

# REPORT OF THE LĀNA'I CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER

## An Invitation to Join Us in the 2009 Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i Membership Drive

**Aloha mai kākou** from the Executive Director and Board of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center—

This note is sent to you with best wishes and hope that the New Year finds you and your family well. We are happy to share this report of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC) with you, and hope that you will be interested in helping us document, protect, and pass the rich cultural and natural heritage of Lāna'i on to present and future generations. We believe that understanding and honoring our past, enriches our lives, and will benefit the generations that follow us. Lāna'i's rich legacy—spanning almost 1000 years of Hawaiian history, sprinkled with years of missionary endeavors, ranching and sugar plantation operations, the heritage of the Dole-Hawaiian Pineapple Company and the fact that Lāna'i is Hawai'i's last intact plantation town—makes our island home worth knowing, caring about and sharing.

As expressed in our vision and mission statements, our goal is to ensure that the legacy of Lāna'i remains an integral part of our community:

**Vision** – The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center seeks 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.



Community members and Four Seasons guests joined together in a service project to clean up the historic Kihamāniania church & school house with the Lāna'i CHC (2008).

**Mission** (Our mission includes, but is not limited to) – Collect, preserve and display artifacts of traditional, cultural, historical and artistic value to the people and island of Lāna'i—representative of Lāna'i's Hawaiian culture, ranching era, diverse populations who built the pineapple plantation and community on the island, and natural history. Such collections will be housed, curated, and displayed in a community museum and natural history center to be managed and operated by the LCHC, in partnership with community and charitable organizations, and other museums in the State of Hawai'i.

**Educate** and cultivate interest and knowledge in the natural environment, history, folklore, culture, customs and practices of Lāna'i.

**Identify** and recommend cultural and natural landscapes and archaeological sites of historical importance and interest to Lāna'i for preservation, and to determine levels of access and interpretation.

**Study** and promote awareness of the unique environment and ecosystems of Lāna'i. Develop programs to ensure preservation of the island's endemic and indigenous life forms.

**We invite you to join** the hundreds of people and organizations who have already committed to the effort of perpetuating Lāna'i's diverse cultural and natural histories, and thank you for your consideration of our request.

### Overview of the first 15 months of Operation

The Lāna'i CHC organized as a community non-profit foundation in 2007. This program is the result of a community vision that was formally laid out in a Memorandum of Agreement in 1987, between concerned community members/organizations, Castle & Cooke, and state agencies. It took nearly 20 years, but at last, this community vision is well on the road to being fully implemented. In the 15 months since opening its doors as a community non-profit heritage organization (October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008), Lāna'i CHC has made significant strides. Some of the accomplishments of this program are listed on page 4 of this report.



Students of Lāna'i High & Elementary School learn their island history at the Lāna'i CHC (2008).



Kauna'oa lei (*Cuscuta Sandwichiana*), the beautiful and now rare flower of Lāna'i, "worn like a feather cloak upon one's shoulders."

*The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center Giving Organization—Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i (The Friends of Lāna'i)*

Upon opening the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC) as a charitable non-profit heritage program for the people and island of Lāna'i in October 2007, donations to the work began to be made, and a "Friends-Giving" organization under the name of Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i (Nā Hoaloha) was formed. To recognize the donors, and elicit on-going support, we established Nā Hoaloha as a means of acknowledging the kind contributions of individuals, families, businesses, organizations and foundations.

There was a generous response to the 2008 Nā Hoaloha fundraising drive, and as a result, we engaged in a number of important cultural-historical programs, including publication of historical accounts, brochures and flyers; development of interpretive exhibits; development of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center website ([www.LanaiCHC.org](http://www.LanaiCHC.org)); engaged in further research and development of archival collections; sponsored several field programs; and remained open throughout the year, with regular hours of operation.

Our past success is a result of the generous contributions of the people and organizations listed below. Our future success will rely upon continued support from individuals, families organizations, foundations and businesses. The Board, Executive Director, and Volunteers of the Lāna'i CHC are deeply humbled by your support, care and friendship – Mahalo a nui!

*NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNA'I – BENEFACTORS (\$10,000.00 & more) AND SPONSORING FRIENDS (\$5,000.00 & more):*

Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC (2007 & 2008)  
Jerry King & Conceicao Farias (September 14, 2007)  
John and Helen B. Jarman Foundation (December 18, 2007)  
& Walter M. & Karen Jarman (December 10, 2008)  
Lehua Lopez-Mau (Ho'opa'a i ka Na'auao) (February 23, 2008)  
Onaona & Kepā Maly (Ho'opa'a i ka Na'auao)  
(October 10, 2007 & February 23, 2008)  
Terry & Darlene Plunkett (Ho'opa'a i ka Na'auao) (February 23, 2008)  
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Trustees Initiative (June 5, 2008)



Onaona Maly, Terry Plunkett and Lehua Lopez-Mau donate \$60,000.00 to the Lāna'i CHC (The Kupuna Fund through Ho'opa'a i ka Na'auao. Feb. 2008).

*NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNA'I – SUSTAINING FRIENDS (\$1,000.00 & more):*

Mr. and Mrs. A. Duane Black (February 1, 2008 & December 22, 2008)  
Hālau Hula o Napua (Kumu, Napua Brown) (December 16, 2008)  
Judith & Wayne Earl (December 31, 2007)  
John V. Forrest & Deborah M. Pate (April 15, 2008)  
David & Caron Green (December 31, 2007 & December 22, 2008)  
Hal Hammatt (Cultural Surveys Hawai'i Inc.) (January 15, 2008)  
Colbert Matsumoto (May 2, 2008)  
Thomas & Barbara McIntyre (February 2, 2008)  
Kirk and Joni Morgan (Kirk and Joni Morgan Family Foundation) (November 26, 2008)  
Albert Halapē & Julie H. Morita (September 2, 2008)  
William and Jean Munro (December 2, 2008)  
Charlotte V. Nahigian Charitable Gift Fund (Archie Nahigian) (February 20, 2008)  
Warren & Susan Osako (In Memory of Mitsue Osako) (June 10, 2008)  
Pine Isle Market, Ltd. (The Honda Family) (February 10, 2008)  
James W. Smith & Linda L. S. Caires (July 8, 2008)  
Richard Munro Towill (February 1, 2008)  
The Anthony Robbins Companies (March 4, 2008)  
Anonymous (August 28, 2008)

*NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNA'I – SUPPORTING, VISITING, KAMA'ĀINA & STUDENT FRIENDS (\$5.00 to \$500.00 & more):*

Mr. & Mrs. John Abbe (November 28, 2007 July 7, 2008, January 5, 2009)  
Joseph & Georgia Abilay (February 23, 2008)  
Pamela Mae Pili Alconcel (August 29, 2007 & February 21, 2008)  
Pastor Bob Alpers (May 16, 2008)  
James W. Baldwin & family (January 2, 2009)  
Isaac & Diane Belez (March 2, 2008)  
Nancy Belez-Lantz (July 3, 2008 & Jan. 11, 2008)  
Benita E. Brazier (January 15, 2008)  
Nalani Ka'alahuwai'olilani Arnold (February 1, 2008)  
Susan E. Baumgarten & Gary R. Graham (April 23, 2008)  
Rowena Jean Belez (March 21, 2008)  
Laura & Kirk Bowman (April 14, 2008)  
Winona Brown (February 2, 2008)

