

# Sanctuary Whale Tales

Maui 's Volunteer Newsletter



## What is Makahiki in Hawaiian Culture?

The **Makahiki** season was the [ancient Hawaiian](#) New Year festival, in honor of the god [Lono](#). It was a holiday covering four consecutive lunar months, approximately from October or November through February or March. It could be thought of as including the equivalent of our modern [Thanksgiving](#) and [Christmas](#) traditions. Many religious ceremonies happened during this period. The people stopped work, made offerings to the chief or ali'i, and then spent their time practicing sports, feasting, dancing and having a good time. During those four months war was forbidden ([kapu](#)).

Many different games were played during this season. Some were very physical and others were mental strategy games. In the picture you can see a game called Konane being played by our volunteer, Flo Bahr, during the Celebrate Lahaina event last month. Konane is a game similar to checkers using black and white stones where two players proceed by jumping stones and taking the opponent's jumped stone. In the picture the Konane board is made of wood. The Hawaiians did not use a wooden board for this game but a large, flat stone with depressions carved into it.



## Marv Retiring

Long-time volunteer, Marv Paularena, has been coping with some health challenges and will be retiring from the sanctuary volunteer service, his wife Michele reports. Marv and Michele, known affectionately as M&M, have spent many, many hours volunteering at Maui Ocean Center and a variety of outreach activities over the years. Marv was recently admitted to Maui Memorial, but has been improving. Get better, Marv! Michele will continue to volunteer when she can.

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## Hawaiian Whitespotted Toby

Photo and Story by Serena Neff



## Hawaiian Whitespotted Toby

*Canthigaster jactator* (Jenkins, 1901) “boaster” or “braggart”

Hawaiian: none, though there are many names for puffers

I often hear visitors exclaim, “look, a baby spotted fish,” but do not be fooled; these little Tobies reach their biggest adult sizes at three and a half inches! Grouped with pufferfish, the Hawaiian Whitespotted Toby has an elongated snout and feeds on algae and sponges. To find them, look for the greenish eyes on the white spotted brown body (sometimes, also with a greenish tint) in almost any habitat—full coral reef or silted bottom. This species is very common in Hawaii, endemic, and often found in pairs. The Hawaiian Whitespotted Toby has been observed taking nips out of the fins of other species of fish and even of sea turtle flesh. Males tend to be slightly larger than females but both will defend their territories; generally, one male mates with up to four females in his “territory.” Interestingly, the mucus excreted by the Hawaiian Whitespotted Toby was found to work like sunscreen, with protection comparative to SPF 15!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Maui Children and Youth Day** is Saturday, October 12, at the Kenolio Recreation Complex from 3PM-8PM. The complex is located at Kenolio Park, next to the Kihei Youth Center at the north end of S. Kihei Road. We are looking for volunteers for this outreach. This year’s theme focuses on providing youth with the resources and opportunities to make great choices for the future. It will include delicious food, great entertainment and excellent interactive activities for children and families.

**The Harvest Festival at Whole Foods Market** is October 27th from 10AM-2PM. We are looking for sanctuary volunteers for this outreach. Whole Foods asks that we join them for a fun day celebrating the best of fall. This event includes arts and crafts, artisanal foods for purchase, face painting, apple bobbing, a scavenger hunt, and more!

Our **Maui Ocean Center** outreach table will restart on November 4th. We need sanctuary volunteers for this outreach which will be ongoing on Mondays during whale season.

**To volunteer, email Jeep at [mauijeep@gmail.com](mailto:mauijeep@gmail.com)**

## Sanctuary Lecture

Continuing our lecture series that is free and open to the public will be a talk by Carolyn Unser, “First Wind: Clean Energy, Made Here” This lecture will be held on October 22, 2013 at the Kihei location conference room in Hale `Amui at 6:00 PM.

## Status on Building Remodeling

We have all been (im)patiently awaiting the completion of the remodeling of the old Education Center. A modification incorporating most of the latest suggestions was just finalized by NOAA Contracting and they are now waiting for the contractor to provide an updated schedule. There should be some projected dates by the next newsletter. Construction is not expected to impact more than a few parking spaces.

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## Sanctuary Shares Marine Mammal Exhibit Walking Tour and Whaling History

by Bo Petty

For the first time in more than a decade, fascinating marine mammal exhibits have found their way to daylight once again. Exhibit designers were commissioned to create the fascinating scientific displays about various whale species in 1984. Sanctuary partners who manage the Whalers Village Museum in Kā'anapali, Maui, rediscovered the remarkable exhibits in storage on the property and created an opportunity to offer the public an interactive, educational, family activity in the form of a free walking tour map. Most astonishing of the exhibits is the unexpected furry, four-legged carnivorous land ancestor resembling a wolf with hooves, explaining the evolution of whales from land animals and the transition from land to sea.

Sanctuary volunteers have begun distributing the Marine Mammal Walking Tour Map created by our Whalers Village Museum partners to the public at the Kihei Visitor Center and at other outreach locations. The walking tour is an entertaining way for visitors and volunteers alike to learn about other cetaceans. As an additional incentive, those completing the walking tour by recording on the map each exhibit they discover throughout the mall where the museum is housed will receive free entry into the museum. The museum is a collection of artifacts and stories that depict life aboard the factory whaling ships that visited the Hawaiian Islands while hunting some species of whales nearly to extinction in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The walking tour, museum displays, and free sanctuary whale talks provided there six times each week will help visitors learn more about why sanctuaries are protecting maritime heritage, humpback whales and other underwater treasures today.

For more information, contact [Bo.Petty@noaa.gov](mailto:Bo.Petty@noaa.gov).



Explore and discover marine mammal exhibits in the Whalers Village Museum Walking Tour, Kā'anapali, Maui. Our 45 Ton Whale Talks are held here Thursday through Saturday at 11AM and 1 PM.

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## South Maui

*Hawaiian Islands Humpback  
Whale National Marine Sanctuary  
726 South Kihei Road,  
Kihei, HI 96753 (808) 879-2818*

## West Maui

*Whaler Village Shopping Center  
Whalers Museum  
2435 Ka'anapali Parkway  
Lahaina, HI 96761 (808) 661-4567*

## October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Lecture, 10/22 Kihei (see P.2)		1 45 Ton Whale Talk 11AM Kihei	2	3 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei	4 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1 PM Lahaina	5 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1 PM Lahaina
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27 Harvest Fest. Whole Foods (see P. 2)	28	29 45 Ton Whale Talk 11AM Kihei	30	31 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei	<p style="color: magenta; border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;">Next month, the Volunteer Meeting on <b>November 20</b> will be the mandatory annual refresher training. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.</p>	