

## Message from Maui Nui – February 2024

# Maui Nō Ka 'Oi

### Aloha kākou,

The restoration and rejuvenation of our Maui community continues. The best way to help Maui now is to plan a visit. In reading through this edition of Message from Maui Nui, you'll see that Springtime on Maui is chock full of new happenings and exciting updates! Also, in the spirit of the Valentine's Day season, we invite you to show "love" for Maui and its communities by supporting local and to *mālama* (take care of) Maui through compassion and respect. We invite you to read on, check out all that's new, and most importantly come experience and support Maui Nui.

— *Mālama* — MAUI





# **New Offerings**

### Castle to Manage Nāpili Surf Beach Resort

Castle Resorts & Hotels has been selected to manage the resort rentals as well as the two homeowner associations at the Nāpili Surf Beach Resort. The traditions of the Nāpili Surf Beach Resort will continue, with the same spirit of *aloha* and added convenience of 24-hour reservations. Just steps from the beach, the property offers 54 one-bedroom and studio accommodations featuring full kitchens and private lanai. On-site amenities include two freshwater swimming pools, landscaped gardens, gas barbecues, outdoor seating areas, and direct access to Nāpili Bay. For reservations, call **(877) 367-1912** or visit <u>www.castleresorts.com</u>.





#### Son'z Steakhouse Open for Guests in West Maui

Son'z Steakhouse is an elegant surf 'n' turf restaurant located at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa in Kā'anapali, Maui. It offers open-air seating by a swan-populated pond, making it a perfect place to enjoy a romantic dinner or an enjoyable, comfortable meal with family and friends. The menu features a variety of classic and modern steak and seafood dishes, as well as an extensive wine list, wines by the glass and craft cocktails. Some of the signature dishes include the Son'z Steakhouse Filet Mignon, the Macadamia Nut Crusted Mahi-Mahi, and the Lobster Scampi. Son'z Steakhouse is also known for its excellent service and its sophisticated atmosphere. The restaurant has been awarded the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Award for several years in a row. For reservations and additional information, visit www.sonzsteakhouse.com.

### Hotel Wailea Unveils the Land, Sea, Air Experience

Hotel Wailea, Hawai'i's only Relais & Châteaux property, has unveiled the Land, Sea, Air Experience, which captures the best of Maui in three unique ways. Designed for just couples, this exclusive experience allows for the ultimate romantic getaway to celebrate the beauty of Maui and connect deeper with each other.

- Land Explore the island at leisure during an exquisite ride in a '57 Porsche 356 Speedster reproduction along with a picnic basket with snacks and beverages curated by Hotel Wailea Executive Chef Ryan Cruz to stay energized and hydrated throughout the day.
- Sea Discover the true spirit of Maui aboard a classic Columbia 57' Sailing Yacht during a private, two-hour sunset sail. This intimate and exclusive voyage, reserved solely for Hotel Wailea guests, promises pristine coastlines, panoramic sunset views, and elevated bites and sips.



Air – Experience a helicopter flight along the north coast of Maui featuring bird's-eye views of the coastline waterfalls and jagged cliffs. Guests will land in the Hāna Rainforest and explore Maui's lush vegetation, followed by a picnic prepared by Executive Chef Ryan Cruz accompanied by a selection of champagne and wine. For more information, visit <u>https://www.hotelwailea.com/exclusive-offers/land-sea-air/</u>.



# Unbridled Retreat for Women at Sensei Lanai, A Four Seasons Resort

The healing power of horses provides a path to clarity, mindfulness and sustainable well-being during an Unbridled Retreat July 24-28, 2024, led by Equine Coach Devon Combs. Combs unique synergy with horses and expert, intuitive coaching provides profound breakthroughs to women who seek to unlock their unlimited potential. This four-night equine experience at the adults-only wellness enclave features empowering encounters, a horseback ride, massage, sunset sail, complimentary daily classes, and roundtrip travel from Honolulu on Lanai Air. For more information visit,

https://www.fourseasons.com/sensei/landing-pages/property/unbridled-retreat/.

