

REPORT OF THE LĀNA'I CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER

(Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i—Program Review of 2010 and Vision for Future)

Aloha Nui to the Families and Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i!

Since opening the doors of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC) on January 16th, 2010 more than 9,000 people (residents and visitors to Lāna'i), have participated in museum and field programs. In addition to the daily operations (Monday-Saturday), a wide range of programs have also been engaged in. Work of the Lāna'i CHC includes, but has not been limited to: (1) artifacts and historical materials being donated to the care of the museum; (2) stewardship programs, meant to help ensure the safety and well-being of some of Lāna'i's unique cultural and historical resources have been started; (3) community members have worked in grant sponsored programs, gaining skills in cultural stewardship and field archaeology; (4) research and collection of Lāna'i's history has continued, and both physical and on-line archives are being developed; (5) "Lanai Folks," originally published in 1982, an annotated photographic history of Lāna'i, written by Robin Kaye has been republished; (6) State and Federal partnerships leading to employment and program support has helped employ summer interns; (7) Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) made a new grant to the Lāna'i CHC, to undertake a preliminary archaeological and ethnographic survey of the Ka'ā region (north end) of Lāna'i; and 40 video recorded oral history interviews were recorded in order to document the history of elder family members on Lāna'i (the project is a result of the 2009 Keali'i Reichel concert fundraiser). This work has been made possible by the commitment of hundreds of people to protecting and passing the rich and diverse cultural legacy of Lāna'i on to future generations.



Aunt Mikala greets Lāna'i keiki visiting the heritage center.

The board of the Lāna'i CHC is now composed of the following 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. At the close of 2010, the terms of founding board president, Martha Evans, and member, David (and Caron) Green came to an end. Aloha and mahalo nui for their service to the Lāna'i CHC and heritage of our island home.

In addition to the volunteer board, we have two employees at the Lāna'i CHC: Mikala Borders, whose position has been funded through a short-term OHA grant, serves as the interpreter/operations assistant, overseeing daily operations; and Kepā Maly, executive director, who is funded through a special grant of the Agape Foundation. There is also a dedicated group of volunteers who assist with programs, operations and resource development—volunteers include: Robin & Sally Kaye, Onaona Maly, Mr./Mrs. Genji Miyamoto and Stacy, Warren Osako, Gary & Momi Suzuki, Julie Morita, Phillip Sowers, members of the Lāna'i Native Species Recovery Program, and others who share their time, skills and expertise as needed. To volunteer please call 565-7177.

Hundreds of people have also contributed to programs and operations by making donations through Nā Hoaloha o Lāna'i (The Friends-Giving Organization of the Lāna'i CHC). We wish to acknowledge those Hoaloha (Friends) here:

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In addition to the monetary donations by the Hoaloha named above, everyday, visitors to the Lāna'i CHC share donations in the "donation box." Each donation, small & large, counts! With your help, the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center works to honor the people of Lāna'i and celebrate our island legacy. Please continue to help us in this work, and encourage others to join in the effort. **Kepā Maly, Executive Director.**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We recognize that in these difficult economic times, family is first priority. Lāna'i's unique cultural heritage—the places and history of the people—is important to the identity and well-being of our families as well. We humbly ask your support of the Lāna'i CHC as we work:

"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."

Please review the enclosed Nā Hoaloha card, and help us with a donation to support the heritage programs on Lāna'i. Your donation, in any amount, will be used to help us preserve and pass the history of Lāna'i's people on to future generations. A return addressed envelope is enclosed so you can return your card and donation.

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Lāna'i CHC Stewardship Crew and members of the Lāna'i Native Species Recovery Program take a break from heavy work in cleaning the old coconut grove of Keomoku Village.

Visit www.lanaichc.org for program/event updates and to access our on-line archive. The site is regularly updated.



Dancers of Nā Hula o La'ikealoha (Kumu, La'i Hanog) offer Hula at the January 15, 2011, first anniversary celebration of the Lāna'i CHC.



Board president, Albert Halapē Morita and Mikala Borders share island history with visitors at Lāna'i CHC.