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**Ka Makana Ali'i Launches Kauwela Series, with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, to Highlight Hawaiian Culture and Art**

*The community is invited to discover lei making, mele and 'ōlelo Hawai'i very Tuesday night in Center Court*

**KAPOLEI, HI** (July 9, 2019) — Ka Makana Ali'i, in collaboration with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, is excited to host the Kauwela Series to highlight the Hawaiian culture and art, from lei making to mele and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. The series will feature free cultural workshops every Tuesday in Center Court from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Kauwela (meaning “summer”) series invites the community to learn something new about Hawaii's rich culture and art throughout the month of July.

- **Tuesday, July 9:** Lei haku taught by master lei maker Kumu Bill Char
  - Hear the stories of the flora and fauna while learning to weave a lei
  - The community is invited to bring flowers, or kits will be available for \$15
  - Kumu Bill Char has won multiple awards in the city's lei contest, crafted lei for numerous hālau, judged lei competitions locally and nationally, and accepted invitations to exhibit at local, national and international festivals.
- **Tuesday, July 16 & 30:** Mele taught by Hinaleimoana Wong, community leader, teacher, kumu hula and cultural practitioner
  - Learn the Hawaiian perspectives that shape the mele we sing, dance and chant in honor of our 'āina
- **Tuesday, July 23:** 'Ōlelo Hawai'i taught by Makalapua Casson-Fisher, program manager for the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
  - Learn and explore the names and mo'olelo of significant land and elemental features of this moku

- Kumu Maka is a fluent speaker and ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i teacher. He is a Native Hawaiian leader, community educator, cultural practitioner and proud North Shore resident.

In the event that it rains, the cultural workshops will be moved indoors to the space near Center Court between Zumiez and Forever 21 Red.

Visit our website at [www.kamakanaalii.com](http://www.kamakanaalii.com) for more details about upcoming promotions and exciting center events. For the latest news and updates, follow Ka Makana Ali‘i on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, all with profile name @kamakanaalii.

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### **About Ka Makana Ali‘i**

Ka Makana Ali‘i offers residents and visitors a family-friendly, mixed-use center in the heart of Hawai‘i’s fastest growing community. The 750,000-square-foot Macy’s-anchored center features more than 100 exciting stores, restaurants, a state-of-the-art Consolidated Theatres and the state’s first Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton located on property. The newest development, The Grove at Ka Makana Ali‘i, creates an additional 109,000 square feet of space with lifestyle retailers, eateries and services, such as 24 Hour Fitness, Foodland Farms, Straub Clinic and Urgent Care, and PetSmart. Serving as the premier gathering place in Kapolei, Ka Makana Ali‘i fulfills the shopping and dining needs of the ever-expanding community. Its convenient location offers excellent highway access, ample parking and public transportation for shoppers. A partnership between DeBartolo Development and the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Ka Makana Ali‘i will financially support programs benefiting Native Hawaiian interests statewide for decades to come. For more information, please visit [www.kamakanaalii.com](http://www.kamakanaalii.com).

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