

MOAI SIGHTINGS



Moai-shaped ice for your drinks! This one is a silicone ice tray from China, \$9.95. The fine print on the package says, “The Moai of Easter Island keep their watch over the Pacific with a cold, steely gaze. Now you can endow your tropical beverages with their mysterious aura and keep them icy cold at the same time. The stone-colored, reusable silicone ice tray is food-safe and dishwasher-approved.” The mind boggles. Courtesy of Mimi Forsyth.

Eye-glass holders in the shape of our beloved *moai* – what next? Hilary Scothorn found these in New Zealand. The *moai* are painted in very bright primary colors with all kinds of added facial designs, also in bright colors and many patterns. Folks, these are beyond ugly!



Two Rapanuiphiles – Marla Wold and Dave Tuggle – sent in pictures of this *moai* at The Hut in the arts district of downtown Tucson, AZ. Considered an historic landmark in Tucson, it was created by sculptor Lee Koplun about 40 years ago and was formerly located at Magic Carpet Golf. Over \$60,000 was raised to move the sculpture to it’s new location. Details on how the 42,000 pound behemoth was moved can be found at:

<<http://galileoconstruction.com/Gallery/page19/page19.html>> and at <<http://tucsoncitizen.com/art/2009/07/14/the-giant-tiki-has-risen/>>

An internet *moai* sighting from Bill Liller shows a garden ornament for sale by the Toscano Company. These cement replicas just don’t get the right proportions!

