

Hawaiian History month, September 2021

WEEK ONE

Hau‘oli Lā Hānau e Lili‘uokalani THURSDAY, SEPT 2ND, 10:00 am HST

E ‘Onipa‘a Kākou (Let us be steadfast together) begins this year’s honoring of Queen Lili‘uokalani. Hosts guides us through an hour at ‘Iolani Palace, featuring birthday offerings to her Majesty presented by po‘e Aloha ‘Āina (protectors of the land) made in the form of oli (chant), mele (song), hula (dance), and other ho‘okupu (gifts) from O‘ahu and the neighbor islands as well. Special presentations will also delight folks from around Hawai‘i and the world, granting intimate views into a world often reserved for very few.

A planned virtual mini-tour of ‘Iolani palace will help others appreciate the relevance and majesty of this storied place, as well as its special significance for Hawaiians. As a leader of her people, Lili‘uokalani continues to inspire many in their quest for a resolution to the ongoing illegal occupation of Hawai‘i, to the theft of lands and resources, and to the ongoing poor health and living conditions of many Natives in their homeland today.

Eia ka Hana— E Ho‘opono a Ho‘oponopono Kākou FRIDAY, SEPT 3RD, 6:00 pm HST

Nānā i ke Kumu no ke Kūkulu Kaiāulu (Look to the source for building community), a program of cultural offerings and conversations aligning with ‘ike Hawai‘i (Hawaiian wisdom and spiritual traditions), will focus upon Ho‘opono and Ho‘oponopono—the practices of making right, of setting our course towards righteous actions to return balance to our families. These are critical healing practices for our communities which continue to suffer from the effects of historical and cultural trauma. A panel of practitioners featuring Malina Kaulukukui, Manulani Meyer, and Ka‘ai‘ai Paglinawan will offer insights into this profoundly important traditional practice that has enjoyed a resurgence in the Hawaiian community thanks to the tireless efforts of their kumu, Lynette Paglinawan. Kahu Moani N. Sitch, a spiritual practitioner in the community, will also offer insights into forgiveness. Meleanna Meyer (also a haumana *ho‘oponopono*) will moderate.

By educating ourselves about Hawai‘i’s past history, we can work as a community and family to develop and strengthen personal bonds and ties with others throughout Hawai‘i and the world to create more meaningful healing conversations, and to take more efficient and successful steps towards justice.