

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



*Ma'ohauhele—a Rare Native Hibiscus Blossom of Lāna'i. (Hibiscus brackenridgei)*

**Aloha mai** – We hope that the New Year finds you and your family well, and wish you *Aloha Makahiki Hou!*

This is the second issue of *Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i* (The Friends of Lāna'i), a newsletter developed to inform the "Hoaloha" (friends and supporters) of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center, about activities, opportunities, historical resources, and areas of need in programs of this recently opened community museum and resource center. *Volume 1, Issue 1* (November-December 2007) may be viewed on line at [www.LanaiCHC.org](http://www.LanaiCHC.org).

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

We have initiated a number of programs meant to help us care for the collections of the LCHC, and to share them with everyone interested in the history of Lāna'i. We are now in the process of developing plans for a capital improvement program in which we will be partnering with Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC, Charitable Foundations/Donors and Agencies to develop a museum and visitor center for Lāna'i. The new facility has been a part of the community vision for more than 20 years, and is meant to help facilitate awareness and appreciation of Lāna'i's special heritage. At present, we are situated in the Old Dole Administrative Building (Room 126), at 730 Lāna'i Avenue. Since opening our doors as a new non-profit community heritage center on October 1st, 2007, we have had more than 1,200 island residents and guests in the museum or as participants in interpretive programs offered by the LCHC.

The LCHC is open Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3 pm (special arrangements for off-hour visits may be made). For more information please call 565-7177, or email, [info@LanaiCHC.org](mailto:info@LanaiCHC.org).

*9th Grade Students of Lāna'i High & Elementary School Visited the LCHC in December as a part of their Hawaiian Studies Curriculum.*



## Historical Notes From Our Files: January 1926

### **JANUARY 31, 1926: HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE COMPANY RUNS EXCURSION TO ITS LANAI PROPERTY AND ENTERTAINS VISITORS.**

"Sunday was show day at Lanai, the Hawaiian Pineapple Company having chartered the Inter-Island steamer Kilauea to take almost 150 prominent Honoluluans to see what it has done with the property it purchased from Baldwin interests in the way of pineapple developments. The Governor and other territorial officials as well as some of the city and county officials were in the party.

The Kilauea sailed from Honolulu at 10 o'clock Saturday night and discharged her passengers at Kaulapau at 6 Sunday morning. Awaiting them were some 40 automobiles and they were taken about in cars for their sightseeing trip, most of which were brought with them from Honolulu. James D. Dole, president of the company personally conducted the party. The motorcade started at 7:50 headed by H. Bloomfield Brown in charge of affairs for the company on the island. Dinner was served at noon and there was speech making, among the speakers being the Governor. A heavy rainfall cut short the sightseeing trip and the Kilauea sailed on her return trip at 3:30.

The Hawaiian Pineapple Company has spent for purchase of the property and its development more than \$3,000,000 and the visitors were much impressed with what has been done on the property."

#### **Statistics Furnished.**

The following facts and figures as to Lanai are taken from a folder which was prepared for the excursionists: Island of Lanai, 140 square miles, 90,000 acres; located 65 miles southeast of Honolulu; estimated pineapple land, 15,000 to 20,000 acres; option on Lanai taken September 5, 1922; (continued)

option exercised December 5, 1922; population at that time about 150; present population, 1000; elevation of Lanai City, 1650 feet; building of Lanai City commenced August 1923; number of schools, two; attendance, 150; seven miles of asphalt macadam road to Lanai City, eight to 12 inches thick, and 200 feet wide, widened at turns; maximum grade of road to Lanai City, about 6 per cent; water supply lifted 750 feet by electric pump from tunnels in bottom of Maunalei gulch; water brought in six inch redwood pipe through three riders by three tunnels, aggregating 5300 feet in length; capacity of old Kaiholena reservoir, 500,000 gallons; capacity new Kaiholena reservoir, 3,900,00 gallons; electric power generated by 100 KW oil engine generator set, generated at 440 volts, transmitted at 2300 volts; capacity moving picture theater, 450; Kaunalapau harbor development work commenced September 1923; length of break water 300 feet; tonnage of rock in break-water, 116,000; minimum depth of Kaunalapau harbor, 27 feet; depth of Kaunalapau harbor entrance, 65 feet; length of wharf, 400 feet; number of cattle on ranch at present time, 4000." [From the Maui News – February 3, 1926, page 1, c. 2]



**Pioneer Families of Lānaʻi on Lānaʻi Avenue—Jan. 31, 1926**  
(Photo from Collection of Hawaiian Pineapple Company)

## MAHALO NUI TO MEMBERS OF NĀ HOALOHA

**Membership in Nā Hoaloha o Lānaʻi** is growing. Each person who joins the organization, helps us move closer to fulfilling the vision shared by our island community—having a museum/heritage center on Lānaʻi, and a place where everyone can share in the cultural and natural history of the Lānaʻi. We extend our sincerest appreciation to the following people who have joined, and encourage everyone to support this community program. *Nā Hoaloha* membership now includes:

### **Benefactor & Sponsoring Hoaloha**

Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC  
Jerry King & Conceicao Farias  
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Onaona & Kepā Maly  
Joanne Munro-Dixon  
Alexandra Read & John Siegler  
Jean T, Thomas  
Gary Yokoyama

With your support we are embarking upon a program of printing educational and interpretive materials, and establishing an archival collection to care for artifacts, documents, photos, textiles, and other items from the history of Lānaʻi and its people.

**We are also deeply indebted** to our volunteers: Winnie Basques, Lorraine Dyer, Nani Kanipae-Wilson, Onaona Maly, and many others who have helped us over the last few months, to begin the process of organizing the LCHC collections, and providing services to our visitors.

***Kaunaʻoa Lei (Cuscuta sandwichiana)***  
***The native dodder vine and lei of Lānaʻi.***

**TO BECOME A MEMBER of the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center's Nā Hoaloha o Lānaʻi**, contact Kepā at (808) 565-7177 or at [kepa@LanaiCHC.org](mailto:kepa@LanaiCHC.org). Your membership offers you special opportunities to experience the history and landscape of Lānaʻi, and also supports work that will benefit present and future generations, while honoring our island heritage.

Please visit our website at [www.LanaiCHC.org](http://www.LanaiCHC.org) for more information and updates.

### **NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNAʻI** **Membership Form and Giving Levels**

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**MAHALO A NUI!**

