



*Joy A. San Buenaventura*

*State Representative*

*District 4, Puna*

2017 Legislative Interim E-Newsletter

November 2017

Concerned about all of the Front Page Puna Crime Stories?

2018 Community Forum on Crime and Drug Abuse in Puna

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura will speak on 2018 proposed legislation

**Guest Speakers include:**

- **Mitch Roth**, Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney
- **Brandee Menino**, HOPE Services
- **Officer Davy Kamalii and Officer Jeremy Kubojiri**, Hawaii County Police Department, Puna District Patrol Division
- **Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita**, Big Island Substance Abuse Council (Tent.)
- **Neighborhood Watch**



Date: Saturday, 01/06/2018

Place: Pahoia Community Center

Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm

For more information, please contact: [j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov) or call (808) 586-6530



**Na Leo TV’s Aupuni Connections**

Thank you to Na Leo TV and Micah Alameda for featuring me in their Aupuni Connections program. In this episode we discussed the status of Big Island Dispensary licensees Lau Ola and Hawaiian Ethos. Thank you very much to Richard Ha (Lau Ola) and Zachary Taffany (Hawaiian Ethos) for participating.

To view episodes of Na Leo TV’s Aupuni Connections, please visit: <http://naleo.tv/> and click on the “On Demand” link.

**November Department of Health Dispensary Licensees Update (Hawaii Island):**

Lau Ola:

Received permits for rebar and footings for cement pad foundation.

Hawaiian Ethos:

Awaiting name of new CEO; CEO’s death does not impact license.

Pad foundation, framing, plumbing, and electrical complete; construction continuing.



Recent meeting with Ken Hiraki of Hawaiian Telcom. We discussed plans to bring broadband access to parts of lower Puna by 2021. I also urged him to start looking into improving service in HPP. Expanding broadband access in Puna is critical for our district and I am very happy to see that we are making progress.



Participating in the Quad Chamber 2017 Legislative Forum. In addition to discussing our legislative priorities, we discussed topics such as homelessness, minimum wage, and worker’s benefits. I was grateful for the opportunity to provide a Big Island perspective to the discussion of issues affecting our state.



At a Walk-through with DoE and DAGS of Pahoa Elementary, Pahoa High, and Keonepoko for their needs. I am glad roofing/repair needs from last year are funded and that my 2017 priority of a cafeteria for Pahoa Elementary is slated to be designed. 2018’s priority are roofed playcourts for Pahoa High.



Thankful to have been invited to talk to interfaith community on Rapid Global Climate Change and what legislation we enacted to address it.



My staff had recently attended the **4th Annual Innovation Crawl**. The event was organized by the **Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC)** and showcased some of the startups that the legislature has helped to fund through the **Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)** grant program.

Our funding of the SBIR grant program promotes growth in Hawaii's Innovation and Tech economies. The services provided by the HTDC allows local startups to successfully compete on a global scale which has helped to cultivate our state's growing reputation as a vibrant innovation and startup hub.

The 4th Annual Innovation Crawl gave legislator's a first hand look at how some the grant money is spent. Per HTDC, every \$1 in grants generates \$10 in state taxes. I was pleased to see how some of the innovation/technology provided very practical value to residents in Hawaii.



**Ryo Kubota** of the **College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR)** and Co-Founder/CEO of **BioRanger** was on-hand to showcase the product. The BioRanger is designed for rapid detection of pathogens or other DNA or RNA based targets. Ryo explained that the platform is currently being used by food producers and varying federal agencies for on-site detection of microbial contamination and diseases. According to Ryo, this device might one day be used for on-site detection of Rat lungworm.



At the **2017-2018 East-West Hawaii Island Meeting**. We spent the day in annual representative conferences with the Mayor & his cabinet, non-profits like charter schools, Sue Jarvi/Kaye Howe, Hilo Medical Center, and Community Medical Centers to discuss their needs.



### Rat Lungworm Support Group

**Where:** Neighborhood Place of Puna, 16-105 Opukahaia St, Kea'au, HI 96749

**When:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:00pm-6:00pm

**Why:** To gather and support survivors of Rat Lungworm and their caregivers  
For more information, contact: Elena Cabatu, Director of Public Affairs,  
ecabatu@hpsc.org at (808) 932-3160

Photo by Alan Lakritz

# Pahoa 2nd Saturday Music & Artwalk

Second Saturdays on Mainstreet  
No cover charge! Free!



The Big Island Invasive Species Committee is reminding everyone that Christmas trees imported from the mainland could harbor Hawaii's next invasive pest!

BIISC is encouraging everyone to consider buying an artificial tree or buying from a local Christmas Tree farm. Please visit: <http://www.biisc.org/christmas-trees-grow-in-hawaii/> for a listing of local Christmas tree farms.



*Ē ho'āla hou 'o Pāhoā*  
PĀHOA RISING

**2017**

**PĀHOA HOLIDAY PARADE**

SATURDAY DECEMBER **2** **9:30AM**  
In the Heart of Pāhoā Town Center

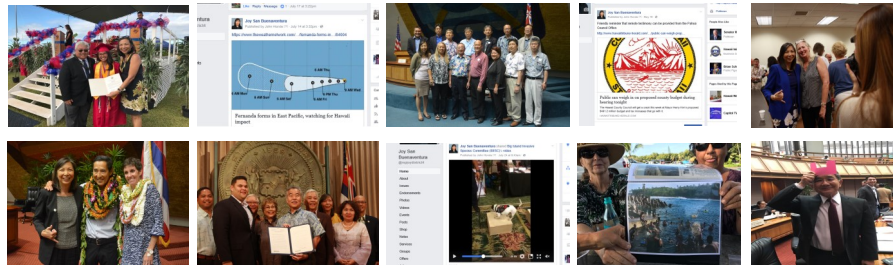
# 11th Annual Paradise Studio Art Tour

For a brochure and map go to: [www.paradisestudiotour.com](http://www.paradisestudiotour.com) or call 982-5150

 <p><b>Linda Brooks</b> custom hand made glass</p>  <p><b>Peggy McKinsey</b> original art reproductions</p>	 <p><b>Robert Troost</b> crystalline glazed pottery</p>  <p><b>Carol Fraysond</b> sea turtles acrylic on canvas</p>	 <p><b>Ratna Nishita DeLewis</b> gemstones vintage &amp; ethnic beads</p>  <p><b>Mae Desmond</b> oil paintings, illustrations, henna</p>	 <p><b>Irene Moidel Acevedo</b> original drawings &amp; paintings</p>  <p><b>Mae Desmond</b> oil paintings, illustrations, henna</p>	 <p><b>Stone O'Daugherty</b> cold connection jewelry</p>  <p><b>Chuck Snyder</b> pen &amp; ink, watercolor</p>	 <p><b>Paradise Studio Tour Artist Collective</b> Meet the Artists See Demonstrations <b>December 2 &amp; 3, 2017</b> Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm</p>
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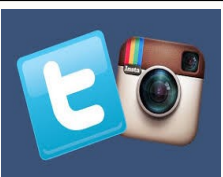
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