

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

Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center—The Year in Perspective

The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC), organized as a community non-profit entity in 2007, has now been open for one year. In our first year (Oct. 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008), 129 individuals and corporations have made contributions to Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i as supporting friends and benefactors. Notably, the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC, Ho'opa'a i ka Na'auao, Maui County/Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the Lāna'i Archaeological Committee have made substantial grants or donations to the programs of the Lāna'i CHC.

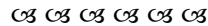
During our first year of operation, several thousand people also made donations while visiting the heritage center exhibits, and nearly 6,000 people participated in Lāna'i CHC programs. We've received donations of Lāna'i artifacts, plantation family memorabilia, and historical records, documenting Lāna'i's history. Programs have been offered to residents, students and visitors at the center and in the field. We have also published two important historical manuscripts highlighting little known or remembered facets of Lāna'i's history. The overwhelming support we've received indicates that the time is right, and the people of Lāna'i are ready to work on documenting and passing on the island's unique heritage.

Our goal is to ensure that the legacy of Lāna'i remains an integral part of our community. We are preparing to enter into a new lease with Castle & Cooke, at a larger location in the center of the old Dole Administration Building. The facility will be remodeled as a new home for the Lāna'i CHC, and we look forward to providing you with an update on the developments in the near future.

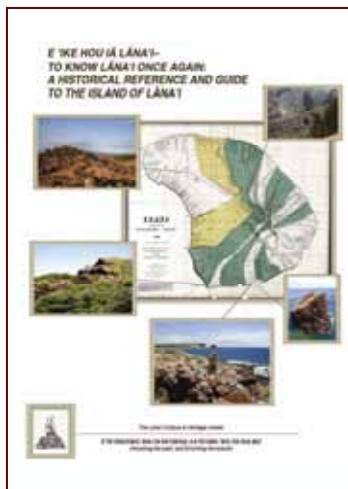
To build capacity and develop strong history programs, we need the help of everyone who cares for Lāna'i. Within the next few months, we hope to develop a community drive to build an endowment that will help make the Lāna'i CHC programs sustainable. The Lāna'i CHC seeks to serve all of Lāna'i's residents and visitors, through a series of programs, including exhibits and interpretive programs, conservation of resources, outreach and field programs, and expanding hours of operation. Providing all interested parties with access to Lāna'i's diverse history.

To find out how to support the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center, or to join Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i, call (808) 565-7177 or email info@LanaiCHC.org. Your membership will offer you access to special programs, and opportunities to experience the history and landscape of Lāna'i. Donations are tax deductible, and 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.

The Lāna'i CHC is located in the Old Dole Administrative Building, at 730 Lāna'i Avenue. The exhibits are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, and beginning November 1st, 2008, the center will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information on heritage center programs and upcoming events, you may also visit us on line at www.LanaiCHC.org.



NEW PUBLICATIONS OF THE LĀNA'I CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER

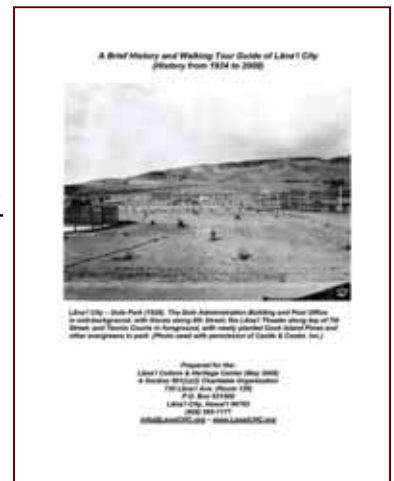


Interested in the history of Lāna'i? We have several publications available for sale at the Lāna'i CHC. Two of the publications have been published by the center itself, and feature unique facets of Lāna'i's history, including: native lore and historical accounts (some never before translated from their original Hawaiian language texts to English); eyewitness accounts from the missionary, ranching and plantation days (sugar and pineapple); and memories of Lāna'i's elders.

"E ike Hou iā Lāna'i..." is a historical reference guide to noted places and histories of Lāna'i—some familiar, and others all but forgotten (\$12.00).

"A Brief History and Walking Tour Guide of Lāna'i City (1924 to 2008)," provides residents and visitors alike with a rich history of Lāna'i City, and the people who made it (\$3.50).

We also carry: George Munro's, *The Story of Lāna'i*" (\$42.00); the *Topographic Map of Lāna'i* (\$8.00); A. Duane Black's, *"Lāna'i, The Elusive Hawaiian Island..."* (\$9.95); *Hawai'i's Historic Corridors* (\$18.00), with a chapter by Alberta de Jetley; and historic photo cards (\$3.00).



LĀNA'I CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER

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Lāna'i CHC Board Members:

- Pamela Alconcel
- Martha Evans
- Colbert Matsumoto
- Gary Yokoyama

Executive Director:

Kepā Maly

Mahalo Nui to Donors who Contributed to the Lāna'i CHC Programs between July 1st to September 30th, 2008.



