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***‘Imiloa After Dark***  
***Quarterly Event Starts with the Science of Sushi***

**Hilo, Hawai‘i** – Sushi, pupus, music, and beer! Local staples will provide for an entertaining evening at ‘Imiloa, serving the community up fun and food for thought.

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center is launching a quarterly evening event entertainment series called “Imiloa After Dark” featuring a lively fusion of art, music, fashion, and food, adding another layer to the Hilo night life scene.

The first event “Science of Sushi,” kicks off the ***‘Imiloa After Dark*** series on Sunday August 1, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. “It’s an exploration of the origins and art of sushi,” states Jeff Harman, marketing manager. “Explore the local connections to our fishing industry; issues of sustainability; ancient Hawaiian practices of seafood management and how they were affected by the moon calendar and other astronomy events.”

Enjoy local entertainment with the soulful sounds of Lito Arkangel. There will be a special sushi presentation by Roy Kaneko, Itamae (sushi chef) at Nihon Restaurant, displaying his “art of sushi.” Enjoy a heavy pupu menu and a “make your own” sushi station from Sky Garden Restaurant as well as a special tasting by Mehana Brewing Company which will feature their award winning beers. Mehana beer, wine, sake, and non alcoholic beverages will be available at a no-host bar.

“In our ongoing efforts to diversify the types of programs we offer here at ‘Imiloa, we thought it would be nice to create an event series for those of us looking for something fun to do that is not only entertaining and engaging, but educational too,” said Ka‘iu Kimura, interim executive director.

The event is limited to 150 guests, so make your reservations now. To reserve your spot call the front desk at (808) 969-9703. Members are \$30 per person. Non-Members are \$35 per person. Visa, MasterCard, JTB, Diners Club, cash, local personal check accepted. Members received advance notice of this event - call today to see if tickets are still available. This event will take place in the Exhibit Halls and the Earl and Doris Bakken Moanahoku Hall. Pricing includes entry, food, and beer tasting stations. There will be no planetarium shows available at this event

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'Imiloa After Dark is 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's quarterly evening entertainment series featuring a lively fusion of art, music, fashion and food. Member discounts available. Must be 21 or older to purchase alcohol. Please be prepared to show proper identification. All features are subject to change without notice.

'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i opened in February 2006. The world-class destination intertwines the Hawaiian cultural and navigational understanding of the stars with real-time information direct from Maunakea's world-famous astronomy observatories. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). For more information, visit the Web site at [www.imiloahawaii.org](http://www.imiloahawaii.org) or call (808) 969-9700 (for recorded information) or 808-969-9703 if you have further questions.



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