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**KAUAI MODERN EVENTS & BOOKLET TO SHARE MID-CENTURY MODERN  
ARCHITECTURE WITHIN A HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL CONTEXT**

HONOLULU: Historic Hawaii Foundation, in partnership with the Hawaii chapter of Docomomo US, invites the public to presentations about Kauai's Modern architecture.

Free public presentations will be held in Lihue on October 6 and Honolulu on October 11. A ticketed walking tour event in Lihue is scheduled for October 7. The presentations and tour will be accompanied by a new booklet, "Kauai Modern" that showcases a small but significant portion of the built environment from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century on the island of Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands.

The events are designed to encourage the public to learn more about the buildings from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century modern architecture movement on Kauai, including how Hawaii's post-World War II building boom shaped island communities and the historical and social context in which the architecture was created.

The Modern period (1933-1979) was a time of significant transformation in Hawaii as its status changed from being a Territory to the 50th state; from a rural plantation society to an urban one; from an agricultural economy to one dominated by tourism. The post-World War II economic boom and population growth spurred development and Hawaii design professionals responded with an original, regional definition of Mid-Century Modern that incorporated local building materials and Native Hawaiian culture.

“While only recently considered ‘historic,’ these places are as much a part of the Island experience and fabric as contributions of previous generations of designers and builders,” said Kiersten Faulkner, executive director of Historic Hawaii Foundation.

“Because of their relatively new age and familiarity, Modern buildings and sites are often perceived as commonplace and of less value than older historic structures. Historic Hawaii Foundation aims to counter that perception by bringing new community awareness to ensure that the buildings and the period they represent are identified, preserved and remain a contributing part of their communities for present and future generations.”

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Free Public Presentations:

**Lihue Modern Architecture Presentation & Talk Story**

Friday, October 6

5:00- 7:00 PM

Lihue Civic Center, Moikeha Conference Room 2A/2B

4444 Rice Street, Lihue

Registration required.

**Honolulu Modern Architecture Presentation & Talk Story**

Wednesday, October 11

5:00- 7:00 PM

IBM Building

1240 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu

Registration required.

More information and registration for public presentations:

<https://kauaimodernevents.eventbrite.com>

Walking Tour

### **Lihue Walking Tour**

Saturday, October 7

Tour 3:00-5:00 pm

Meet in front of the Lihue Civic Center, 4444 Rice Street, Lihue

Post-tour Pau Hana 5:00-7:00 pm

Ha Coffee Bar, 4180 Rice Street

More information and tickets: <https://kauaitourday2017.eventbrite.com>

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**Historic Hawaii Foundation:** *Helping People Preserve Historic Places.*

HHF is the only statewide non-profit organization solely dedicated to preserving the historic buildings, sites, communities and objects that tell the unique stories of Hawai'i's multilayered history. Founded in 1974, HHF has become the driving force behind historic preservation in the state through its core programs of developing a community ethic of historic preservation, supporting smart legislation, offering educational events and training for local communities and providing technical assistance to make preservation accessible.

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### **DOCOMOMO US Hawai'i**

A non-profit group dedicated to promoting public education on the preservation of Modern architecture in the Pacific Islands. DOCOMOMO (Documentation and Conservation of

buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the Modern Movement) promotes the study, interpretation and protection of the architecture, landscape and urban design of the Modern Movement. Docomomo US is an all-volunteer group comprised of enthusiasts, historians, architects, designers, students, and preservationists. Regional Chapters promote the goals and mission of the organization through advocacy, education, and outreach. **[www.docomomo-hi.org](http://www.docomomo-hi.org)**

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