### Aquari-OM yoga class schedule expanded

Maui Ocean Center now offers its Aquari-OM yoga classes three days per week where you can connect with Hawai'i's marine life while practicing yoga. Aquari-OM yoga is typically a blend of hatha, yin and vinyasa yoga although each class varies. Classes are held from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each session is held facing the aquarium's 750,000-gallon Open Ocean exhibit showcasing several species of fish, Hawaiian broad stingrays and five types of sharks. Reserve your spot at www.mauioceancenter.com/aquari-om.





Wailea Beach Resort Debuts "Oasis Escape" Package Wailea Beach Resort's latest "Oasis Escape" package includes a stay in the resort's all-new Sundeck Garden Oasis Rooms, each featuring a private outdoor bathtub and shower with lush bath amenities. Guests can opt for exclusive in-room spa treatments through a Bath Butler menu by Mandara Spa and cozy up by the firepit in a spacious daybed for two at night. To round out their wellness-centric stay, guests get full-day access for two loungers at Olakino, the resort's adults-only wellness pool, offering personalized service in a secluded poolside setting. For reservations, visit www.marriott.com/offers and use the code "CUE".

### Hawaii Nautical Whale Watch Maui - Ma'alaea Harbor

Whales travel to the warm, shallow waters of Maui to mate, give birth, and raise their young from December through May. Learn the true scale of humpback whales through an intimate encounter on a small- group whale watch, where every seat is a front seat. Get off the beaten path and sail past the shoreline as you discover breathtaking vistas of both Kahālāwai Mountains and the Molokini Crater. Discover whales and the perfect perspective close to the water to allow for a once-in-a-lifetime viewing. Share incredible experiences with Hawaii Nautical. Join the fun, welcome aboard for world-class whale watching, experience top snorkeling spots, and romantic sunset cruises. Bookings often sell out, booking in advance is recommended. For reservations and additional information, visit https://www.hawaiinautical.com/.





### Newly Opened Spa Soleil and Boutique

Spa Soleil and Boutique, formerly known as Kamaha'o, a Marilyn Monroe Spa, recently opened at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa. The luxurious spa offers a curated selection of treatments to cater to every need. The spa aims to provide a serene escape for individuals seeking a diverse range of spa services, from convenient express treatments to indulgent full- service treatment and relaxation experiences. In addition to spa services, guests can explore the boutique featuring carefully curated products, from skincare essentials to unique gifts. For more information visit, https://www.spasoleil.net/.

### Nightly Live Music at 'Ūmalu

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa is now offering live music nightly at their poolside eatery and bar, 'Ūmalu, performed by local artists from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the restaurant's open-air outdoor seating area. Dinner is served nightly from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information and to view their menu, visit <u>www.hyattregencymaui.com</u>.





#### Whale Talks

Guests can join Hyatt Regency Maui Resort's Wildlife Team to learn about *koholā*, or humpback whales from February 2 -March 29, 2024. Each year, these majestic marine mammals migrate to the warm waters of Maui to birth their calves and to mate in the national whale sanctuary of Maui. Learn about whale behavior and see if you can spot them tail slapping, spouting, spy hopping, or even breaching in front of the resort with the guidance of our wildlife experts. Available Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 10 a.m. Complimentary for resort guests. Please note: Spotting whales is not guaranteed.

### Dine on New Cuisine at Cane & Canoe

Settle in at Montage Kapalua Bay's newest island-inspired restaurant led by Chef de Cuisine Albert Sandoval. The dining venue has added new menu items to its collection of flavors that honor the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Ocean. While enjoying a romantic dinner or special occasion, visitors can try decadent Diver Scallops or Charred Spanish Octopus as starters, followed by exceptional mains – new selections include Vadouvan Curry, Lion's Mane Filet, Kona Kanpachi & Kaua'i Prawns and Duroc Pork Chop. New furnishings will also be featured at the restaurant, further elevating the dining experience. To view the Cane & Canoe menu, visit



https://www.montage.com/kapaluabay/menus/cane-canoe-dinner-menu-2/.



