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Tabag speaks about genealogy

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—January 5, 2011—Florence (Aunty Wai) Tabag will present a Hawaiian perspective on *mo‘okū‘auhau* (genealogy) in a *Puana Ka ‘Ike* (Imparting Knowledge) lecture in Kona and an *Eia Hawai‘i* presentation in Hilo.

Tabag will speak on Hawaiian genealogy from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 28, at the Keauhou Beach Resort, Conference Room Kahalu‘u III, in Kona and from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 31, at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, UCB 127.

Tabag, of Kahalu‘u with ancestral ties to Kawaihae, will discuss Hawaiian family and land connections and *papahānaumoku*, the practice of genealogy.

Affectionately called “Aunty Wai,” Tabag has compiled a vast collection of Hawaiian family genealogies. She acknowledges the importance of connecting families to the *‘āina* from which they originate. One of her goals is to help connect all the Kahalu‘u, Kona, families through their genealogies.

For more information on Tabag’s presentations, contact Joy Cunefare at 808-534-8528 or e-mail info@kohalacenter.org. For lecture schedules and webcasts of previous lectures, visit <http://kohalacenter.org/puanakaike/about.html> and www.keauhouresort.com/learn-puanakaike.html.

The Puana Ka ‘Ike and Eia Hawai‘i lecture series are presented in partnership with Keauhou-Kahalu‘u Education Group of Kamehameha Schools, The Kohala Center, the Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, and Keauhou Beach Resort.

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