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### *Chocolate growing and candy making at Kuaiwi Farm*

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—January 28, 2010—Just in time for Valentine’s Day! Experience chocolate growing and candy processing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, February 13, on The Kohala Center’s learning event to Kuaiwi Farm in Kealahou.

Visit Kuaiwi Farm with Una Greenaway and Leon Rosner. Kuaiwi Farm, an historic farm in Kealahou, is a wonderful example of an intact piece of the pre-contact Kona field system where *kīhāpai*, or growing fields, are separated by *kuaiwi*, which are low rock mounds.

Kuaiwi Farm has been using organic practices for 32 years, and organically certified for 10 years. One-hundred-year-old coffee trees coexist alongside macadamia nut trees, chocolate trees, banana trees, avocado trees, citrus trees, pineapple, vegetables, herbs, flowers, native plantings and more on this well-tended five-acre organic paradise. Most of the crops are processed on the farm, including the chocolate candy.

An authentic, off-the-beaten-path experience to learn about the growing of all of these plants, and the steps in making chocolate candy—from the tree to the final product. Participate in some of these steps, especially the all-important tasting. Come with your taste buds prepared for some food fun!

This is the second of four 2010 learning events by The Kohala Center, featuring “The Birds and the Bees and a Little Bit of Chocolate.” Space is limited; for reservations, visit [www.kohalacenter.org](http://www.kohalacenter.org) and click on “Programs & Events” and “Current Events” or contact The Kohala Center at [info@kohalacenter.org](mailto:info@kohalacenter.org) or 808-887-6411. Cost is \$25 for current Friends of The Kohala Center; \$75 for new Friends, which includes the event. To learn more about the Circle of Friends, visit [www.kohalacenter.org](http://www.kohalacenter.org), click on “Join Us” and “Become a Friend.”

The Kohala Center designs its learning events 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. Other trips planned this year are “Beekeeping and Volcano Island Honey with Richard Spiegel” on March 20, and the “Keauhou Bird Conservation Center and Kipuka Puuulu with Jack Jeffrey” on May 15.