahitian dance and drum competition in solo and group performances, as well as traditional and contemporary Tahitian-style drumming. Attendees will enjoy checking out the festival’s array of vendors selling Pacific Island jewelry, art, woodwork and delicious food. For more information, visit HeivaiKauai.com.

◆ **August 18-20, 2023**

Made In Hawaii Festival (O‘ahu) — Popular with visitors and residents, this annual shopping event features nearly 400 exhibitors showcasing food products, books, gifts, apparel, jewelry, arts and crafts, produce and other homegrown products, all of it produced right here in Hawai‘i. Attendees of

the festival, held at the Hawai'i Convention Center, also enjoy cooking demonstrations, live music and dance performances. For more information, visit [MadeInHawaiiFestival.com](https://www.madeinhawaii.com).

◆ **August 19-27, 2023**

Duke's OceanFest (O'ahu) — All the events in this weeklong-plus ocean sports festival happen in the offshore waters and on the sands of Waikīkī's beaches in honor of legendary Hawai'i waterman and fest namesake Duke Kahanamoku. The festival's full schedule of ocean sports events includes surfing, outrigger canoe paddling, swimming, surf polo, foil surfing, a beach volleyball tournament and more, culminating with a *lei*-draping ceremony at Kahanamoku's Waikīkī statue commemorating his birthday. The fest is a fundraiser for the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation's college scholarship and athletic grants programs. For more information, visit [DukesOceanFest.com](https://www.dukesoceanfest.com).

◆ **TBA 2023**

19th Annual Korean Festival (O'ahu) — The public is invited to the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center Grounds to celebrate the Korean culture in Hawai'i at the annual Korean Festival, organized by the Korean American Foundation Hawaii, Hawaii Korean Chamber of Commerce, and supported by dozens of community organizations and businesses. Attendees experience and get a taste of Korean culture through its food, dance, art, music and entertainment at multiple festival booths and savor tasty Korean cuisine, including kalbi (BBQ short ribs), bibimbap (a rice bowl dish with meat and/or vegetables), and kimchi fried rice. For more information, visit [KoreanFestHawaii.com](https://www.koreanfesthawaii.com)

◆ **TBA 2023**

Asia Pacific Dance Festival (Statewide) — The two-week Asia Pacific Dance Festival features concerts, university course offerings, public lectures, forums and community demonstrations. The festival aims to celebrate similarity and diversity, and honors the past, present and future by enhancing exposure to, and understanding of, many of the rich forms of dance from Asia and the Pacific. For more information, visit [Manoa.Hawaii.edu](https://www.manoa.hawaii.edu).

◆ **TBA 2023**

Emma Farden Sharpe Hula Festival (Maui) — The life and legacy of renowned Lāhainā *kumu hula* (hula instructor) Emma Farden Sharpe is honored in this daylong celebration of *hula 'auana* (modern *hula*) and *hula kabiko* (traditional *hula*). In addition to *hula* performances, the festival also features *hula*-related exhibits, workshops, artisans and a lifetime achievement award named in honor of Farden Sharpe, a pillar of the local *hula* community. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/EFSHF](https://www.facebook.com/EFSHF).

SEPTEMBER 2023

◆ **August 31-September 4, 2023**

Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Races (island of Hawai'i) — The Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race was founded in 1972 as a training event for the grueling Nā Wāhine o Ke Kai (women's) and Moloka'i Hoe (men's) long-distance canoe races from Moloka'i to O'ahu. The race welcomes paddlers from around the globe to compete in the world's largest long-distance outrigger canoe race. Other event activities and highlights include a Historic Kailua Village cultural walk and tour of Hulihe'e Palace, the Queen Lili'uokalani Cultural Fair, arts and crafts vendors, food booths, an event blessing, a torch light parade, and a talk-story session with a renowned coach, canoe builder and paddler Johnny Puakea. For more information, visit [QLCanhoeRace.com](https://www.qlcanhoerace.com).

