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***September is Special for Big Island
Museum Members***

Hilo, Hawai‘i—This September marks the fourth year Hawai‘i Island institutions are collaborating to open their doors to other institutions’ members.

“Celebrating Museums Month,” is a month-long program to celebrate museums and to cross-promote these important local institutions. During the month, each will provide free admission to the members of other participating institutions when a current museum membership card is shown.

This month-long celebration of museums provides local residents with a low-cost opportunity to explore and experience the rich resources of Hawai‘i found in museums from tropical gardens to the night sky over Hawai‘i.

The thirteen institutions in both East and West Hawai‘i collectively represent the major informal education resources on the Big Island. “Celebrating Museums Month gives us the chance to showcase one another, to highlight the rich resources each offers...it’s a collaborative effort that has been well-received by our members and we’re delighted to see it continue,” said Ka‘iu Kimura, executive director of the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center. “In the true spirit of ‘ohana, our family of museums is collectively bringing forth the resources for learning and inspiration to all residents.”

Purchase of memberships help to support the nonprofit organizations and further their educational missions. The public is welcome to purchase membership at participating institutions and take advantage of this month-long program.

Museum members will have an opportunity to spend September exploring and discovering the wonders and treasures of museums they may not have yet experienced, or many not have visited in a long time. Current membership cards, and identification, will need to be presented at visiting museums for Museum Month benefits.

Contact the individual museums for more information. Below is a list of participating museums, the benefits, and their operating hours.

Amy H.B. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden – Free admission and 10% discount on all plant sales. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 am to 5 pm Closed weekends, (808) 323-3318 – <http://www.bishopmuseum.org/exhibits/greenwell/greenwell.html>

Anna Ranch Heritage Center - Free admission. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday thru Friday with tours of the Historic Home at 10 am and 1 pm. Call for additional tour times. (808) 885-4426 www.annaranch.org

Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Space Center - Free admission. Hours: open daily 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Space-themed exhibits and interactive displays especially for children. (808-329-3441) - www.hawaiimuseums.org/mc/ishawaii_astronaut.htm

East Hawai'i Cultural Center - Free visual arts exhibitions, 5% discount on art sales, and 10% on gift case items. Hours: Mon – Sat, 10 am to 4 pm, call or check website for current shows and programs - (808) 961-5711, <http://www.ehcc.org/>

'Imiloa Astronomy Center – Free admission. Hours: Tues – Sun, 9 am to 4 pm, Sky Garden Restaurant opens at 7 am to 4 pm with dinner Thursday through Sunday nights 5 pm to 8:30 p.m. (808) 969-9700. Check website for special events www.imiloahawaii.org.

Hawai'i Gateway Energy Center (Friends of NELHA) – Free admission. Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu - presentations 10-11:30 am. Tuesday presentations on energy in Hawai'i. Call 808-329-8073, www.nelha.org/education/education.html (Does not include tour of aquaculture facility)

Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden – Free admission. Hours: open daily 9 am to 5 pm (last entry into Garden at 4 pm). Call (808) 964-5233, www.hawaiigarden.com.

Kona Historical Society – Free admission. Also members may use coupons offering 2 for 1 to bring additional friends – Enjoy Kona Coffee Living History Farm Tours and Greenwell Store Museum & Gift Shop – Mon-Thurs, 10 am to 2 pm. (808) 323-3222 - <http://www.konahistorical.org/>

Laupahoehoe Train Museum – Free admission. Hours: Weekdays 9 am to 4:30 pm, weekends 10 am to 2 pm. Call for discounted tour rates for classes or large family tours, check website for special events, newly restored railroad rolling stock. (808) 962-6300, www.thetrainmuseum.com

Lyman Museum – Free admission + 10% off in Museum Gift Shop. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Mission House tour times 11 am & 2 pm, as well as tour the newly restored Mission House Annex at 1 pm & 3 pm. (808)-935-5021 – www.lymanmuseum.org

Pacific Tsunami Museum – Free admission, no discount in store. Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am to 4 pm, 808-935-0926 - www.tsunami.org

The Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo & Gardens– No admission charge; museum members from participating museums will receive special gift at Zoo Gift Shop. Hours: Open Daily, 9 am to 4 pm – (808) 959-9233, www.hilozoo.com.

Volcano Art Center – 10% gallery discount – Hours: Open Daily, 9 am to 5 pm – No admission required to VAC, but park admission fees apply. (808) 967-7565, <http://www.volcanoartcenter.org/>

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