

Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center's Legacy Programs



A lei made as a gift of aloha for all to enjoy (Haku 'ia na Kolina Hobby).

NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNAʻI
Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center
“Honoring the past, enriching the future”

Mahalo! ...to the people of Lānaʻi and friends from far and near.

On January 16th, the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center (LCHC) opened its doors at our new home, and more than 5,000 island residents and guests (newborn to 94 years old) have visited the Center since our grand opening. Much of our success is a result of many people sharing a vision and working to create a place where the rich cultural and natural heritage of Lānaʻi can be protected and shared. The Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Directors and Staff of the LCHC, Castle & Cooke Hawaiʻi, and countless friends—like you—have made this community dream a reality.

By way of this newsletter, we want to share some notes on our activities and our vision for passing the legacy of Lānaʻi's heritage on to future generations.

Heritage Programs. Without the help of the **Office of Hawaiian Affairs** (OHA), none of this new work could have been accomplished. The funding provided by the 2008 grant has helped us build a home for our rich collections, and a place from which to tell the stories of Lānaʻi and its people. The trustees have now approved a new grant to help us conduct a cultural survey of the Kaʻā region of Lānaʻi's North End. This project will be undertaken to document sites and resources on the land. This information will be important in the planning process as land use actions are developed.

The Agape Foundation has provided significant grant awards to the LCHC for operations and projects that engage local residents in cultural and natural resource stewardship programs. The founders of the Agape Foundation greatly value the unique community and qualities of Lānaʻi, and through the LCHC are sponsoring projects to care for such important sites as Ka Lanakila Church, the Maunalei Sugar Co. Mill and locomotive, and historic places like Kahalepalaoa, Kahēʻa and Kaunolū. Under the guidance of Kepā Maly and supervision of Kaulana Kahoʻohalahala, the work has already undertaken more than 1,600

hours of community service.

Hal Hammatt, founder and principal archaeologist of **Cultural Surveys Hawaiʻi**, has worked on Lānaʻi since the 1980s and has contributed to the LCHC programs by providing funding, time and expertise in the care of cultural and historical artifacts and site documentation. Dr. Hammatt, working with Warren Osako and Kepā, guided a group of Lānaʻi teens employed by the **Hawaiʻi Youth Conservation Corps** (HYCC) through the process of sorting through more than 70 boxes of artifacts, soil samples and material gathered 20-plus years ago as a part of the resort development. Priceless artifacts are now housed in the LCHC, and soil samples returned to the field. Additional support was provided by OHA to make this work possible.

Although Kepā & Onaona Maly relocated to Honolulu (for medical reasons) in June, a generous grant from the Agape Foundation will permit Kepā to continue to oversee the LCHC operations and field work, while Onaona continues her work in website development, research and program support.

Following announcements and interviews, the LCHC Board selected Lānaʻi native **Mikala Borders** to fill the position as Administrative Assistant-Interpreter at the LCHC. With the help of a crew of dedicated volunteers and Matthew Tan, a **Department of Labor Summer Youth Program** employee, Mikala Borders keeps the LCHC open and serving our community and visitors to Lānaʻi.

“Voices of Lānaʻi.” The September 2009 Fundraising concert by Kealiʻi Reichel is funding an important oral history video project here on Lānaʻi. More than 25 interviews with elder community treasures have now been completed. Stay posted for updates on how to view our new Lānaʻi history programs.

www.lanaichc.org—the web site of the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center is creating an on-line archive of Lānaʻi's history and legacy programs. Visit often to explore little know facts of Lānaʻi's heritage. Also, contact Onaona Maly (onaona@lanaichc.org) to share information.



Lānaʻi Community Stewardship Program Crew: Matthew Barsatan, Ben Ostrand-er, Kamakani Palolo, Keao Kaopuiki Soriano, Kaulana Kahoʻo-halahala, Zeth Kipi, and Ariel Badillo at Maunalei Sugar Mill Ruins (missing from photo, Joao Leopoldo). Project funded by the Agape Foundation and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Lānaʻi CHC Volunteer Programs & Recognition

At the core of the Lānaʻi CHC operations are our volunteers, who come from all areas of our community. Without the help of people like you, we could not succeed in our efforts to collect, care for, and pass on the history of Lānaʻi. Our volunteers work in the gardens, index our historical collections, design exhibits, interpret the history of Lānaʻi for visitors to the Center, and maintain our facilities. We wish to acknowledge :

Elder volunteers, Irene Cockett Perry, Noboru Oyama, and Sam Shin.

