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## CELEBRATING LĀNA'I'S CULTURAL LEGACY

Aloha kākou! The first half of 2012 has been filled with some amazing activities on Lāna'i and at the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC). Much has happened, and many changes are on the horizon. This newsletter shares with you an overview of notable events at Lāna'i CHC. It is through your help and support



that we continue to work as stewards of the rare cultural and natural resources of Lāna'i. We hear time and time again, that it is the history of the people and land that gives value to the daily lives of island residents and all who touch Lāna'i's shores.

Many people like you have contributed to the Lāna'i CHC programs. In these times of economic change, it can be challenging to share donations with deserving non-profits. We thank you for your trust and support. Without you we would not succeed.

As we continue working to gather and care for the history of the people and resources of Lāna'i, everyone's help is important. We have now been

open for almost five years. Lāna'i CHC has moved from a small closet-like facility to a well-designed, climate controlled museum with major exhibits, ethnobotanical gardens, stewardship programs to care for cultural and natural sites on the island, and engaged hundreds of participants (students to adults) in field programs.

Since opening the new Lāna'i CHC in January 2010, we have hosted more than 35,000 people (island residents and visitors) in programs. Lāna'i CHC has moved from a dream to the "little museum that can and does." Many of you have been repeat donors, and that means a great deal to us.

### Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center Endowment Program

We are now embarking upon a new "Legacy Gift" program, and ask you to consider sharing a gift that will give for generations to come, and support the heritage programs of Lāna'i CHC. We seek to build an endowment fund through your gifts so that the traditions and stories of Lāna'i's people and land—covering Lāna'i's Hawaiian history, the ranching and multi-cultural plantation eras, and the modern history of the island—can be documented and passed on. Please ask us about planned giving and sharing program for Lāna'i CHC.



Another way that you can help us is to share information about the work of Lāna'i CHC, and of your own support for Lāna'i's heritage programs. Please invite your family and friends to join the 'ohana a'e (extended family) of Lāna'i CHC.

## “Aloha Lāna‘i” Benefit Concert (March 25, 2012)



On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, more than 550 people gathered on O‘ahu at Mamiya Theater (the Saint Louis High School Campus) to attend an amazing concert and share in the spirit of Lāna‘i. The program was a greater success than we could have hoped for. This was the result of more than 100 people volunteering to make the event happen. “Aloha Lāna‘i” was held to create broader awareness of Lanai’s history, and generate greater support for the mission and programs of the Lanai Culture & Heritage Center.

The entertainers, corporate sponsors, many helping hands behind the scenes, and all

those who made the “Aloha Lāna‘i” benefit fundraising event a great success are sincerely appreciated. *Mahalo Nui* to the many Island Businesses who came forward to sponsor the concert-benefit, and to the talented musicians and dancers who entertained attendees.

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### Entertainers and Story Tellers:

Noelani Māhoe (with Lehua Matsuoka and Hula Dancers)  
Kūpaoa (Kellen & Lihau Hannahs Paik)  
Nā Palapalai (Kuana Torres Kahele, Ioane Burns & Glenn Mayeda)  
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Makani Tabura (M.C.)  
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### Hālau Hula:

Ke 'Ala Aumoe  
Ka Nani o ke Akua  
Hālau Ka Pā Hula o Kauanoē o Wa'ahila  
Hālau Hula Hi'iaka i nā Maka Lehua  
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Mālia Peterson (Miss Hula 2002)

(Concert Photographs Courtesy of Tommy  
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Mahalo also to the staff of Mamiya Theater & Toka Media, and many more dear friends, who with our regrets, are unnamed here.

## **Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center Stewardship Programs:**

On June 23, 2012, more than 200 people gathered at Keomoku Village to celebrate the completion of a major phase of the Lanai Culture & Heritage Center's stewardship program. With the help of many friends and dedicated workers, interpretive trails to several noted historic "Keomoku" resources have been opened, and the last standing wooden structure of Keomoku Village, the old Ka Lanakila Church, was saved from collapsing and stands as a memorial to the original families of Lāna'i. June 23<sup>rd</sup> marked the culmination of two years of hard work, and brings attention to seven of Lanai's noted historic sites. The work was made possible through the generous support of The Agape Foundation Charitable Trust and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Broad community support and success of the celebration at Keomoku was overwhelming. This was the first time since 1950 when the last church conference was held at Keomoku that so many people had gathered at Ka Lanakila. After welcoming comments and acknowledgements, a dedication prayer was offered by Kahu Lei Kanipae, and Hawaiian himeni were sung. Kahu Kanipae encouraged people to use the old church once again, to respect the place, but bring new life to Keomoku. The Senior ukulele band, under the instruction of Albert Morita, then played and sang several mele with everyone joining in. Kahu Keola Freitas then offered pule to bless the food and the entire group then went outside and shared in a potluck luncheon which featured all the tastes of Lanai's home cooking.

Mahalo nui to the families of Lanai and guests for sharing the amazing potluck that fed more than 200 people with plenty 'ono food leftover.

