



# Kapaia Foundation

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Preserving and promoting the rich history of Kapaia Valley

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## Koinobori Kaua'i 2023!

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 23 – May 19. It will be an amazing sight when the wind blows, making the koi windsocks appear as though they are swimming vigorously against an imaginary river current and leaping over imaginary 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.



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## **VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS** 😊

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

**April 16, Sunday, 1pm-5pm** 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. Dinner will be provided.

**April 22, Saturday, 8am-12pm** Raise koinobori and clean grounds. Wear comfortable clothes and covered shoes. Koi raisers should bring a scissors & needle nose pliers. Grounds maintenance volunteers can bring any tool listed above. Lunch will be provided.



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## **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 19. **Print and fill out the attached sponsor pdf file** and mail with a check to Kapaia Foundation, 4453 Laukini Rd. Lihu'e, HI 96766. To expedite your order, or if you have questions, email [kapaiafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:kapaiafoundation@gmail.com) or **text/call 808 639-3606**

## Mahalo to Koinobori Kaua'i 2023 Sponsors (as of 4/7/2023)

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| ABG Properties Management Corp. | \$150      | Celebrating Roy Goo<br>Celebrating Mia Goo<br>Celebrating Titus Goo Love from Popo & Gung Gung<br>Celebrating Ezra Goo Love from Popo & Gung Gung<br>Celebrating Jedidiah Goo Love from Popo & Gung Gung |
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| George & Rie Tsukamoto          | 50         | In loving memory of my dad George<br>Tsukamoto Rest in Peace   |
|                                 | 50         | The best way to pay for a lovely moment is to enjoy it! Richard Bach   |



## Mahalo to Koinobori Kaua'i 2023 Partners

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# ***Koi Windsocks for Sale***

Colorful polyester koi windsocks are for sale starting April 17, 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"            \$ 8

24"            \$ 12

36"            \$ 19

60"            \$ 28

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 19.



# Mahalo to all Kapaia Foundation Members and Supporters

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### One Time Gift

Bonnie Lake \$100  
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In Memory of Grandpa Saburo "Larry" Inagaki

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(PDF printable file attached)

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

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