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Cool farm, hot lunch – Honopua Farm in Waimea

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—July 9, 2009—The Kohala Center’s “Cool Farms, Hot Lunches” July learning event visits Honopua Farm in Waimea with owners Ken and Roen Hufford from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 25.

Honopua Farm was founded more than 30 years ago by Roen’s parents, Marie and Bill McDonald. The farm produced flowers for commercial sale until the McDonalds retired in the mid-1990s. The Huffords then expanded farm production to include organic vegetables. Today, Honopua Farm’s organic vegetables and flowers are available at the Waimea Homestead Farmers’ Market, local restaurants, and wholesale/retail outlets.

The farm visit includes lunch with the Huffords. The Kohala Center designed “Cool Farms, Hot Lunches” as a way for participants to connect with one another, with cultural and scientific experts, and with Hawai‘i Island’s natural, cultural, and spiritual landscapes.

Future learning events are “Agricultural Sustainability in Puanui Ahupua‘a: Past, Present, and Future” on August 22, and “Salt-making in the Ahupua‘a of Ka‘upulehu” on October 24.

Space is limited; for reservations, visit www.kohalacenter.org and click on “Programs & Events” and “Current Events” or contact The Kohala Center at info@kohalacenter.org or 808-887-6411. Cost is \$25 for The Kohala Center’s Circle of Friends; \$75 for nonmembers, which includes the event and Circle of Friends membership. To learn more about the Circle of Friends, visit www.kohalacenter.org, click on "Join Us" and "Become a Member."

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Ken Hufford harvests organic vegetables at Honopua Farm.