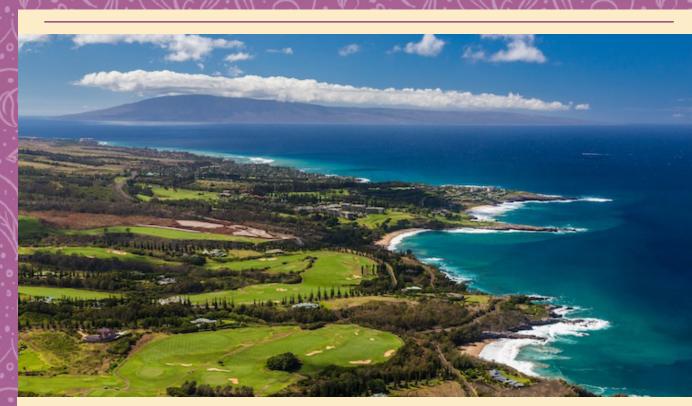
#### The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali to Debut Hana Hou by Westin

The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali will soon debut Hana Hou by Westin, the resort's new social entertainment space. Opening in mid-April 2024 and encompassing 10,000 square feet, Hana Hou by Westin will offer a variety of entertainment for all ages, including top golf swing suites, duckpin bowling, virtual reality, modern and classic arcade games, a Keiki Club, and a bar & lounge with food & beverage offerings. The venue will be open to all guests and the general public. For more information, visit www.westinmaui.com.

### **Discover the New Grand Wailea**

Shaped by nature and inspired by culture, the iconic Grand Wailea resort has been reimagined to embody balance at every turn. Recent enhancements from its multifaceted revitalization bring a fresh, modern interpretation of Hawai'i to the property; yet retain its unique character and rich heritage that distinguish it as Maui's premier luxury beachfront destination. Enjoy refreshed luxurious guest rooms and suites including the exclusive Napua and indulge in Grand Wailea's reimagined culinary experiences, including the renewal of their signature seafood restaurant, Humuhumunukunukuāpua'a. Premiering February 28: experience a new luxury spa and wellness destination at Kilolani Spa at Grand Wailea. For more information, visit <u>www.grandwailea.com</u>.





# **Sports**



### Royal Lahaina Tennis Ranch begins a new chapter with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Hawaii Pacific

The USTA non-profit has assumed all management responsibilities for Royal Lahaina Resort's beloved tennis venue including its facilities, pro shop, and all tennis operations, and will work with the property directly to ensure that the West Maui community has access to the best-inclass tennis facilities as it continues to rebuild. Plans include hosting the displaced Lahaina Junior Tennis Club at the facility at no charge, providing tennis equipment to junior tennis clubs and stipends to Maui juniors traveling to play tournaments on neighboring islands, and organizing local

tennis tournaments on the island of Maui. The Royal Lahaina Tennis Ranch is one of Hawai'i's top tennis venues. It features 11 hard courts, a pro shop and one of the few stadium courts found across the islands. For more information, visit <u>https://www.ustahawaii.com/</u> or <u>https://www.royallahaina.com/</u>.



# Culture, Sustainability, Agritourism, Voluntourism and Mālama Activities

### Drums of the Pacific Lū'au

Experience Polynesian culture at Maui's most exciting nightly *lū*'au at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa. The experience is a cultural immersion and journey through the Polynesian islands through traditional song and dance, an authentic imu ceremony, and a threeman Samoan fire-knife dance finale. Celebrating over 40 years running, Drums of the Pacific Lū'au has recently enhanced the experience with new pre-show activities, such as Polynesian tattoos and *poi* ball lessons, and demonstrations showcasing the art of fresh-flower *lei* making and traditional drumming techniques with native implements. The newly refreshed costumes and numbers emphasize the location's *wahi pana* – the stories of Kā'anapali that belong uniquely to Kā'anapali