◆ **September 2, 2023**

End of WWII Commemoration (O'ahu) — On September 2, 1945, documents of surrender were formally signed by Imperial Japan aboard the USS Missouri (BB63) marking the official end of World War II. The 78th Commemoration of the End of World War II, set for September 2, will recognize the historic milestone with ceremonies at the battleship, docked in the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor. The “Mighty Mo,” now a memorial and museum, honors individuals who gave the ultimate sacrifice toward restoring peace in the world. End of WWII Commemoration ceremonies, organized by the USS Missouri Memorial Association, annually pay tribute and honor those who served in the war and their families. For more information, visit USSMissouri.org.

◆ **September 2-3, 2023**

Okinawan Festival (O'ahu) — From its humble beginnings to its current status as one of Hawai'i's premier cultural festivals — now drawing more than 50,000 attendees — this annual event celebrates the Okinawan culture's long history in Hawai'i and its many contributions to the cultural fabric of the Islands. Celebrating its 41st year in 2023, the two-day festival, set for the Hawai'i Convention Center, welcomes residents and visitors to experience Okinawan cuisine, cultural and historical exhibits, arts and crafts, children's games, and lots of Okinawan entertainment. For more information, visit OkinawanFestival.com.

◆ **September 3, 2023**

Kaua'i Marathon and Half-Marathon (Kaua'i) — This 26.2-mile marathon and 13-mile half-marathon aims to keep runners inspired with a course often running alongside Kaua'i's sparkling blue ocean waters, inviting white sand beaches and emerald rainforests. Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities supporting the community. For more information, visit TheKauaiMarathon.com.

◆ **September 8-10, 2023**

Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival (O'ahu) — The Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival, one of the longest-running and most respected queer film festivals in the U.S., celebrates its 34th anniversary this year. A mission of the festival is to use the power of film to raise awareness of, and engage, energize and instill a sense of pride and respect in, Hawai'i's thriving LGBTQIA and *māhū* community. The festival is presented annually by the Honolulu Gay and Lesbian Cultural Foundation, a self-supporting 501(c)3 nonprofit, in honor of Hawai'i LGBTQIA pioneer Adam Baran. For more information, visit HGLCF.org.

◆ **September 9-10, 2023**

47th Annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow (O'ahu) — Each year, members from multiple Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native communities gather on the Bishop Museum's Great Lawn to share and perpetuate their cultures, educate others, and spread positivity and inclusivity at the annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow. During the powwow, Bishop Museum hosts native dance performances and exhibits showcasing the diversity of native art. For more information, visit OICHawaii.org.

◆ **September 9-30, 2023**

Aloha Festivals (O'ahu) — Preserving the unique traditions of the Islands' Hawaiian culture, the Aloha Festivals is a showcase of Hawaiian music, dance, history and the culture's contributions to Hawai'i. With events scheduled throughout September, the Aloha Festivals schedule includes pageantry, a floral parade and *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) in Waikiki, music and *hula* performances, and family-friendly activities. For more information, visit AlohaFestivals.com.

