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An Insider's Streamlined Guide to Paradise

THE OUT OF TOWNER

Lynne Hanzawa O'Neill

She's ruled NYFW runways, been portrayed on SATC by comedienne Margaret Cho and is nicknamed "The Model Whisperer." However, for Lynne Hanzawa O'Neill, Hawai'i will always be home. We check in with the doyen of fashion shows about some of her favorite Hawai'i haunts.

"For me, Hawai'i is home and always be. I was born here and my mom and most of my family is here, and with time, the connection to family becomes increasingly important. Hawai'i is the place that I will always know, appreciate and love.

Some of my favorite places to meet colleagues are the Plumeria Beach House at the Kahala Hotel for the ocean view and great food, where I always feel like I'm on vacation even while discussing business. And, Town in Kaimuki is another choice for 'ono farm-to-table food. Ala Moana Center also provides many options, but two of my favorites are Mariposa at Neiman Marcus and Forty Carrots at Bloomingdale's, where my friend, chef Jon Matsubara, has created a unique, local menu.



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When I'm not doing a "working lunch," my favorites run the gamut. I like Goma Tei for ramen, Zippy's for saimin, MW Restaurant for Hawai'i Regional Cuisine and Roy's for my favorite dish, black cod. In Chinatown, I like Pig and the Lady, Livestock Tavern and Lucky Belly. In Waikiki, I really enjoy chef Lance Kosaka's menu at Top of Waikiki. And, I must add, I have to visit Kuhio Beach Grill in Waikiki—my 82-year-old mother has worked there for 32 years and is still there today!

I have a hit list of things to do when I'm in Hawai'i. For food treats, I head to Liliha Bakery for coco puffs, Leonard's Bakery for malasadas and Waiola Shave ice for the best finely shaved ice and homemade syrup. Other essentials for me include browsing the local craft fairs for undiscovered handmade treasures, CookSpace Hawaii for cooking classes, Greenroom Hawaii for surf-inspired art, KCC Farmer's Market for fresh produce, flowers and my favorite—*liliko'i* butter. I'm also at Whole Foods in Kahala Mall almost every day, I know I'll always bump into family and friends there.

I also enjoy attending Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival for the annual round-up of great international chefs and Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) for engaging films that showcase where east meets west.

I have a lot of favorite fashion haunts in Honolulu: I love Ala Moana Center, because I learned to shop there; Fighting Eel in Kahala Mall and Chinatown for T-shirts; for jewelry, I head to Riches in Kahala Mall and Sand People in Waikiki and at Ala Moana Center; I like Manuheali'i for its modern take on Hawai'i fashion.

I also adore shopping in Chinatown—In4mation, Roberta Oaks, Barrio Vintage and Tin Can Mailman [for Hawaiian antiques and collectibles].

My memorable finds include some of my favorite jewelry that's designed by Leela Blimes Goldstein of LK Atelier. One in particular is the "Aloha" necklace in rhinestones.

When I do get some spare time, I love to head to the beach—Ala Moana or San Souci are my two top choices. Or, I check out the latest at the museums: Honolulu Art Museum, Spalding House, Bishop Museum and Doris Duke's Shangri La.



This page, from top: 'Aloha' necklace designed by Leela Blimes Goldstein of LK Atelier; Roberta Oaks boutique in downtown Honolulu; "Aloha Bus" by Sho Watanabe, available at Greenroom Hawaii.

"THE CLIMATE AND NATURAL BEAUTY AFFORD A CALMER PACE THAT BALANCES THE OFTEN HARRIED ONE ASSOCIATED WITH MY HOME BASE, NEW YORK. ... BEING HOME ALLOWS ME TO RECHARGE MY ALOHA SPIRIT."

—LYNNE HANZAWA O'NEILL

Opposite page: O'Neill moves a mile a minute during New York Fashion Week where she produces and directs shows. This page (below): Kaimuki boutique Sugarcane offers decorative wares, knickknacks and other curious finds.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: KAIMUKI

One of O'ahu's trendiest neighborhoods is also one of its oldest. Here, mid-century buildings and meet 21st century offerings—with a Hawai'i twist. **Great eats include Koko Head Café** for its brunch offerings or **The Curb** for a quick coffee run. Those who like to linger will like the atmosphere at **Coffee Talk**. Come lunchtime, head to **The Medley** or **Kaimuki Superette** for a sandwich or salad. Get your

plate lunch fix at **St. Louis Drive In** or **Fresh Catch** (get the seared *'ahi!*). **Town** is perfect for a sit-down lunch with friends or business associates. Come sundown, offerings such as **12th Ave Grill** and **Café Miro** make for great dinner settings. If you only have time for drinks, **Avenue's Bar + Eatery** and **Mud Hen Water** are great options. Wanna take it to go? **Tamura's** is a great place to get *poke* and some wine or beer to go with it. Eclectic shopping abounds in Kaimuki as well. **Bead It!** offers an assortment of beading supplies to

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help you create your own keepsake. **Shop Toast** offers up creative packaging options. At **Sugarcane**, you'll find uncommon products created by artists from Hawai'i. And, for a unique taste of the islands, head to **Crack Seed Store**, with its apothecary jars filled with an array of treats both old-style (*li hing mui*) and new (gummy worms). kaimukihawaii.com