Carol Ann Bushèy (February 23, 2008)  
 Melvin Catiel & Roxanne Sarme-Chun (March 14, 2008)  
 Bonita L. Churney (March 15, 2008)  
 Irene Kamahuialani Cockett Perry (February 2, 2008)  
 Edie Cook (May 9, 2008)  
 Waihona Aina Corporation (Victoria Creed, Director) (November 26, 2008 & December 20, 2008)  
 Sheri & Ryan Daniels (March 10, 2008)  
 Alberta de Jetley (January 31, 2008)  
 Lorraine Dyer (January 2008)  
 John D. Evans (February 5, 2008)  
 Ori Evapudan (February 4, 2008)  
 Moana & Keola Freitas (July 30, 2008)  
 R. Stevens Gilley (In Memory of Mitsue Osako) (June 23, 2008)  
 Anita Haban-Nakamaejo (July 25, 2008)  
 Sharen I. Hashimoto (July 13, 2008)  
 Mark & Loretta Hellrung (February 14, 2008)  
 Kiwae Hokama (February 10, 2008)  
 Michael & Susan Hunter (March 13, 2008)  
 Benjamin, Doris & Melanie Kamae (July 3, 2008)  
 Mary Louise & Gerald Kaukeano (February 12, 2008)  
 Robert N. and Mildred H. Kinoshita (December 2, 2008)  
 Alfred S. Kutaka (December 10, 2008)  
 Eva Lapez (December 2, 2008)  
 Suzanne Linford (February 7, 2008)  
 Christopher M. Loworn, CPA CMA (February 23, 2008)  
 Nancy Maeda (December 6, 2007)  
 Kahaunaniokalani L. Manuel (February 20, 2008)  
 Mrs. Matsuko Matsumoto (February 18, 2008)  
 Esther U. Meshel (February 20 2008)  
 Genji Miyamoto (May 13, 2008)  
 Hermina "Mina" Morita (April 14, 2008)  
 Joanne Munro Dixon (December 19, 2007)  
 Mary Ellen "Suki" Nakoia (February 4, 2008)  
 Soledad G. Obado (In Memory of Liberato Obado) (July 3, 2008)  
 Glenda Obado-Ito & Ronald Ito (In Memory of Liberato Obado) (July 3, 2008)  
 Roy & Kay Okamoto (February 5, 2008)  
 Sue & Barry Osman (May 3, 2008)  
 C. Pua Paoa (February 3, 2008)  
 Eric & Maggie Pearson (December 22, 2008)  
 Irmalee K.A. Pomroy (October 10, 2007)  
 Alexandra E. Read, M.D. & John C. Siegler (November 26, 2007)  
 Barbie Rich (January 6, 2009)  
 Kawehi Ryder, III (April 23, 2008)  
 Diana & Mike Schochet (February 1, 2008)  
 Pam Soderbeck (March 8, 2008)  
 Mary Spears (March 10, 2008)  
 Marcellino Sugitan (July 4, 2008)  
 Wayne & Sandra Takahashi (Oct 2, 2008)  
 Chey Anne Aiko Tamashiro (July 25, 2008)  
 Jean T. Thomas (December 19, 2007)  
 Mrs. Carolyn Treiber (January 11, 2008)  
 Lehua kea Uyeoka (July 8, 2008)  
 Judy & Phil Walters (February 1, 2008)  
 The Willis Family (July 14, 2008)  
 Gary M. Yokoyama, Esquire (Aug 30, 2007)  
 Beverly R. Zigmund (February 5, 2008)  
 Kathy & Mike Carroll (Mike Carroll Gallery) (January 31, 2008)  
 Stephen Cheikes & Cynthia Brander-Smith (February 1, 2008)  
 Marianne Churney (August 20 2008)  
 Patrick Conant (February 24, 2008)  
 Chris & April Creager (May 28, 2008)  
 Bob & Marty Dean (February 7, 2008)  
 Patricia Derby (May 9, 2008)  
 Greg Elley & Jan Ahlig (December 12, 2007)  
 Martha Evans (August 30, 2007)  
 Mamo Fernandez (February 8, 2008)  
 David Funada (June 22, 2008)  
 Robbie & Amy Haines (March 9, 2008)  
 Jerold & Carol Hayashida (June 2, 2008)  
 Lincoln Hill (February 27, 2008)  
 Isamu Honda (May 7, 2008)  
 Zenaida T. Jaena (February 6, 2008)  
 Robin & Sally Kaye (May 5, 2008)  
 Krista Kelley-Hammond (October 6, 2008)  
 Kiyomi Kunishige (July 4, 2008)  
 Richard & Janet Lai (January 18 2008)  
 Hans & Victoria Larsen (June 2, 2008)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred D. Lopez, Sr. (February 16, 2008)  
 Phyllis & Lane Loyko (March 14, 2008)  
 Alicia Maluafiti (February 4, 2008)  
 Billie Jean Marks (February 21, 2008)  
 Alastair McAlpine (February 1, 2008)  
 Betsy & Brian Milich (May 6, 2008)  
 Sherri Ann Mora (February 4, 2008)  
 Richard M. Morita Jr. (February 8, 2008)  
 Sue Murray (April 5, 2008)  
 Creighton K. Nobui (September 30, 2008)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Oshima (February 27, 2008)  
 Mrs. Kazuko Oyama (February 15, 2008)  
 Henry Pascua (July 4, 2008)  
 Joyce Pennala (December 19, 2007)  
 Douglas & Aimee Rolefson (July 23, 2008)  
 Pauline Sato (October 7, 2008)  
 Mike & Diana Shaw (December 7, 2008)  
 Sharon Soper (April 5, 2008)  
 Bob & Janne Spieker (March 7, 2008)  
 Momi G. Suzuki (January 31, 2008)  
 Frank & Helen Takenouchi (July 4, 2008)  
 Neal & Leila Tamashiro (February 23, 2008)  
 Rene' Tomita (February 19, 2008)  
 Frank & Zoe Trusdell (March 4, 2008)  
 Tim & Virginia Viator (March 1, 2008)  
 Yala & Roger Welch (February 6, 2008)  
 Luke & Rhonda Wilson (October 15, 2008)  
 Elarka S.H. Yuen (January 8 2008)  
 Anonymous (February 20, 2008)