- **September 9** — The Aloha Festivals Royal Court Investiture and Opening Ceremony, held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikīkī, featuring Hawaiian *bula, oli* (chant) and pageantry, and the introduction of the Aloha Festivals 2023 Royal Court.
 - **September 23** — The 69th annual Aloha Festivals Waikīkī Ho'olaule'a, one of Hawai'i's largest annual block parties, featuring local-favorite food, music and entertainment right on the resort area's main drag, Kalākaua Avenue, which is blocked off for the event.
 - **September 30** — The 75th annual Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, showcasing a colorful procession of horseback riders, *bula* dancers, marching bands and fresh-flower-bedecked floats on a route winding through Waikīkī.
- ◆ **September 10, 2023**
Battle of the Food Trucks (Kaua'i) — Bring your appetite and cast your vote as local food trucks battle to be named Kaua'i's Best Food Truck. Each competing food truck will be given several local ingredients to create a savory and a sweet dish for eventgoers to help crown the best. Battle of the Food Trucks supports not only local food trucks, but farmers, producers and the larger mission of building food sustainability in the Islands. The event also spotlights Kaua'i-made and -grown products and features live local entertainment. For more information, visit BestKauaiFoodTrucks.com.
- ◆ **September 16, 2023**
16th Annual Pailolo Challenge (Maui, Moloka'i) — The Pailolo Challenge is a body-challenging 26-mile downwind canoe race from D.T. Fleming Beach Park on Maui to Kaunakakai Pier on Moloka'i. The race annually attracts Hawai'i and international athletes for an adventurous crossing of the rough, windswept Pailolo Channel separating Maui and Moloka'i. For more information, visit Pailolo.com.
- ◆ **September 23, 2023**
Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run (island of Hawai'i) — This fun run offers a challenging course for everyone from *keiki* (children) to *kaupuna* (elders) as it winds about the unpaved trails of the island of Hawai'i town of Pāhala. Participating runners race through 1,900 acres of coffee fields and macadamia nut groves at the Ka'ū Coffee Mill and can choose courses ranging from a 50K and a half marathon, to 10K and 5K distances. For more information, visit KauCoffeeTrailRuns.com.
- ◆ **TBA 2023**
26th Annual Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Festival “Kona Style” (island of Hawai'i) — As a beloved music genre and style of guitar musicianship in modern-day Hawai'i as it ever was, slack-key guitar originated in the Islands in the 19th century with *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys). Founded in 1982, this festival celebrates and perpetuates the cultural importance of slack-key guitar, known locally by the Hawaiian name *kei hō'alu*, which refers to the “loosened” or “slack” tuning of guitar strings. The festival also features Hawai'i crafters, local food vendors and festival merchandise. For more information, visit SlackkeyFestival.com.

OCTOBER 2023

- ◆ **October 14, 2023**
VinFast IRONMAN World Women's Championship (island of Hawai'i) — One of the most prestigious challenges in the multi-race sport of triathlon, this championship 140.6-mile journey invites the world's top female triathletes to the Kona Coast to compete for the sport's top honor. With a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile marathon run to contend with — plus tough

ocean waves and a blisteringly hot lava desert as challenges — triathletes face a course and competition like virtually no other in the world. And if you're visiting Kailua-Kona when it happens, you can catch it all in person. For more information, visit IronMan.com.

◆ **October 13-15, 2023**

Aloha Shirt Festival (island of Hawai'i) —Held at the Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa, the Aloha Shirt Festival is Kona's own version of Fashion Week, focusing on the local garment industry and celebrating Hawai'i's iconic contribution to fashion, the *aloha* shirt. The fest features the newest fashions from local designers, including men's and women's wear, *aloha* wear and wearable arts and crafts. The event even includes a vintage Aloha Wear exhibit, local designer booths, runway type fashion shows, wearable floral industry arts, music and *bula*, and local food vendors. For more information, visit <https://alohashirtfestival.com/>.

◆ **October 13-November 5, 2023**

13th Annual Hawai'i Food and Wine Festival (island of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui) — Annually featuring a roster of renowned Hawai'i and international chefs, culinary personalities, and wine and spirit producers, this series of culinary events on three islands showcases the extraordinary diversity of multicultural cuisine and excellent locally grown-and-raised ingredients found in Hawai'i. Dishes presented at each festival event highlight the state's bounty of local produce, seafood and meats. For more information, visit HawaiiFoodandWineFestival.com.

◆ **October 21, 2023**

Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival (O'ahu) — Hawai'i's largest LGBTQIA community event is a daylong celebration highlighted by the Honolulu Pride Parade — winding through Waikiki from Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park to Kapi'olani Park — and the Honolulu Pride Festival, which promises live music, inspirational speeches and fun activities. For more information, visit HawaiiLGBTLegacyFoundation.com.

