

# NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNA'I (THE FRIENDS OF LĀNA'I)

## Celebrating the Rich Heritage of Lāna'i

The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC), opened as a community non-profit entity on October 1, 2007. Since opening, we have hosted more than 11,000 Lāna'i residents and visitors in programs of the heritage center (see photos from 2007-2009 on page 2).

## Please Join us for the Grand Opening on Saturday, January 16, 2010 (noon)

The community vision of opening a quality facility in which to share Lāna'i's history and care for a diverse collection of artifacts and historical resources has come to life. We invite you to join us at the front of the old Dole Administration Building on January 16, 2010, at noon, to celebrate the opening of the new Lāna'i CHC exhibits and archives. The celebration will start off with a blessing, and be followed by—tours of the new facilities; Hawaiian, Filipino and Japanese folk music and dances; and a taste of foods from Lāna'i's community. We will also dedicate the new Kapiha'ā Interpretive Trail along the leeward coast of Lāna'i as a part of the day's events. Kapiha'ā is an ancient village site set aside as a preservation area. A rich interpretive experience has been created at the site, with funding from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority/County of Maui, Lāna'i Archaeological Committee, Hal Hammatt & Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, and the Lāna'i CHC.

First Hawaiian Bank, a member of Lāna'i's community since 1925, has generously offered to sponsor the Lāna'i CHC grand opening celebration on January 16th, 2010. E kipa mail

## Heritage Collections

The Lāna'i CHC is home to a rich collection of native Hawaiian artifacts—many donated by families with Lāna'i ties, and others collected on Lāna'i in 1921-1922 by Kenneth Emory, now on long-term loan from Bishop Museum to the people of Lāna'i. The collections also include many things reflective of the diverse cultures of Lāna'i, with items from the ranch and plantation days of our island home. We also care for a large collection of plantation era photographs and records, covering the lives and history of Lāna'i's people. These resources—a community asset—are preserved to ensure that present and future generations remain connected to our island heritage.

Lāna'i CHC Board Members: Pamela Alconcel, Duane & Sheila Black, Martha Evans, Anthony Freda, David & Caron Green, Colbert Matsumoto, and Albert Halapē Morita.

Staff: Kepā Maly (Executive Director), Mikala Borders and Onaona Maly,

The board, along with staff, volunteers and program donors all support the Lāna'i CHC. While there are too many people to acknowledge on these pages, we extend our sincerest Aloha and Mahalo nui to all of you. Your help ensures that Lāna'i's history will be honored and passed on to future generations.

## Vision and Mission of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center

The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center seeks to inspire people to be informed, thoughtful and active stewards of Lāna'i's heritage by preserving, interpreting and celebrating its natural history, Hawaiian traditions, diverse heritage and cultures, and ranching and plantation era histories.

Our mission includes, but is not limited to:

Collect, preserve and display artifacts of traditional Hawaiian cultural, historical and artistic value to the people and island of Lāna'i—representative of Lāna'i's Hawaiian culture, ranching era, diverse populations who built the pineapple plantation and community on the island, and natural history.

Research and document the history of Lāna'i, and make information available to all interested parties through onsite and online archives (the online archive may be visited at [www.lanaichc.org](http://www.lanaichc.org)).

Educate and cultivate interest and knowledge in the natural environment, history, folklore, culture, customs and practices of Lāna'i.

Identify and recommend cultural and natural landscapes and archaeological sites of historical importance and interest to Lāna'i for preservation, and to determine levels of access and interpretation. (The Maui County/HTA supported Kapiha'ā Interpretive Trail is the first of these projects.)

Study and promote awareness of the unique environment and ecosystems of Lāna'i. Develop programs to ensure preservation of the island's endemic and indigenous life forms.



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A Generous Grant from the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs financed the development of the new Lāna'i CHC facilities and operations of the heritage programs.

Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC kindly provided the new space to make the program possible.

Many members of Lāna'i's community have contributed financially and in donations of items to the heritage collections, to make this community vision a reality on Lāna'i.

Our goal is to Honor the past, and enrich the future.

Lāna'i's model heritage program will only succeed with your continued support and participation. If the people of Lāna'i do not cherish their heritage, no one else will. Please help us continue this work.



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SCENES FROM OUR FIRST TWO YEARS



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