The "Kon-Tiki" Expedition

If you want to know more about the "Kon-Tiki" Expedition, please visit the website of the Kon-Tiki Museum:
http://www.museumsnett.no/kon-tiki/

I couldn't explain it better than they do!

Or when you are in Norway, you can visit the museum yourself.
Patrick Taylor, an etymologist, has written the following definition of wiki for the 2004 American Heritage Dictionary.

[wiki, abbreviation of WikiWikiWeb, name given in 1995 by American computer programmer Ward Cunningham to his new code, which permits the easy development of collaborative websites whose content can be edited by anyone with access to them. From Hawaiian wikiwiki “fast, speedy,??? reduplication of wiki “fast,??? akin to Tahitian viti and vitiviti, “deft, alert, well done,???, both from *witi.]

Patrick adds, You've probably noticed that the Hawaiian word has a k where the Tahitian has a t. This is a regular correspondence between Hawaiian and the other Austronesian languages. Other examples include Hawaiian maka “eye” and koko “blood,???, which correspond to Tahitian mata “eye,???, toto “blood,??? and to Samoan mata, toto too. The same correspondence shows up in Hawaiian kapu “sacred, forbidden” next to Maori, Rarotongan, Samoan, and Tahitian tapu. One of these (we are not quite certain which) was the source of our English word taboo. Of course, we can't forget that "aloha" in Samoan is "talofa".

Source: http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?EtymologyOfWiki

My personal thoughts about this: Tikiwiki is not really a Hawaiian or Tahitian word, but a mix of both. In Hawaiian it would have been ))KikiWiki and in Tahitian it would have been TitiWiti((. Assuming the word would exist in either languages, of course. — avgasse

in hungarian kapu means a door, portal, and tabu means taboo - just a thought after reading, i felt worth