◆ **October 21, 2023**

Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds (island of Hawai'i) — Back as an in-person event for the first time in two years, the Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds is a celebration and showcase of native Hawaiian birds that also encourages awareness and preservation of Hawai'i's natural world. Presented by the Hawai'i Wildlife Center and Conservation Council for Hawai'i, this year's festival will be a full-day event focused on community, culture and conservation efforts protecting our state's native *manu* (birds) and include a *ho'ike* (show), expert guest speakers and a bird fair. Proceeds raised from the festival support native bird hospital care and conservation efforts. For more information, visit BirdFestHawaii.org.

◆ **TBA 2023**

Hawai'i's Woodshow, Nā Lā'au o Hawai'i 2023 (O'ahu) — A premier showcase for the works of the state's top wood artisans, the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association's Hawai'i's Woodshow features creations made with native, sustainably grown wood. Annually held at the Hawai'i Opera Plaza in Honolulu, Hawai'i's Woodshow invites the public to experience artist submissions. The show's woodworking categories include accessories, furniture and sculpture. For more information, visit HawaiiForest.org.

◆ **TBA 2023**

Kaua'i Chocolate & Coffee Festival (Kaua'i) — This annual culinary festival, held in the island's historic westside town, Hanapēpē, celebrates all things Kaua'i-grown chocolate and coffee, with lots of opportunities for sampling. In addition, festival attendees will find educational displays,

workshops, entertainment and exhibitor booths featuring a variety of chocolate and coffee products. The fest also features live entertainment, a silent auction, children's activities and more. For more information, visit KauaiChocolateandCoffeeFestival.com.

◆ **TBA 2023**

Po'ipū Food and Wine Festival (Kaua'i) — The public is invited to celebrate the sixth-annual edition of this Kaua'i culinary festival, spotlighting Kaua'i-procured ingredients and island chefs. The fest's In the Kitchen series will offer cooking classes focused on food education and cooking skills. And the Po'ipū Night Market block party is a popular fest event featuring small-plate dishes and wine pairings alongside food demonstrations. Attend one, two or all three days of the festival. For more information, visit PoipuFoodandWineFestival.com.

NOVEMBER 2023

◆ **November 3-12, 2023**

The 52nd Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — One of Hawai'i's longest-running food festivals, this 10-day java-enriched celebration honors the farmers, culture and rich history surrounding the Kona district's world-famous coffee. Attendees checking out the fest's multitude of events enjoy coffee tastings, cupping competitions judging Kona's best coffee, farm and mill tours, coffee art exhibits, an evening lantern parade through historic Kailua-Kona, food events and more. For more information, visit KonaCoffeeFest.com.

◆ **November 4, 2023**

2023 Kaua'i Veterans Day Parade and Fair (Kaua'i) — Held in downtown Līhu'e, this annual community event honors and celebrates all U.S. military veterans. The parade begins on Ho'olako Street at Vidinha Stadium, proceeds through downtown Līhu'e, and ends at Umi Street. A fair featuring veteran vendors and local products follows the parade. The event will also feature local entertainment, including local *hālau hula* (hula schools), singers and other talent. For more information, visit KauaiVeteransCenter.org.

◆ **November 11, 2023**

Battleship Missouri Memorial's Veterans Day Ceremony (O'ahu) — The Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts this annual Veterans Day Ceremony commemorating members of the U.S. military. The Pearl Harbor ceremony honors all past and present veterans who have served our country with valor and heroism or made the ultimate sacrifice. The public is invited to attend and honor all who have fought and continue to fight for our country and our freedom. For more information, visit USSMissouri.org.

◆ **November 11, 2023**

100% Pure Kona Coffee Half Marathon (island of Hawai'i) — Runners start at Coconut Grove Marketplace and race south down the Kailua-Kona coast to the sea-cliff diving area known by locals as "End of the World," then back to the marketplace. Whether runners finish among the first or with the last competitors, a cup of Kona coffee awaits them all at the finish line of this annual race. For more information, visit PureKonaHalf.com.

