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2008 Liliha Calendar – Honolulu's Hidden Gem

Representative Corinne W.L. Ching 2008 Liliha calendar shares a glimpse of Honolulu's hidden gem Liliha. "I hope it will encourage residents to become more involved in our Liliha," said Representative Ching.

Ching spearheaded the effort with the 1st publication in 2006 which garnered a coveted Pele Award as well as National and International awards of excellence. The calendar continues to feature images of the people, food, unique multicultural and historical landmarks and lifestyle represented in this historical corridor district.

The concept for the calendar grew out of the a renewed interest in the area that has been able to evolve into a thriving business and residential district and yet maintain its sense of place which still features so many temples, gardens, benevolent societies, schools, cemeteries, old plantation houses and stately mansions side by side.

Renowned award-winning photographer Paul Chesley captured the images used in the calendar, Keith Lorenz put the calendar to words creating the text., and John Wingard Designs provided the graphic design for this community calendar which includes both local community activities and events and local and national holidays.

Photographs are by Paul Chesley, a National Geographic Society freelance photographer who has worked for the Society for decades. His photo essays have been published in Fortune, Time, Life, Geo and the Smithsonian as well as fifteen "Day in the Life" publications to include "Day in the Life of Hawaii" and "Blue Horizons" by the National Geographic Society. Exhibitions of his work have been held locally at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, The East-West Center and The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in addition to museums in Tokyo, London and New York. Paul was born in Red Wing, Minnesota and has now made Hawaii his home.

Keith Lorenz, Hawaii resident and former journalist in Asia, a writer who has explored many cultures. He was born in New York and now divides his time between a hillside in Honolulu and a farm in coastal Maine.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Corinne serves as the State Representative for the 27th District which includes Liliha. She is a member of the Education Committees as well as Tourism and Economic Development Committees. Prior to her election, she served on the Liliha Neighborhood Board and taught at Ma'ema'e School. She has created the "I LOVE LILILHA" Town Festival, an event which brings together the diverse sectors of the Liliha community once a year in August and the "Historic Fun/Run Walk", which raises funds for historic sites. Past beneficiaries of the Run/Walk" have included the American Cancer Society, Ma'ema'e Chapel and the Hawaii Theatre, the Liliha Nuuanu Candlelight our and Liliha Gingerbread Festival. Other community efforts include the restoration of Kawananakoa Playground and Auditorium. Her booklet, "I LOVE LILIHA" can be found at the Liliha Library. Corinne lives in Liliha with her husband, Stuart Lerner, M.D. and 3-year old daughter Anna.