

# NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNA'I

## Friends of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center

### Aloha Dear Friends:

While it seems that 2011 has flown by, we have experienced a year of progress and growth at the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC). Each day, we reflect on the many friends, whose generosity helps to make the work of the Lāna'i CHC possible. Your financial support; donations to our growing collection of artifacts, historic photos and records, Lāna'i family memorabilia; and volunteer hours help to ensure that the true history of our island home and people will be passed on to future generations. Without each of you, irreplaceable treasures of Lāna'i would be lost. Evidence of our success is found in the numbers of visitors (residents and guests on Lāna'i) who have spent time learning Lāna'i's history in museum and field programs which your support allows us to offer. Between January 1st to September 30th, 2011 more than 6,989 people explored Lāna'i's history through programs of the Lāna'i CHC. Mahalo a nui to each of you for your aloha! Photos in this newsletter share images of selected activities this year.



Trustees and Staff of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs visited Lāna'i CHC on June 15, 2011 (Facility development was made possible through OHA Grant No. 2298.)

Work of the Lāna'i CHC staff, board and volunteers includes a wide range of activities, among which are: (1) caring for artifacts and historical materials donated to the care of the museum; (2) stewardship programs caring for some of Lāna'i's unique cultural and historical resources; (3) volunteer and stipend programs in which adults and students gain skills in cultural stewardship and field archaeology; (4) development of publications and website archives on Lāna'i's history; (5) sponsorship of field archaeological studies and workshops through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; (6) partnerships with the University of Hawai'i and the Smithsonian Institute in archival resource management and cultural anthropology programs; and (7) continuing work in recording oral histories with Lāna'i elders, documenting the "Voices of Lāna'i" in partnership with JazzAlley TV, the Jager Family Foundation, Lāna'i High & Elementary School, and Anthony Ka'auamo Pacheco.



Built in 1903, Ka Lanakila Church is the last wooden structure in place at the former Keomoku Village. With grants from the Agape Foundation and Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the work of saving this important historic site from collapsing is being undertaken. Skilled and dedicated volunteers are restoring Ka Lanakila to honor Lāna'i's heritage and enrich the future.

When the work is completed, Lāna'i's elders (the last residents of Keomoku Village), island residents and friends will come together to celebrate the island's history. (An announcement will be sent out when the event is planned.)



**Lāna'i CHC Board Members:** Albert Morita, President; Colbert Matsumoto, Vice President; Pamela Mae Alconcel, Treasurer/Secretary; and at large members: Jay Ballesteros, Sheila Black, Jaughn Degamo, Joan de la Cruz and John Schaumburg.

### 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."

**Staff and Volunteers:** Mikala Borders (fulltime interpreter/ operations assistant, overseeing daily operations) Kepā Maly (executive director (sponsored by a special grant of the Agape Foundation); Kaulana Kaho'ohalahala, Robin & Sally Kaye, Robert Kinoshita (and crew), Onaona & Leilehua Maly, Genji, Toshiko & Stacy Miyamoto, Randy Mosher (and crew), Warren & Susan



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To learn about volunteer opportunities with Lāna'i CHC please call 565-7177. For updates from the Lāna'i CHC visit [www.lanaichc.org](http://www.lanaichc.org), or select "like us" on Facebook.



Lāna'i raised, Robert Kinoshita (with Onaona) volunteered his crew to prepare a display container for the truck, and returned it to Lāna'i.

We're now trying to get permission to display this historic, one of a kind truck on Lāna'i.

John Moody and his grandfather, Ross Moody have kindly returned the restored 1911 Avery Truck to Lāna'i. The truck was originally purchased by Charles Gay in 1912, and when it broke down, sat on Manele Road until late 1975.



As a part of OHA Grant No. 2575, to document Traditional Cultural Properties in Ka'ā Ahupua'a, Lāna'i CHC & Cultural Surveys Hawai'i presented an archaeology field school for Lāna'i students. Here, Uncle Warren Osako works with students on a mapping project.

Collections of the Lāna'i CHC are growing every week through donations by Lāna'i families and friends. Natalieabuslay kindly donated her "Lāna'i t-shirt" quilt to Lāna'i CHC. See this and many treasures when you visit.



Uncle Genji Miyamoto with his son, Stacy (pictured) and Aunty Toshiko volunteer their skills, labor and knowledge of planning and gardening with the Lāna'i CHC. The garden project is part of our living history program.

Since the beginning of our 2011 fundraising campaign more than 160 individuals, families and organizations have made donations to Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i (The Friends-Giving Organization of the Lāna'i CHC)

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"Honoring the Past, Enriching the Future!"

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