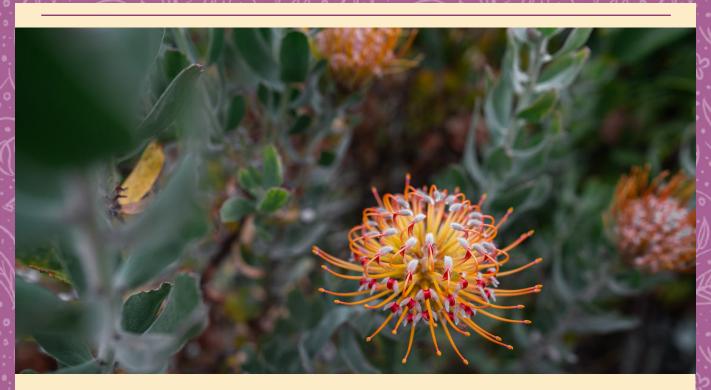
and nowhere else. Each *lū*<sup>•</sup>*au* includes an open bar with locally made spirits and a three-course islandinspired feast. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <u>www.drumsofthepacificmaui.com</u>.



#### **Return to Maui: Travel with Aloha**

Now available to book at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa, the *Return to Maui: Travel with Aloha* offer allows guests to create cherished memories while making a meaningful difference in the community. \$100 from each new reservation will be donated to the Maui Strong Fund, which provides financial resources to support people and places affected by the devastating Maui wildfires. Guests who take advantage of this offer will enjoy daily breakfast at Swan Court for each registered guest, receive a welcome *makana* (gift) from a local Maui business, and receive a \$100 resort credit that can be applied to enhance their experience through dining,

spa treatments, activities and more. This offer is available for booking now until February 29, 2024, for stays through November 21, 2024. For more information visit <u>https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/oggrm-hyatt-regency-maui-resort-and-spa</u>.



# **National Awards & Accolades**

# Manele Golf Course at Four Seasons Resort Lanai Top in Hawai'i

The Signature Jack Nicklaus-designed Manele Golf Course at Four Seasons Resort Lanai, which just celebrated its 30th anniversary, is a true hidden gem. *Golf Digest* named it the best course you can play in Hawai'i while it's the top Hawai'i course in *Golfweek*'s top 200 resort courses list. With ocean views on every hole, attention to stewardship and a fantastic golfing experience, including complimentary clubs after noon, make it a bucket list golf destination. The 12<sup>th</sup> hole is known for its demanding carry across 200 yards of ocean blue. For more



information visit, <u>https://www.fourseasons.com/lanai/services-and-amenities/</u> information, visit <u>www.waileagolf.com</u>.



#### Wailea Golf honored by Golf Digest, Golfweek

Wailea's Gold and Emerald courses were once again named to *Golfweek's* prestigious list of the top resort courses in the U.S., ranked at 96 and tied for 113, respectively. The annual recognition is determined by hundreds of *Golfweek* panelists who evaluate courses on 10 criteria and provide an overall rating for each course. Additionally, Claude Brousseau, PGA Master and director of player development at the Wailea Golf Academy, was voted by his peers as *Golf Digest's* best teacher in Hawai'i for 2024-2025. Brousseau also received the biennial award in 2019-2020 and 2022-2023. For more information, visit www.waileagolf.com.



### February 1-29, 2024

### **Pacific Whale Foundation's Race for Whales**

Pacific Whale Foundation's Race for Whales is a virtual event and lasts for the entire month of February. Participants can be active whichever way they want (swimming, paddling, cycling, running, walking). Participants can join globally through the Strava app. The 2024 challenge is to complete 30 miles throughout the whole month, which is about 1% of the humpback whale migration to Hawai'i. Visit www.pacificwhale.org/race to join!



