

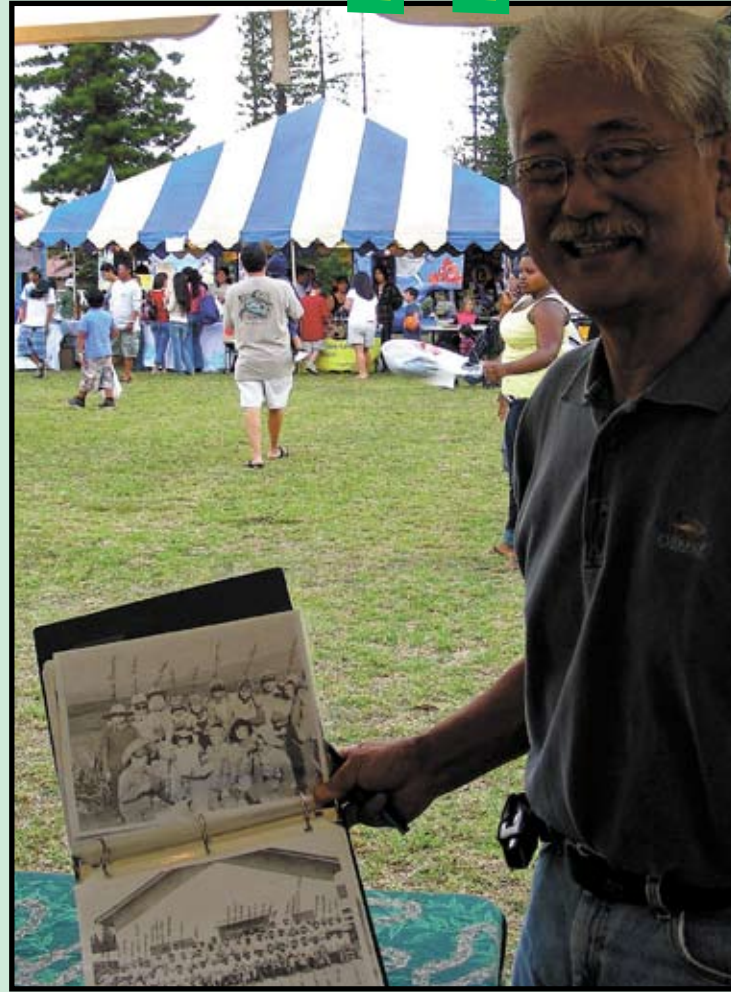
# The 16th Annual Pineapple Festival on Lana'i



Onaona Maly spins the energy wheel with Kathy Best, community relations manager for Castle & Cooke



"Bear" the dog gets the message: Go green, Lana'i.



Warren Osako was gathering names on old photos for The Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center.



Winners of the Keiki Coloring Contest: Jordynn Waite, Alicia Ebding, Jake Ballesteros, Cherie Malacas, Macy Ferguson, and Nyssa Barfield (missing from photo).



Primo from Primo Sushi



Grand Prize Raffle Winners: Noland Fernandes, Onaona Maly, Peter Chin and son Kalei, and Darlene Tamayo's husband were congratulated by C & C's Kathy Best, Tim Hill, Josie Hermans and Violeta Ballesteros.



Kathy Best, Flora Vila and Mayor Tavares – Maui County Mayor Charmaine Tavares stops by the energy booth to discuss the vision for renewable energy on Lana'i



The Chapel Choir and Orchestra from Dallas, Texas



Castle & Cooke's "Energy Wheel" Raffle Winners posed with their prizes: Anita Haban-Nakamaejo, Kelsie Ferguson, and William Rivera joined by C & C's Kathy Best, Violeta Ballesteros, Tim Hill and Pua Manuel.



Rhianon Chandler, Onaona Maly and Auntie Pua Paua Auntie Pua made the Lei po'po (head lei)

Lana'i has figured out the best way to celebrate Independence day: The Pineapple Festival! The Pineapple Festival was started in 1993 by the Lana'i Visitors Bureau as an off-shoot of the Lana'i Community Association's Fund raising activities. It's grown to be an amazing activity that incorporates all the best this island has to offer.