Adult volunteers, Albert Morita, Pam Alconcel, Robin & Sally Kaye, Warren Osako, Momi Suzuki, Nani Ann Wilson, Justin Borders, Christine Costales, Creighton Nobui, Phillip Sowers and Onaona & Kawena Maly.

Student volunteers, Shelly Preza, Megan Amby, Zeth Kipi and Matthew Tan.



Garden Projects. Of particular note, the important Hawaiian and Plantation Gardens which are being developed at the front of the Center are the result of the expertise and aloha of Lānaʻi treasure, Genji Miyamoto, his wife, Toshiko, and son Stacey. Gary Suzuki has also offered his skills as a pae humu (skilled Hawaiian stone mason) in making



Toshiko & Genji Miyamoto tending garden.

Historic cut stones from the early days of development in Lānaʻi City, which now line the ethnobotanical gardens, were donated by Uncle Scoop & Auntie Harriet Catiel and family. Native plants were donated by Chris Costales & the Lānaʻi Watershed Program and Wendell & Jonie Sarme. Pineapple crowns were donated by Four Seasons Lānaʻi.



Board of Directors. We would be negligent if we did not also acknowledge our board members for their support and guidance in our programs .

To all of you, we say Mahalo a nui!



If you would like to volunteer in some area of need at the Lānaʻi CHC, please call 565-7177.



Hala kahiki (pineapple) of days gone by.

Lānaʻi CHC Volunteer Programs & Recognition (continued)

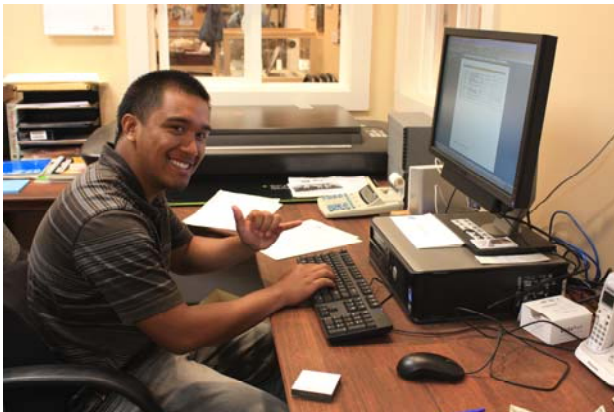


Gary Suzuki took a break from his stone work to have his picture taken. Visit the Hawaiian garden to step back to a time when residents of Lānaʻi lived sustainably with the land .

HYCC Artifact Work. Warren Osako (back left), and Hal Hammatt (on right) led the HYCC gang through a program of discovery in Lānaʻi's history.

Participants (pictured) included:

Dominique Dameg, Dane Dimaya, Casey Dombrignes, Deanna Ganer Eskaran, Thea Loo, Cody Maggard, Jasmine Ohashi and Cassandra Saiki (student participants); and Kauʻilikoleaialoha Spitalsky and Jerome Sunio (team leaders).



Matthew Tan, employed for the summer under a State Department of Labor program, went through thousands of records to create an index of Lānaʻi CHC archival collections .

Pineapple Harvester No. 1, the last machine of its kind on Lānaʻi. Nearly everyone who grew up on Lānaʻi prior to the close of the plantation worked on or behind this machine or others just like it. We are looking for help to restore this machine as a heritage exhibit of the Lānaʻi CHC. Please help us if you can. Call (808) 565-7177.



Lānaʻi CHC Donor Acknowledgements

The Lānaʻi CHC is largely supported by donations and grants. OHA, the Agape Foundation and Castle & Cooke, Hawaiʻi have set the foundation for the programs.

Heritage Collections. Many Lānaʻi families have donated Hawaiian artifacts, plantation and family memorabilia, and other historic resources to the Lānaʻi CHC collections. Other donors include Bishop Museum, Kauaʻi Museum and the Patrick Fitzgerald family, who have gifted us with important artifact collections to help tell the story of Lānaʻi's ancient Hawaiian period. All these donations contribute to telling the story of Lānaʻi, and keep our treasured resources where they belong – on Lānaʻi. All donations are cataloged under family names and cared for in a climate-controlled setting. We are also working on digitizing old papers, manuscripts and photos so that future generations can learn and better understand Lānaʻi's history.

Financial Contributions. Money makes our work possible. Friends from far and near have contributed to support of the Lānaʻi CHC this year. **Ma-halo a nui!** Below, we wish to acknowledge those who have contributed between January 1st to July 31st, 2010:

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With your help, the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center works to honor the people of Lānaʻi and celebrate our island legacy. Please continue to help us in this work, and encourage others to join in the effort.
Me ke aloha nui,
Kepā Maly, Executive Director.**