◆ **November 11, 2023**

Old Koloa Sugar Mill Run (Kaua'i) — Presented by Wilcox Health, this annual collection of 5K, 10K and half-marathon runs, plus a non-competitive 5K walk, sets participants on courses winding within the sunny south shore Kaua'i district of Kōloa. The run is organized by the Rotary Club of

Kauai as a scholarship fundraiser for local students attending the University of Hawai'i's Kaua'i Community College. For more information, visit OldKoloaSugarMillRun.org.

◆ **November 20-23, 2023**

40th Annual Maui Jim Maui Invitational (Maui) — The Maui Jim Invitational returns to the island of Maui this year, hosted by Chaminade University of Honolulu. The college hoops invitational has been widely hailed by many sports writers and fans as one of the best early-season college basketball tournaments in the U.S. and regularly attracts some of the nation's top-ranked NCAA teams, with matchups bringing reliably jubilant crowds to the Lahaina Civic Center. For more information, visit MauiInvitational.com.

◆ **November 23, 2023**

5K Turkey Trot and 9-Hole Turkey Shoot (Kaua'i) — Get a healthy, family friendly start to your Thanksgiving holiday while supporting a great beneficiary, the Hawai'i Food Bank Kaua'i. The 5K "turkey trot" course is ideal whether you prefer a sunrise stroll or tranquil early morning run, both with breathtaking ocean views. And yes, as the name of the event implies, there is a 9-hole "turkey shoot" golf tourney at the Ocean Course of the Hōkūala Kaua'i resort. Register online at DowntownLihue.com.

◆ **TBA 2023**

Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival (Maui) — The Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival showcases the creative food, craft and multitude of other products made by the island's resident and producer communities, giving them a high-profile platform for sales and growth. Presented by the Maui Chamber of Commerce and supported by the County of Maui Mayor's Office of Economic Development, this event was created to boost awareness and purchases of locally made products by attracting customers from across the state and continental U.S. For more information, visit MadeInMauiCountyFestival.com.

◆ **TBA 2023**

43rd Annual Hawai'i International Film Festival (Statewide) — Presented by Halekulani hotel, this year's 43rd annual Hawai'i International Film Festival, will again present a full schedule of the best and most interesting works of Hawai'i's filmmaking community, a world-class slate of international films, and multiple film industry events on Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i and the island of Hawai'i. In-theater screenings will be announced in months ahead. For more information, visit HIFF.org.

◆ **TBA 2023**

31st Annual Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Festival "Kaua'i Style" (Kaua'i) — As beloved a music genre and style of guitar musicianship in modern-day Hawai'i as it ever was, slack-key guitar originated in the Islands in the 19th century with *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys). Founded in 1982, this festival celebrates and perpetuates the cultural importance of slack-key guitar, known locally by the Hawaiian name *kei hō'alu*, which refers to the "loosened" or "slack" tuning of guitar strings. The festival also features Hawai'i crafters, local food vendors and festival merchandise. For more information, visit SlackkeyFestival.com.

◆ **TBA 2023**

Hawai'i Craftsman Exhibit (Maui) — In partnership with the Hawai'i Craftsmen Organization, Maui Arts and Cultural Center will again host this annual statewide juried exhibition in its Schaefer International Gallery this year, showcasing works by selected artists in traditional and contemporary craft. From its founding in 1967, the exhibition has showcased innovation and expertise through

works in ceramics, wood, textile, glass, metal, mixed media and more, with numerous awards of recognition given to artists. For more information, visit MauiArts.org.

