

THE INDEPENDENT VOICE

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ANNUAL MEETING

Makaeo Pavilion, Old Airport, Kailua Kona, Friday January 29th at 3 pm. Our Annual Member Meeting will follow the Trade Expo, at 3pm. Meet the Board that has worked so hard for you in 2009 and vote for your Board Members for 2010. Help decide the aims and goals of the KCFA. Membership is required for voting.

New Membership Benefit KCFA/FedEx Freight Savings Plan!

Here at last, as a KCFA member, you can enjoy deep savings with our Freight Savings Plan with FedEx. Come to the workshop at our Trade Expo where the FedEx discounts will be explained.

Membership Renewal

RENEW your membership NOW!

RENEW ONLINE at konacoffeefarmers.org.

Log in as a member and click on "To renew your membership click here". Your billing information will appear onscreen. Enter your credit card number and expiration date, click the "Join" button at the bottom of the page. Your membership will be confirmed by email or phone. RENEW BY MAIL a check payable to KCFA to Deb Sims, PO Box 832, Honaunau, HI 96726.

RENEW at the annual meeting

Questions? Email

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We look forward to your support in 2010!

Hawaii Homegrown Food Network - Building Local, Sustainable Food Communities

If you haven't yet connected with this organization, go to this link and read their latest newsletter!

<http://agroforestry.net/hhfn/hhfn10-Jan2010.html>

Packed FULL of great information for farmers and consumers alike, this issue features terrific workshops and events, the most comprehensive list of agriculture-specific events available. The newsletter also features reports, this month one on saving Hawaii's wild honey bees.

Buy fresh, buy local, and support your local farmer and farmers' markets. The abundance is there to be enjoyed!

ANNUAL TRADE EXPO Services and Resources Specifically for Small Farms

Friday January 29th 10-2:30

The Kona Coffee Farmers Association will be holding its 3rd Annual Expo for coffee farmers and all small farmers at the Makaeo Pavilion, Old Airport, Kailua Kona.

Free and open to all, this is KCFA's annual community service, connecting farmers with the vendors who serve the farmer's needs!

The Trade Expo will feature Displays, Mini-workshops, Product and Service Information, and Technical Talk-story.

Vendors and Informational Displays Include:

Alii Printing	American Machinery
Captain Cook Trading	Coffee Consulting
Complete Art Service HI	CPS Fertilizer
CTHAR	Diamond Head Sprinkler
Dickey-John Moisture Meter	Dr. Freed Mobile Vet
FedEx	Future Forest Nursery
Gardner's Hollow Leg	Hawaii Community Credit Union
Hawaii SBDC Network	HOFA
HPM	KCFA Legislative Committee
KCFA Logo Merchandise	Kona Irrigation
One Island Sustainable Living Ctr	Perry Agricultural Laboratory
Produce to Product	Scott's Sharpening Service
Rentals	Soil Culture Consulting
Trojan Lumber	Tropical Fruit Growers
USDA, Farm Service	USDA/RCD Coffee cover crops
US Postal Service	XpedX Shipping

During the Trade Expo there will be a number of mini-workshops and presentations by distinguished speakers. This is your chance to pick up useful tips to help you farm, and to learn what is going on in our agricultural community.

Our Speaker Schedule includes:

FedEx Freight Savings Plan for KCFA Members
- Triina Turula
CTAHR Projects Over The Last Year
- Skip Bittenbender
India / Coffee market - Ken Love
Coffee Consulting - Shawn Steinman
The "Scoop" on Marketing Your Coffee
- Nancy Ginter-Miller
What's Dirt got to do with it?
- Bob Perry, Perry Agricultural Laboratory
Organic Fertilizer - Robert Barnes

Admission is free to all. There will be Door Prizes for KCFA Members, and membership is available on the day. For more information, call 329-4035 or Marylou@cuppakona.com