



HĀLAU HULA 'O NUKU 'ĀINA
and
THE HULA ROOM FOUNDATION presents



LEI CONTEST - 2026

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The lei contest is open to Rogue Valley residents. All ages are welcomed and there is no limit to the number of lei entered. **EACH lei must have a completed entry form attached and provided to the receiving table on May 9th, 2026, by 10am at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Floral Building, 1451 Fairgrounds Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527.**

CATEGORY SPECIFICS

FRESH FLOWER / NATURALS

- Lei must include only fresh / natural materials in its design and shall be limited to flowers, leaves, stems, roots, fruits, pods and seeds.
- Lei should be made in one of the Hawaiian methods listed below.

YARN / RIBBON

- Lei must include only yarn / ribbon or combination in its design.
- Lei(s) can be of any color combination and done in any method preferred.

RECYCLED / UPCYCLED MATERIALS

- Lei must include recycled materials like newspaper, egg carton containers, bottle tops, can tabs, etc.
- Lei can be made in any method that best suits the material used.

KEIKI DIVISION (entrants 15 years old and under)

- Lei can be made and entered from any of the above categories using any construction method.

Lei entered must be a **minimum of 32 inches (81.3cm)** and a **maximum of 36 inches (91.4cm)** long.

All lei **must be left open**, but can include ties that would allow it to be closed.

RESTRICTIONS

Endangered plants and hazardous materials shall NOT be used. NO tape or wire allowed.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Lei being entered in contest should be made in one or more of the following methods:

Kui: Plant / materials are strung together through the center or side.

Wili: Plant materials are placed on a backing of Ti leaf, lauhala, dried banana fiber or other suitable material and wound with fiber or thread around the plant material and backing.

Haku: Braiding flowers, leaves, and/or fruit in a three-strand plait of fern

Hili: Braiding or weaving of a single plant material.

Humupapa: Plant materials are sewn to a foundation of dried banana fiber, lauhala, Ti leaf or other materials.

Kīpu'u: The stems of leaves are knotted together to make a chain. No cordage or needle is used.

AWARDS

Contestants need not be present to win. Winners will receive their awards through the mail unless other arrangements for pick up are made. Please fill out entry form completely and legibly for proper delivery.

