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***September is Special for Hawai‘i Island  
Museum Members***

Hilo, Hawai‘i—This September marks the fifth 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 ethnobotanical gardens to the night sky over Hawai‘i.

The twelve institutions in both East and West Hawai‘i collectively represent the major informal education resources on Hawai‘i 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 may not have visited in a long time. Museum Month benefits apply to museum members with current membership card. Free admission applies to the current museum member with proper ID. 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 Gardens** - Free admission and 10% discount on all plant sales. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm. The New Visitor Center hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 9am to 4pm apply when new center opens. Tentative opening date: September 1st.

(808) 323-3318. [www.bishopmuseum.org/exhibits/greenwell/greenwell.html](http://www.bishopmuseum.org/exhibits/greenwell/greenwell.html)

**Anna Ranch Heritage Center** - Free admission. Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10 am to 4 pm with tours of the Historic Home at 10 am and 1 pm. Call for additional tour times.

(808) 885-4426. [www.annaranch.org](http://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](http://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: Monday – Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. Call or check website for current shows and programs.

(808) 961-5711. [www.ehcc.org](http://www.ehcc.org)

**ʻImiloa Astronomy Center** - Free admission. Hours: Tuesday - Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm, Sky Garden Restaurant at ʻImiloa opens at 7 am to 4 pm with dinner Thursday through Sunday nights 5 to 8:30 p.m.

(808) 969-9703. Check website for special events. [www.imiloahawaii.org](http://www.imiloahawaii.org)

**Hawai'i Gateway Energy Center (Friends of NELHA)** - Free admission. Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu - presentations 10 am to 11:30 am. Tuesday presentation focuses on energy in Hawai'i.

(808) 329-8073. [www.nelha.org/education/education.html](http://www.nelha.org/education/education.html) (Does not include tour of aquaculture facility)

**Kona Historical Society** - Free admission. Hours: Monday -Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm. Also members can use coupons offering 2 for 1 to bring additional friends.

Enjoy - Kona Coffee Living History Farm Tours and Greenwell Store Museum & Gift Shop.

(808) 323-3222. [www.konahistorical.org](http://www.konahistorical.org)

**Laupahoehoe Train Museum** - Free admission. Hours: Tuesday - Friday 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](http://www.thetrainmuseum.com)

**Lyman Museum** - Free admission and 10% off in Museum Gift Shop. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Mission House tours: 11am and 2 pm. Special Exhibit: 'Holo Ka Wa'a: An Exhibit of Pacific Model Canoes'

(808) 935-5021. [www.lymanmuseum.org](http://www.lymanmuseum.org)

**Pacific Tsunami Museum** - Free admission, no discount in store. Hours: Monday - Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm.

(808) 935-0926. [www.tsunami.org](http://www.tsunami.org)

**The Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo & Gardens** - No admission charge, but museum members from participating museums will receive a special gift at the Zoo Gift Shop! Hours: Open Daily, 9 am to 4 pm.

(808) 959-9233. [www.hilozoo.com](http://www.hilozoo.com)

**Volcano Art Center** - No admission required to VAC, but park admission fees apply. Museum members from participating museums receive a 10% gallery discount. Hours: Open Daily, 9 am to 5 pm

(808) 967-7565. <http://www.volcanoartcenter.org>

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