This year's celebration included performances by Brenton Keith, The Chapel Choir & Orchestra from Dallas, Texas, The Golden Girls of Lana'i, Kauna'oa and Barry Kimokeo and the Hawaiian Connection. There were also special appearances by the Mayor of Maui, Charmaine Tavares as well as Mrs. Lana'i Hawaii, Miss Lana'i Filipina 2008 and Miss Aloha Princess 2008.

The food was fabulous, and some was cooked on location. There was everything from fried ice cream to sushi and barbequed short ribs with kim chee.

There were also plenty of opportunities for community involvement, for instance: The Lana'i Cancer Society was selling commemorative carnations, The Lana'i Animal Rescue League (LARC) was selling prints donated by Mike Carroll, International Year of the Reef was represented and looking for volunteers, and the The Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center was seeking identification of the people in many of their archival photos.

Bounce houses and light sticks that resembled light sabers entertained the keiki while the adults kept watch and visited with friends, or shopped at the nearby booths selling artwork, and crafts by local artisans.

The festivities were capped with a marvelous fireworks display at 9:30 that lit up the sky with beautiful flickering reminders of our fight for independence: the perfect end to a July 4th celebration.



The grandstand audience at night



Don Schaumberg, Alberta de Jetley, Sally Kaye and Thalia Salazar selling paper Commemorative Carnations at The Cancer Society booth.



Matsuko Matsumoto and Alfred Leonillo gave away Pineapple



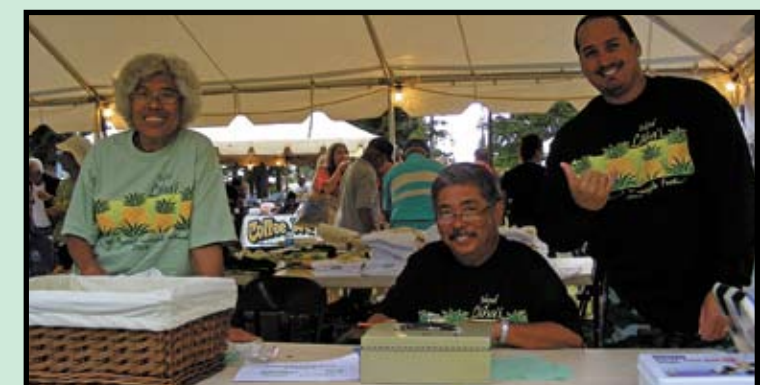
Fireworks



Harry Saunders, president of Castle and Cooke, and Chris Lovvorn, director of alternative energy projects, greet visitors to the energy booth.



Tommy Willett and son Seth living up to his nickname "Cheeks"



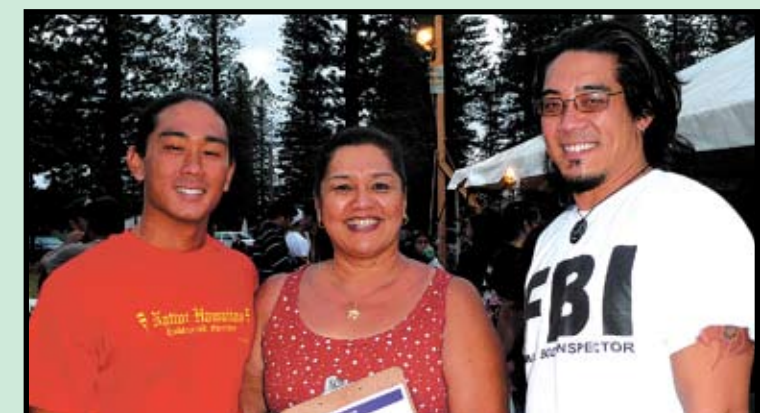
Jarrod Barfield, Wayne Ishizaki and Letty Castillo sold t-shirts



Barry Kimokeo and the Hawaiian Connection performing on stage



Miss Lana'i Pageant Booth – Pat Hera and Jennifer Hera Pimentel



Reed Del Rosario, Nani Watanabe & Brett Del Rosario