

2016 Spring Equinox Event Schedule

A Prayer Vigil for Planetary Peace with Peace and Aloha and One Thousand Buddhas

**Hale Akua Garden Farm, Maui, Hawai'i
March 16-20**

- Contact person: Joyce Genis at 952-693-5595 (cell)
- Hawai'i is considered domestic for cell phone calls.
- Maui time zone is Hawai'i-Aleutian Standard Time (HST), 2 hours earlier than Pacific Standard Time.

(Times are HST)

Tuesday, March 15

- Arrive in Maui at Kahului Airport (OGG)
- A shuttle will pick you up and bring you to Hale Akua Eco-Retreat, about a 45-minute drive.
- Refer to the airport shuttle schedule (sent before event) for your pick-up location and times.
- Retreat address: **Hale Akua Garden Farm
110 Door of Faith Road, PO Box 767
Haiku, HI 96708**
- When you arrive at Hale Akua, you will be directed to your registration folder.
- Room check-in starts at 2:00 pm. The Hale Akua staff will check you in and show you to your room.
- Light dinner/snacks will be available in kitchen.
- All morning prayer sessions will be held in the meeting/yoga room. (See #2 on [Map of Grounds.](#))
- Important: The Hale Akua management asks you to please observe the 10 mph speed limit on their road.

Wednesday, March 16

7:00-9:15 Breakfast

9:30 In seats in meeting room. Silent meditation

9:45 Prayers, songs, rosary

Darshan with Mother Mary: *Peace through the Immaculate Seeing of Self, Others and All Life*

Green Tara: *Accessing the Playfulness of Peace and the Colorfulness of Compassion*

- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 Gather in meeting room for "Introduction to Organic Gardening and Permaculture," taught by the Hale Akua staff which includes a tour of the organic farm. Topics to be covered are soil health, sustainable methods of growing different fruits and vegetables, effective and indigenous microorganisms, composting, basic pest control, and water management.
- 3:00 Explore the Eco-retreat; swim, relax.
- 5:00 Meet in kitchen to prepare community dinner.
- 6:00 Dinner
- 8:00 Optional decrees to the Elohim Purity and Astrea in meeting room

Thursday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

- 7:00-8:15 Breakfast. Pack lunches, snacks, water.
- 8:30 Load vans
- 8:45 Drive on the famously scenic Hana Highway (approx. 2-3 hrs., 41.3 mi.) with its 617 curves and 56 one-lane bridges! The highway winds past magnificent seascapes, waterfall pools, botanical gardens and rainforests.

Noonish Arrive at the 'Ohe'o Gulch in the Haleakala National Park Kipahulu. We will have lunch, hike the Pipiwai Trail (3.6 mi. round trip), passing stunning vistas, pools and waterfalls, including the 200 ft. Makahiku Falls. We'll hike jungle terrain and a bamboo forest to reach the base of the 400 ft-high Waimoku Falls.

After the Pipiwai Trail, a short walk will take us to the seven sacred pools that empty into the ocean along the Kipahulu coastline. You are welcome to swim in these pools, including one with a waterfall!

2:30ish Drive back on the Hana Highway and if time allows, we will stop at Pa'iloa, a black sand beach, at the Wai'anapanapa State Park. *Wai'anapanapa* means "glistening water" or "water flashing rainbow hues," describing the contrast between the black, pebble lava field and the deep blue-greens of the ocean. Other sights include a naturally made lava arch in the water, legendary caves and ocean blowholes.

Along the way, we will find a secluded spot to hear from two masters:
 Kuthumi: *Attaining Buddhist Mindfulness through the Peace of Stillness*
 Aloha: *Spreading the Spirit of Aloha throughout Terra*

- 6:00 Dinner at local restaurant
- 8:00 Optional decrees to the Elohim Purity and Astrea in meeting room

Friday, March 18

- 7:00-8:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 In seats. Silent meditation
- 9:15 Prayers, songs, rhythmic chanting, rosary
Darshan with Hope: *The Expectations of Hope: Providence, Purity and Peace*
White Tara: *White Diamond Lotus Meditation on Perfect Stillness*
- 11:00 Pack lunches, snacks, water.
- 11:45 Load vans.
- Noon Depart for Lahaina Harbor, a 75 min., 42 mi. drive, for a yacht excursion to the migrating North Pacific Humpback Whales. (Extra charge)
- 1:30 Arrive at Lahaina. Check in and board boat.
- 4:15 Boat returns to Lahaina Harbor.
- 4:30 Walk through quaint Lahaina; visit the town square and the gigantic banyan tree.
- 5:00 Load vans. Drive to Luau (1.2 mi., 6 min.)
- 5:15 Arrive at Old Lahaina Luau. (Extra charge)
You will be greeted with a lei and escorted to the lovely luau property on the ocean.

Stroll the grounds to hear live Hawai'ian music, see demonstrations of various crafts, and even take a short hula lesson. A sumptuous buffet with many authentic dishes awaits.

Then enjoy more native music with drums, colorful costumes, and, of course, the performance of the hula, relating stories from Hawai'ian mythology and history.

- 8:15 Walk through Lahaina; time for some shopping
- 9:15 Vans depart for Hale Akua.

Saturday, March 19

- 7:00-8:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 In seats. Silent meditation
- 9:15 Prayers, songs, rhythmic chanting, rosary
Mother Teresa: *I AM the Compassionate Heart of the Peacemakers*
Kuan Yin: *The Dance of Bodhisatvas of Peace*
- 11:00 Pack lunches, snacks, water.
- 11:45 Load vans.
- Noon Depart for dormant volcano, *Haleakala*, which means "House of the Sun."
(Approx. 1 hour, 29 mi.)
- 1:00 Arrive at Haleakala National Park headquarters. Eat picnic lunch. See some of the world's rarest geese—the Hawai'ian Nēnēs.

- 2:00 Drive to Pu'u'ula'ula (Red Hill) Summit Observation Building, Maui's highest Point at 10,023 ft. (approx. 20 min, 9.8 mi.) providing you with a top-of-the-world panorama through its wraparound windows. On a clear day you can see Hawai'i (Big Island), Lana'i, Moloka'i, and even O'ahu. View the 'ahinahina garden with its rare, luminous Silversword plants.
- 2:45 Drive a few minutes down to Haleakala Visitor Center to hike the .4-mile round-trip Pā Ka'oa Trail for an expansive view of the craters. Then take a short walk on the Sliding Sands Trail for more views of volcanic landscape.
- 3:30 Drive 15 minutes down to Halemau'u Trail for a 2.2-mile round-trip hike through native scrubland up to the rim of an erosional valley where the 1,000-foot high cliff drops away to reveal an astounding view of its immense volcanic basin.
- 6:00 Dinner at local restaurant
- 8:00 Optional decrees to the Elohim Purity and Astrea in meeting room

Sunday, March 20

- 7:00-8:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 In seats. Silent meditation
- 9:15 Prayers, songs, rhythmic chanting, rosary
Golden Goddess from the Sun: *Enter the Sun Presence of Cosmic Peace*
Omega: *I Seal the Light of the Aloha Spirit within You!*
- 11:30 Pack lunches, daypacks and water.
- 12:15 Load vans.
- 12:30 Depart for the beaches and optional snorkeling (Snorkeling equipment extra charge)
- 6:00 Dinner

Monday, March 21

- Noon Hale Akua check out. Shuttle vans shuttle everyone to their flights on time.

This schedule is subject to change.

~~~Aloha, beloved heartfriends. Safe travels all the way home!~~~

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