

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

Aloha mai – In this edition of *Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i*, we share with you stories of hope and community commitment to perpetuating the history of Lāna'i. Since opening our doors as a non-profit community heritage center on October 1st, 2007, we have hosted more than 2,300 participants in programs at the heritage center, on field trips, and in lecture programs.

Since initiating our fund-raising drive to support programs and work towards planning for a new home to house the community heritage center, we have raised more than \$80,000.00. Families and organizations have also contributed hundreds of items to the collections of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (LCHC). The new heritage center has been a part of the community plan for more than 20 years. We are hoping to make this vision a reality, and to celebrate its completion with our elders—those who planted the seeds for this program in the early 1980s.

It is the goal of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center to honor our past, and enrich future generations. Our programs are designed 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.

The LCHC is presently located in the Old Dole Administrative Building (Room 126), at 730 Lāna'i Avenue, and is open Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3 pm. Special arrangements for off-hour visits may be made as well. For more information please call 565-7177, or email, info@LanaiCHC.org. Previous issues of *Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i* (*Nā Hoaloha*), as well as selections from our growing documentary archives may be viewed on line at www.LanaiCHC.org.

Support of Community Members, Businesses and Agencies Enable LCHC to Grow

Over the last six months, several fundraising programs have been initiated as a part of the LCHC programs. We presently have requests for, and indications of financial support for operational and capital improvements programs of the LCHC, from Legislative initiatives and Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs — with the possibility of matching funds approaching \$1-million dollars. We are also in discussions with Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC to secure a location along Dole Park for the heritage center. Such a location will provide the LCHC with the visibility and space it needs to fulfill its mission, and will help support the culture and history programs envisioned for Lāna'i more than 20 years ago.

We are particularly indebted to the support of Castle & Cooke, members of Lāna'i's community, and to OHA Trustee Collette Machado (along with fellow Trustees who have visited LCHC and have offered their support); and to Senator J. Kalani English, and Representative Mele Carroll. Through private donations and agency programs, we are gaining support for planning and opening the new center. Also, the support of the Bishop Museum (providing a long-term loan of Lāna'i artifacts to the LCHC), and the repatriation of Lāna'i artifacts by the Kaua'i Museum, are significant contributions to the people of Lāna'i.

Arnold Savrann and Castle & Cooke's architectural staff have also helped us take our conceptual plans from simple notes on paper to artist's renderings. We are hoping that with the help of Castle & Cooke, we will be able to find a location at which to build a new heritage center/collections facility, or at which to renovate an existing building to house the growing collections of the LCHC. The LCHC program is seen as one that will benefit our community, businesses of Lāna'i, and all who touch our island shores. It is the history, landscape and people of Lāna'i that make this island unique in all Hawai'i, and set us apart from any other location. Thus, sharing this legacy with present and future generations makes good sense, socially, culturally and economically.

In recent months, LCHC has received many contributions. These contributions have been in the form of monetary donations, artifacts, historical and family memorabilia, and volunteer services. On side 2, of *Nā Hoaloha*, we share high-lights of the contributions, and acknowledge the people who have helped shape the mission of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center.

To find ways that you might support the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center, or to become a member of *Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i*, contact Kepā at (808) 565-7177 or at kepa@LanaiCHC.org. Your membership will also offer you special access to programs, and opportunities to experience the history and landscape of Lāna'i. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to pass on the legacy of Lāna'i's heritage to future generations. Please visit our website at www.LanaiCHC.org for more information and updates. (*Support—continued on side 2*)

**The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center is a Section 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization.
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*Ko'oloa'ula — (Abutilon menziesii)
A rare shrub hibiscus found on
the arid slopes of Lāna'i*

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Available at the Lāna'i
Culture & Heritage Center:

George Munro's
"The Story of Lāna'i;" and
copies of the Detailed Topo-
graphic Map of Lāna'i (2006).

A. Duane Black's "Lāna'i"
(2001).

Alberta de Jetley's "Hawai'i's
Historic Corridors" (2007).

Support Received From Many Generous Donors (continued)

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Mahalo a nui to all of you who have helped us in these efforts to care for and share the heritage of Lānaʻi!

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Service Projects

On March 1, 2008, some 50 people gathered together on the small knoll, traditionally known as Kihamāniana, site of the old school house and Protestant church ruins—the oldest western-style, historic structure of Lānaʻi City. The LCHC helped to coordinate a service project to clean up this historic treasure, with some 30 visitors (participants in a Fours Seasons Resort Conference), and 18 Lānaʻi residents. The resulting work was a rich cultural exchange, and stabilization of the ruins. LCHC is working with Castle & Cooke, 'Ahahui 'Imi Pono Lānaʻi, Laulima and other community organizations/agencies to develop additional stewardship programs for Lānaʻi's resources. Please look for notices in the Lānaʻi Times and on our website for coming events.



Class Picture — Participants in the LCHC-Kihamāniana Service Project of March 1, 2008.

Three oil paintings have recently been added to the LCHC collection. One painting of the old Keomoku Church, by Lucille Graham (ca. 1970), was donated by Julie & Albert Morita and Ruth Puchek. Two additional paintings by native Hawaiian artist, Wendell Kahoʻo-halahala, depict scenes of a *Keomoku Village Homestead* and *Heʻe (Octopus) Fishing at Awalua*. These important paintings were donated to the LCHC for the people of Lānaʻi through the tireless efforts of Alberta de Jetley and 37 community donors to the fundraising program. This group raised and donated \$6,665.00 to keep this part of Lānaʻi's history home and available for public enjoyment.

"I ka lōkāhi ko kākou ola ai!" (Our well-being is in our unity!)