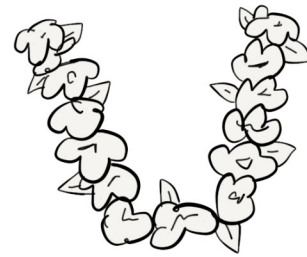


My Little Book About Lei Day

May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii

This popular phrase in the islands prevents anyone from forgetting this special day.

The first Lei Day was on May 1, 1928.



It was Don Blanding, a writer and poet, who first suggested that a holiday should be dedicated to the beautiful Hawaiian tradition of making and wearing lei. But it was Grace Tower Warren, also a writer, who came up with the idea that the holiday should coincide with May Day.

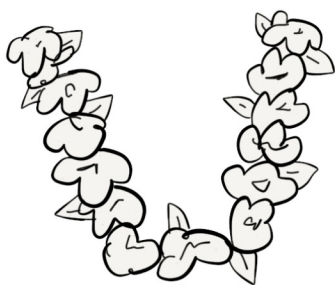
Oahu hosts the state's largest May Day event. No matter which day of the week May 1 falls on, the Lei Day Celebration takes place at Queen Kapiolani Park in Waikiki. This yearly event features live music, a stunning lei contest exhibit, hula performances, demonstrations, craft and food vendors, and more. This event is free and open to the public.

There is even a Lei Queen! The Lei Queen is selected based on her lei making skills, hula proficiency, and Hawaiian language fluency.

The most beautiful lei in the world is at the annual Lei Day lei competition held and displayed at the park. There is also excellent live music by some of Hawaii's top performers.

What is a lei?

A lei is a wreath of flowers presented upon arriving or leaving as a symbol of affection.



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