## **MAHALO A NUI TO ALL OF YOU –**

***E Ho'ohanohano 'ana i ka wā ma mua, a e Ho'olako 'ana i ka mua aku!  
(Honoring the past, and Enriching the future!)***



Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on Lānaʻi, discussing the Capital Improvements Grant—an initiative of Trustee Colette Machado—to the Lānaʻi CHC (June 2008).

- More than 6,700 people visited and participated in Lānaʻi CHC programs.
- 142 individuals and organizations have made contributions—totaling nearly \$100,000.00—to Nā Hoaloha o Lānaʻi as supporting friends and benefactors. (Donors list online at [www.Lanaichc.org](http://www.Lanaichc.org))
- Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs approved a \$750,000.00 capital improvements grant to the Lānaʻi CHC.
- Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC has committed \$150,000.00 over the first three years of operation.
- Several thousand people also made monetary donations while visiting the Lānaʻi CHC exhibits.
- Donations of Lānaʻi artifacts, plantation family memorabilia, and historical records documenting Lānaʻi's history have been made to the collections.
- The Lānaʻi CHC has published two important historical manuscripts highlighting little known or remembered facets of Lānaʻi's history, and continues to develop publications.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED— NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNAʻI

In January 2008, we established Nā Hoaloha o Lānaʻi (The Friends of Lānaʻi) as the giving organization to support the work of the Lānaʻi CHC. The response to the Nā Hoaloha membership drive was extremely generous, with support from Lānaʻi residents, visitors, organizations, family foundations, and Castle & Cooke. As a result of a generous grant from the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, we also have the money necessary to renovate a building, as the new museum-exhibit and curatorial facility. The Board and Director of the Lānaʻi CHC are presently negotiating with Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC, to secure a facility comprising some 2,200 square feet for this purpose. Our big challenge now is to raise funds to cover our annual operating expenses.



Lei making workshop for residents and visitors at the Lānaʻi CHC (May 2008).



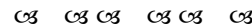
Families of Lānaʻi and guests gather for opening of the "War Heroes" Exhibit—a partnership between the LHES Class of 1956 and the Lānaʻi CHC (Dec. 2008).

**We are writing, asking for your help** in this year's fundraising drive. We humbly invite you to support Nā Hoaloha and the programs of the Lānaʻi CHC in perpetuating the rich cultural and natural history of Lānaʻi.

**Your donation** qualifies as a tax-deductible contribution. To become a member of the Lānaʻi CHC-Nā Hoaloha program fill out the 2009 membership card, place it with your donation in the return addressed envelope and mail it back to us.

**Your membership** offers you special opportunities to experience the history and landscape of Lānaʻi and supports work that will benefit present and future generations, while honoring our island heritage. We will also provide you with a letter documenting your donation to be used for your 2009 tax filing.

You may also stop by the Lānaʻi CHC or contact Kepā Maly at [kepa@Lanaichc.org](mailto:kepa@Lanaichc.org) or at (808) 565-7177; or visit our website at [www.Lanaichc.org](http://www.Lanaichc.org) for more information and updates.



We are yours with aloha, and look forward to your reply and help in this community effort,

Kepā Maly  
Executive Director

**Board of Directors:**  
Pamela Mae Pili Alconcel  
Martha Evans  
David Green  
Colbert Matsumoto

