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Aunty Aloha's Ukulele Corner

Borrow an *ukulele* from us and give it a try!

Lessons: Don't know how to play *uke*?
No problem! (Free, all ages)

Saturday Instructors:

10:00 Jon Taketa & Wes Ganeko
Local performers

11:00 Alonna Randall
Local *ukulele* Instructor

12:00 Moon Kahele
Oahu-based musician

Sunday Instructors:

10:00 Kehau Crisman
Kumu Hula

11:00 Terry Tropa
Local *ukulele* instructor

Kanikapila: Bring your *ukulele* (or borrow one) and join what the Hawaiians call *kanikapila*: it's informal, jammin' style music.

Saturday Leaders

1:00 Rudy Dolfo
Local performer

2:00 Matt Gomes
Local performer

3:00 Desert Strummers
Local band

Sunday Leaders:

12:00 Sandwich Island Ukulele Band
Local *ukulele* group

1:00 Ukulele Linda
Yuma-based musician

2:00 Moon Kahele
Oahu-based musician

3:00 Eric Stone & Corinna Repucci
Local Performers

DID YOU KNOW?

Aunty Aloha's Ukulele Corner started under a tree at Heritage Square at one of our first Festivals.

At the time, we could fit the stage and the food underneath the Lath House. A small grassy area was next to it was just big enough to play *konane* and *ulu maika*, and learn to make a yarn *lei*. We used a nearby sidewalk to try *Tititorea*.

Uncle Kumulae Mathews found a handy tree at the corner of the little lawn and started to play. Soon someone else joined him and they enjoyed the afternoon.

Uncle seemed to be a magnet for other musicians so all the *uke*-players (and assorted other stringed instruments) soon began to discover this *kanikapila*.

As Festival grew, we kept shooing the group here and there. In a few years, when we could expand into the (then) ASU downtown center...we discovered one lonely tree in a corner. To guard this precious resource, we put up a banner (Aunty Aloha's Ukulele Corner) and staked a claim for the *uke* community.

Immediately, people started asking about playing the *uke*, and teaching began to happen. When we moved to Tempe, we were able to put up a tent for *kanikapila* and a tent to teach others how to enjoy this fun little instrument.... **AND NOW YOU KNOW**