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**Native Arts and Cultures Foundation and Ka Aha Lahui O Olekona (KALO) Hawaiian Civic Club hosts Lehuauakea for “*E Ho‘āla Ka Lupe: To Awaken the Kite*”, a project dedicated to the revival and recreation of traditional Native Hawaiian kites.**

**PORTLAND, Oregon, July 24, 2023** – You are invited to the Center for Native Arts and Cultures, (the Center) on July 29th for a presentation by Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) Awardee [Lehuauakea](#) of their traditional kapa (barkcloth) kite recreation!

This community event is a presentation of Lehuauakea’s LIFT project, “[E Ho‘āla Ka Lupe: To Awaken the Kite](#)”, and will include food and entertainment by [KALO Hawaiian Civic Club](#). Find delicious food and treats by vendors: Koa Roots, Cookies & Goodies, Kitschy Kawaii, Pa’akai Shop, 2 Angry Cats, Paradise Grindz, Wednesday Paper Co. and Honu Hawaiian Shave Ice.

Lehuauakea is a māhū mixed-Native Hawaiian interdisciplinary artist and kapa maker from Pāpa’ikou on Moku O Keawe, the Big Island of Hawai’i. Through a range of traditional Kanaka Maoli craft-based media, their art addresses cultural and biological ecologies, Indigenous identity, and contemporary environmental degradation.

Lehuauakea’s LIFT project, “*E Ho‘āla Ka Lupe: To Awaken the Kite*”, is a project dedicated to the revival and recreation of traditional Native Hawaiian kites, or lupe. Addressing the overwhelming absence of information and limited old samples of Hawaiian kites, the project aims to begin bringing this craft practice back to Kanaka Maoli people using traditional construction methods and materials, including kapa (bark cloth), gathered fiber for cordage, and natural pigments.

**What:** E Ho‘āla Ka Lupe: To Awaken the Kite

**When:** Saturday, July 29th, 9am - 1pm

**Where:** the Center, 800 SE 10th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214

This event is free and open to the public. Presented by KALO Hawaiian Civic Club, Lehuauakea and Native Arts and Cultures Foundation.

**About the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation**

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation’s mission is to advance equity and cultural knowledge, focusing on the power of arts and collaboration to strengthen Native communities and promote positive social change with American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native peoples in the United States. The Foundation has supported nearly 400 artists and arts organizations in 34 states and the District of Columbia. To learn more about the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, visit [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org).

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