The stewardship program work has been undertaken by many Lana'i residents, fulfilling a dream of our elders to see the 'āina cared for. Key participants in the stewardship work, include both adults and teenagers, among who are (in alphabetical order):

### **Stewardship Program Participants**

Hallett Hammatt Ph.D. and Cultural Surveys  
Kaulana Kahoohalahala (Crew leader)  
Randy Mosher (Construction leader)  
Ben Ostrander  
Hy Hoe Silva  
Austin Urpanil

Gaylien Kahoohalahala, Jr.  
Weston Leslie  
Warren Osako (Crew mentor)  
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Keao Soriano  
Edwin Urpanil



**Participants from the Lānaʻi Native Species Recovery Program:**

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 Jessie Del Rosario  
 Kyle Kekoa  
 Zeth Kipi  
 Luckie Kaimana Sato  
 Viola Silva

**“Voices of Lānaʻi” – Film Documentary**

On Saturday evening (June 23<sup>rd</sup>), Lānaʻi’s own Anthony K. Pacheco and Simon Tajiri (founders of the High Makamaka Film Society) debuted a new mini-documentary film, “Voices of Lānaʻi” featuring oral history interviews with some 40 kamaʻāina of Lānaʻi. The film, produced with funds raised through the 2009 Kealiʻi Reichel benefit concert and donations from The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Jager Family Foundation, was filmed by Kenneth Martinez Burgmaier of Jazz Alley TV and produced by the Lānaʻi CHC.

The new video documentary is being aired at Lānaʻi CHC, and we plan to make it available for sale to support ongoing heritage center work.

Program comments:  
 Leinaala Mano (Lānaʻi). It was so nice to see Tūtū (Kaʻimi Keka Spitalsky) again and hear her voice!!! Beautiful pictures of her!!!



Mahalo no ka lokomaikaʻi a nui – the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kealiʻi Reichel mā, the Jager Family Foundation and the kamaʻāina who helped make filming “Voices of Lānaʻi” possible.

Program comments:  
 Kendra Leah Sabino (Lānaʻi). Yes!!! Love this! Our elders have so much to share... their stories, memories... What better way to honor them by doing this documentary!!!

## The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Awards New Grant to the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center

More than 25 years ago, the families of Lānaʻi envisioned a place where the history of their island home would be collected, where artifacts and historic memorabilia (photos, papers and textiles), and the stories of our island families would be cared for and passed on to future generations. In 2007 the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center was organized as a non-profit charitable organization, and immediately Trustees and staff of The Office of Hawaiian Affairs stepped forward to support the efforts.

### Program comments:

Beverly Ranis (Lānaʻi). I love to be reminded of the place I call HOME and the people who are still there! Aunty Helen Tamura Onuma, Uncle Koa & Aunty Mary Shin who joined in the celebration at Keomoku on June 23rd.

### Program comments:

Kalani Nakoa (Oʻahu). All of you did a great job, you can believe that the kupuna that have left us and those still alive are very thankful. Mahalo ke Akua, mahalo nui!!!

The work of Lānaʻi CHC has been made possible through broad community support and funding from a wide range of sources. But at the forefront of this support has been the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. As the Lānaʻi CHC works towards building capacity for on-going operations, OHA Trustees approved a one year staffing grant to support an Operations Assistant-Interpreter position at the Lanaʻi CHC. The \$38,000.00 grant makes it possible for a Hawaiian resident of Lānaʻi to develop skills in documenting and sharing the history of Lānaʻi with island residents and visitors, and will run from September 2012 to August 2013. The position sets the foundation for long-term work at the heritage center.

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It is our desire to acknowledge everyone who has supported the work of the Lānaʻi CHC. Each contribution of time, talent and treasure is truly appreciated. If we have failed to acknowledge your donations and support, please forgive us. Please let us know and we will make it up to you. Humbly — to all, **Mahalo a nui!**

### Program comments:

John Fischer (Mainland). I spent an hour in there when I last visited Lanaʻi. Lots of wonderful information about the island and the island's history and people. It's a must stop for anyone visiting Lanaʻi

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### Program comments:

Arthur Medeiros (Maui). The work of Onaona and Kepa sets the standard for small but world class cultural museums with the Lanai Culture & Heritage Center... I like copy :-).

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The Lāna'i CHC seeks to inform and cultivate interest and knowledge in the history, folklore, culture, customs and practices of Lanai, and develop programs to help ensure preservation of the island's unique cultural and natural resources. Our goal is to provide long-time island families, youth, new residents, visitors, business interests and all interested parties with a sense of place and cultural attachment to the unique cultural and natural histories of Lāna'i. By working together, we will foster an environment that will cherish the heritage of Lāna'i and its people.

Visit Lāna'i's little museum - Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.); Saturday (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) For more information, call 808.565.7177 or visit [www.lanaichc.org](http://www.lanaichc.org) – you may also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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**Program comments:**

Lynette C. Kaopuiki (Lāna'i). As a young child in the 50's my family often passed the hale pule on route to Kahale-palaoa to go fishing for nehu. I was and still am amazed me kela hale pule. Mahalo!

**Aloha & Mahalo Nui to All** — Your donations to the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center support care for Lāna'i's rich heritage; help us protect our valued collection of artifacts and historical resources; and enable us to pass Lāna'i's natural & cultural legacy on to present and future generations.