DECEMBER 2023

◆ December 2023

Honolulu City Lights (O'ahu) — Experience the spirit of the holiday season — minus its chilly weather — at the City and County of Honolulu's official Christmas tree and winter wonderland display. Hosted annually on the grounds of the Honolulu Civic Center, the monthlong Honolulu City Lights celebration stocks the area with large-scale Christmas-themed displays, holiday trees and wreaths, and, most famously, mammoth effigies Shaka Santa and Tūtū Mele — Hawai'i-style takes on Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. For more information, visit HonoluluCityLights.org

◆ December 2, 2023

Waimea Christmas Twilight Parade (island of Hawai'i) – Celebrating its 63rd year, this popular parade through the ranching town of Waimea returns in 2023 with the theme, “*E Lauboe Mai Nā Wa'a*,” which translates from *‘olelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) into English as, “Everyone paddles the canoe together.” The parade features a brigade of holiday-light-loaded trucks and floats populated by area residents — ranging from *keiki* (children) to *keīpuna* (elders) — and representing local churches, schools, community organizations, ranches and businesses. In addition, *keiki* will be thrilled to learn that Santa Claus will again show up for this parade. For more information, visit WaimeaTown.org.

◆ December 2, 2023

Music and Light Festival at Hōlualoa Village (island of Hawai'i) – Each December, Hōlualoa Village in South Kona rolls out its holiday red carpet, inviting all to ring in the season island-of-Hawai'i-style. Come enjoy the holiday season lights and music at this annual festival, set for December 2 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hōlualoa Village will light up the night with the annual lighting of its town Christmas tree, and include an appearance from Santa Claus, lots of live music, gallery gatherings, art openings, food and drink, and more. For more information, visit HolualoaVillage.com/festival.

◆ December 7, 2023

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (O'ahu) — Each year on December 7, Pearl Harbor attack survivors, U.S. military veterans and visitors from around the world gather at Pearl Harbor National Memorial to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during Imperial Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The theme of the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration is “Valor, Sacrifice and Peace.” For more information, visit PacificHistoricParks.org.

◆ December 10, 2023

Honolulu Marathon (O'ahu) — The fourth largest marathon in the U.S. begins its 26.2-mile route at Ala Moana Beach Park before sunrise, sending runners through metro-Honolulu and Waikīkī then along O'ahu's south shore to Hawai'i Kai before turning back and finishing in Waikīkī at Kapi'olani Park. Runners enjoy a large sampling of city views throughout, including passes alongside the beaches of Waikīkī and over the slopes of Lē'ahi (aka Diamond Head State Monument). For more information, visit HonoluluMarathon.org.

◆ December 22-25, 2023

Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic (O'ahu) — The Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic is an eight-team, 12-game bracket tournament annually featuring an invitational lineup of some of the nation's top collegiate men's basketball teams. The tournament is held at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Stan Sheriff Center. For more information, visit DiamondHeadClassic.com.

◆ **December 24, 2023**

Hawai'i Bowl (O'ahu) — The Hawai'i Bowl will again host its annual post-season college football matchup at the Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus. The contest annually invites an NCAA Division 1 college team from the Mountain West Conference and either a team from the American Athletic Conference or Conference USA for bowl play. The Hawai'i Bowl is known for its traditionally high-scoring games, thrilling offenses and close matchups. The annual bowl game supports multiple nonprofit organizations through its Hawai'i Bowl Foundation, with more than \$1 million awarded to local charities since the foundation's inception. For more information, visit HawaiiBowl.com.

◆ **December 31, 2023**

New Year's Eve Celebration at Po'ipū Beach Park (Kaua'i) — Ring in and celebrate the promise of the new year ahead alongside one of the world's most beautiful beaches at this family-friendly event, which annually includes an outdoor movie screening, 'ono (delicious) eats from beachside food trucks and, of course, a sky-lighting fireworks show over the beach. For more information, visit PoipuBeach.org.

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Special note to media: Hawai'i Tourism United States (HTUSA) recognizes the use of the 'okina [ʻ] or glottal stop, one of the eight consonants of the (modern) Hawaiian language; and the *kebakō* [ā] or macron (e.g., in place names of Hawai'i such as Lāna'i). However, HTUSA respects the individual use of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.