Support by members of Lāna'i's community and others who have visited Lāna'i, makes it possible to collect, protect and pass on Lāna'i's cultural legacy to future generations.

Support Received From More Generous Donors and Volunteers

New Donors to Nā Hoaloa o Lāna'i between July 20th to September 30th, 2008 include:

Benefactors, Sponsoring & Sustaining Hoaloa:

Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC
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Donors to the Cultural/Historical Collections of the Lāna'i Culture Heritage Center since July 2008, include:

A. Duane & Sheila Black	Mike & Kathy Carroll
Pete Felipe	Bob & Doreen Hobdy
Barbara McIntyre	Jeff & Sherry Menze
Susan Miyamoto	Warren Osako
Irene K. Perry	Jim Smith & Linda Caires
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Mahalo Nui to Volunteers in Lāna'i CHC Programs:

Pam Alconcel	Mikala Borders
Irene K. Cockett Perry	Martha Evans
Hal Hammatt, Tanya Lee-Grieg & Cultural Surveys Hawai'i	Onaona & Kawena Maly
Sally Kaye	Warren Osako
Irmalee K.A. Pomroy	Waile'a-Kihei Rotary Club

with Castle & Cooke and Lāna'i Community Members at the Kalaehi Clean up on August 23, 2008
'Ohana with Jeff Skidmore at the Keōmoku Church Clean up on September 13, 2008

We also wish to acknowledge the generous donations of Steve Knight & the Expeditions Ferry crew in transporting items for the Lāna'i CHC from Maui. Aloha nui!

HISTORY FROM OUR FILES — A VISIT TO LĀNA'I HALE IN 1873

Walter Murray Gibson, then owner of part of Lāna'i, and holder of the leases of all government and crown lands on the island, visited Lāna'i with a small group of dignitaries in 1873. A part of the time on the island, was spent traveling across and "botanizing" the forest region of Lāna'i Hale, crossing the region now traversed by the Munro Trail. Gibson's narrative of the trip and description of this important mountain watershed paints a picture of those earlier times:

"...We went to the mountain, to the summit about 3000 feet high, to see what nature had to offer us there. In these moist cloud regions of the Hawaiian archipelago the lover of natural beauty as well as the naturalist is continually delighted. The dense and varied shrubbery offer something of interest at every step; and no island of this group can offer

such a variety in the vegetable kingdom as the island of Lanai. It is particularly rich in its flora. It has an unusually large share of the one hundred and thirteen ferns, that distinguish Hawaiian botany. And it has added several new species of plants to the botany of the world. "This apparently brown and bare island has a wooded thicket that crowns its mountain ridge, which is about seven miles in length and on an average half a mile in width, and the groves of the summit are continued down into scores of the most lovely ravines and glens on the side of the mountain that nature can offer to view anywhere.

The kukui or candlenut, the ohia or mountain apple, the red kopika [kopiko], the yellow alii [alii], that pretty euphorbia the aakoko [akoko], the beautiful new heptapleurum (ohe mauka), discovered by Mann, and his "Hesperomannia arberescens" constitute the strength of the forest; but this is interlaced, filled in, matted, and tangled with the flowering pandanus freycinetia ('ie'ie), with the long strands of the kowali and huihui [huehue], those beautiful convulvacea [plants of the morning glory family], which furnished ancient Hawaiians with



'ie'ie (Freycinetia arborea), the climbing screw pine of Lāna'i Hale (Photo KPA-C10776).

their aho cord for the construction of their houses; and with other vines, shrubbery and plants in such quality, and forming such a density of thicket, that the foot of man cannot penetrate it in parts without the aid of tools to hew a way before him...

Pālāwai Basin Described

The valleys of Lanai look lovely from its topmost ridge. You see a series of vales, separated only by a slight rise from each other, and all united, forming a plainly defined grand basin shut in from the sea, some fifteen miles in length, and five miles in width, which evidently is an ancient crater, one of the vastest of the world; but filled in and leveled during the lapse of ages with alluvial deposit, to the depth of scores of feet, of rich soil, and which is covered with verdure and flowers, in the proper season, to an extent that makes it one of the best of pastures, as it is one of the loveliest of landscapes to be seen in the world.

At this time, much of its beauty was hidden; its carpet of flowers was not to be seen in the vales; but the luxuriance of the salvias, the polyanthus, the hibiscus, the nasturtium, and the convolvus in the glens proved what the valley must be, when the thousands of sheep now on it were away for a time, on their hill side ranges, and the copious rains had caused the mellow volcanic soil of Lanai to put forth its strength of vegetation, and its lavish luxuriance of herbage and blossom everywhere..." [Walter M. Gibson in "Nu Hou," 9/16/1873]

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