### February 9, 2024

# Pacific Whale Foundation's Wine and Whales Around the World Cruise

This Wine and Whales Around the World Cruise includes wine tasting and education about wines and whales from different regions with sommelier Pam Wood. The cruise will have  $p\bar{u}p\bar{u}$  from Three's Bar & Grill on the trip. The Pacific Whale Foundation Research team will be onboard to speak about the different research projects PWF is involved with in Hawai'i, Australia and Chile. Regions covered on the trip: North Pacific migration (Washington/Oregon, California, Maui), Australia (two wines), Chile (two wines). February 9 from 4:30 p.m – 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the public. Tickets will be \$125 and \$95 for members and *kama'āina*. Click here to book!



### February 24 – March 29, 2024

Hui No'eau Annual Fundraiser Benefits Visual Arts Education Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center's signature fundraising event is here and bolder than ever! *Art Affair 2024: Strengthening Community through Color* is a two-week fundraiser featuring a variety of ways to support visual arts education programs in Maui County. Support will continue to increase access to the arts – especially for those who need the arts the most for mental health, healing, and self-expression. Join them for a kick-off gala, online auction, in-person gallery experience, and more from Feb. 24 through March 8. Learn more at <u>https://www.huinoeau.</u> **com/art-events/2024/artaffair2024**.

### EVENTS

February 24 - March 8, 2024 Art Affair 2024: Strengthening Community through Color https://www.huinoeau.com/art-events/2024/artaffair2024

March 9-10, 2024 Intro to Acrylic Painting with a Native Forrest Bird as your Muse! https://canvas.huinoeau.com/classes/1733

March 29, 2024 Maile Tī Leaf Lei Workshop https://canvas.huinoeau.com/classes/1779

### March 3, 2024

### Maui 5K

Maui Ocean Center will present the 13th annual Maui 5K from 7 to 9 a.m. Sunday, March 3. Participants have the option to run a timed 5K or an untimed 1-mile run/walk (a virtual run/walk is also offered). Proceeds from the event will benefit local schools with the option to designate entry fees to schools affected by last year's Lahaina wildfires. For more information or to register, visit www.maui5k.org.



## March 22 - May 17, 2024

### Hui No'eau Host Solo Exhibition Highlighting Maui Artists

Maui-based artists Sachelle Dae and Zenobia Lakdawalla will present two concurrent solo exhibits at Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center in Makawao as part of the organization's 2024 Solo Artist Exhibition. Hui No'eau's Solo Artist Exhibition series provides two artists with the unique opportunity to be involved in all facets of exhibition planning and installation. This exhibition opens on March 22 and will remain on display until May 17 with free admission. For more information, visit www.huinoeau.com/exhibitions.





## April 21, 2024

### 54th Annual Maui Marathon

The 2024 Maui Marathon will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Maui Marathon weekend returns with the Full Marathon, 4-Person Marathon Relay, Half Marathon, 10K and 5K Run/Walk. All runners will participate in a special memorial during the race, placing a lei in a bucket that will go to the Lahaina Memorial on the bypass. The Full Marathon, 4- Person Marathon Relay and Half Marathon will start at the Old Sugar Mill in Kahului, finishing at Maui Tropical Plantation. The 10K and 5K Run/Walk will start and finish at the Maui Tropical Plantation. For more information, visit www.mauimarathon.com.





## Maui

Maui offers the best of both worlds, a unique blend of resort sophistication and small town charm. Graced by beaches, sunsets and tropical getaways, romance is always in the air on The Valley Isle. <u>VisitMaui.com</u>

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## Moloka'i

Moloka'i is a timeless Hawaiian Island unlike any other. Life is simpler here. This is a place where Hawaiian culture and community continue to thrive. <u>Molokai-Hawaii.com</u> <u>facebook.com/molokaivisitorsassociation</u> <u>twitter.com/seemolokai</u> #VisitMolokai



# Lāna'i

The unique accommodations of Hulopo'e Bay and Lāna'i City are just the start. The unexpected discoveries, found while exploring the uncharted roads, feel even more personal on this secluded isle.

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