

Kumu's News

Kumu's Cupboard Newsletter, July 2024

News for the 2024-2025 School Year

It is hard to believe that the start of the 2024-2025 school year is just weeks away. We hope that you are having a wonderful summer.

The store will reopen on Tuesday, July 23rd with special back-to-school hours the first two weeks. Regular hours will resume on Friday, August 2nd. See the right column on this page for details.

We've been hard at work preparing for the new school year. Several sections in the store have been moved to make better use of space. We have eliminated the specialty section and disbursed the items there throughout the store. We still welcome thank you notes to share with our donors and supporters.

Please be sure to take an inventory sheet when you shop as some item limits have changed.

If you are a new shopper you can print the new educator registration form from our website under the "For Educators" tab, fill it out, and bring it with you the first time you shop. This will speed up the registration process and allow you more time in the store. Special shopping hours for new hires only are Thursday, July 25, 3:00-6:30 pm.

If you are a returning shopper, you can download the 2024-2025 reregistration form found under the "For Educators" tab on our website. There you'll also find our special back to school hours and our closures for this year. If you have proof of current employment, we'd appreciate seeing it when you register, but don't worry if you don't have it yet.

As a reminder, please take the time to read the quarterly newsletter. It contains information about the store and special opportunities like mini grants and giveaways.

Kumu's Cupboard's board members and volunteers are excited to support you and your students during the coming school year.

Kumu's Cupboard at Grove Farm Saturday Market July 13, 9:30-12:30

Kumu's Cupboard will have an informational table at the Grove Farm Saturday Market on Saturday **July 13th from 9:30-12:30.**

We will be collecting school supplies and donations for Kumu's Cupboard and introducing our work to those not already aware of us.

Please help spread the word.

Mini Grant Pick Up

Kumu's Cupboard awarded 23 mini grants to teachers for this fall semester. Mini grants of up to \$250 were funded for a wide variety of projects.

If you have an approved mini grant, please pick it up during our **July Back-to-School hours.**

Recipients were emailed a mini grant contract. Please be sure to print it, complete it, and bring it with you when you pick up the mini-grant.

Watch our newsletters to learn about future mini grants.



Special Back-to-School Hours

Tuesday, July 23
10am-2pm

Wednesday, July 24
10am-2pm

Thursday, July 25
10am-2pm

**3:00-6:30pm
NEW HIRES ONLY**

Monday, July 29
9am-1pm

Tuesday, July 30
3pm-6:30pm

Thursday, August 1
3pm-6:30pm

Regular Store Hours Resume Friday August 2

Tuesdays: 3pm-6:30pm

Fridays: 3pm-6:30pm

Saturdays: 10am-3pm

Sundays: 1pm-4pm

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Kumu's Cupboard is Kauai's nonprofit that provides FREE school supplies to teachers and other educational staff.

Our store is located in Kukui Grove Center, near Target, in Lihue.

Kumu's Cupboard's space is generously provided by Kukui Grove Center.

Backpacks for Students in Need

If you have students without backpacks and the needed supplies, Kumu's Cupboard can help. We have backpacks ready to pick up at three different grade level bands: K-1st, 2nd-5th and Middle School–High School. These backpacks have the basic supplies for students.

You may come in any time **after the school year starts** to pick up needed backpacks. You don't have to wait for your shopping day to do so. We ask that you only take the backpacks if you have a student or students in need of them.

If you're already a registered shopper for the 2024-2025 school year, you may email: kumuscupboard1@gmail.com and tell us your name, school, grade level and the number of backpacks needed. We'll email you the form. You may also have another educator from your school pick the backpack(s) up for you if you'd prefer.



Have You Checked Out the Lending Service?



We have over 80 items available for check-out. This include science supplies such as microscopes, beakers, hand lens, thermometers and more. The display shows a sampling of the kits available to check out.

There are also science teaching kits on weather, life cycles, and dental health. We have math manipulatives and supplies. There are also teaching kits on money, time, and fractions.

We have literature sets at different reading levels. There are two instruments available and physical education items. New this year are a large Connect 4 game, a math rack teaching kit, and kapa cloth with beater.

You can find a listing of available items in a binder on top of the lending service display and on our website under the "for Educators" tab.

If you have a lending service kit that you did not return, please be sure to do so during our July hours.



Kumu's Cupboard Online Auction

Our second annual
online auction will
be July 28–August 6

through Malama Auctions.

There are a large variety of items including restaurants, activities, pottery, jewelry, and more. The link to the auction will be available through our website, social media, and the Malama Auctions website.

If you have something you'd like to contribute to the auction, please contact Elyse Litvack at: kumuscupboard@gmail.com or 808-647-6989.



2024–2025 Store Closures

Statehood Day: 8/16-8/18

Labor Day: 8/30-9/2

Fall Break: 10/4-10/11

Thanksgiving: 11/29-12/1

Winter Break: 12/20-1/3

President's Day: 2/14-2/16

Spring Break: 3/14-3/21

Holiday Weekend: 3/31

Charity Walk: 5/3

Closed for Summer: 5/28–late July



Volunteers and Donors Make Kumu's Cupboard Possible

Please Join Us!

'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia
No task is too great when undertaken together

We'd like to thank all of the donors and supporters that help make Kumu's Cupboard possible. Without these individuals, service clubs, and businesses, we wouldn't exist.

We'd also like to thank our Board of Directors and in-store volunteers for the time and energy they put into keeping the store open and running. As a reminder, Kumu's Cupboard is an ALL volunteer organization.

Are you interested in volunteering at Kumu's Cupboard or know someone who might be interested? Volunteering with us is very flexible and people can work as little as one shift per month. Volunteers sign up on a monthly basis with hours that fit their schedule.

**We're holding a get-together for potential volunteers
Saturday, July 13th from 2:30-4:00 pm
at Kumu's Cupboard**

It's a chance for potential volunteers to become familiar with Kumu's Cupboard and learn how they can become involved. For more information please contact Elyse Litvack at: kumuscupboard.org or 808-647-6989.

**2024-2025 Board Members
(* also in-store volunteer)**

Belinda Bartels *
Lili Bryan-Conant *
Pat Gegen
Merna Jim *
Elyse Litvack *
Alisha Miyashiro *
Morgan Moises

In-store Volunteers

Libby Barbaria
Bertie Bloom
Chris Curtis
Dot O'Reilly
Carrie Sato
Joni Tominaga
Samantha Tominaga



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Support Kauai's teachers by donating new classroom supplies or making a monetary donation to Kumu's Cupboard!



SATURDAY, JULY 13

9:30 AM - 12:30 AM



GROVE FARM MARKET

Puhi Park



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