



Hui o Laka Membership Newsletter

November 30, 2017

Nu'alolo Cliff Trail Reopens

The popular 2.1 mile Nu'alolo Cliff Trail was rerouted in one section that was badly eroded and washed out. Some trail areas had dwindled to only 6 inches width with steep drops which forced its closure in 2013. It makes a loop out of two popular Napali coast view trails - from the 3-mile marker on 'Awa'awapuhi Trail and about 2.5 miles on the Nu'alolo Trail. DLNR Forestry & Wildlife (DOFAW) trail crews did the work of vegetation clearing, trail construction, and installation of trail signs. They were assisted part of the time by the Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps. Both trailheads are off Hwy 550. Nu'alolo Trail starts just after the 15-mile marker and 'Awa'awapuhi is just after

the 17-mile marker.

For the most up-to-date official trail information refer to DLNR's Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program, visit <https://hawaiitrails.hawaii.gov/trails/#/> or trails in Kaua'i State Parks at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/kauai/>. Needed permits and other necessary information is provided at these sites. Kōkē'e Museum has a basic trail map on the porch that is accessible even when the museum is closed. We sell trail maps with more detailed information. During museum hours our staff can give you reports on any recent trail conditions that have been reported by hikers. These are wilderness parks with no attendant park rangers.



Photograph of the museum front porch with a trail map with basic information to assist with choosing hiking options. The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay provided the museum with a lifesaving AED device that can be seen in red. They choose the museum porch as it is well lit at night and available 24 hours a day for those in need.

Greetings!

Happy belated Thanksgiving! It was a cold, rainy one at Kōkē'e but the park was full of people and families sharing the holiday despite the weather. We are hearing the prediction is for a wet winter and it isn't hard to believe after the past few weeks of wet weather.

The Bucasas family spent their annual Thanksgiving retreat at the CCC Camp and shared the mess hall with students from Hawai'i Preparatory Academy on the Big Island. The students learned about the hospitality Kaua'i is famous for.

Paulette Burtner at the Museum shop mentioned that a lot of regular leaseholders were staying up at Kōkē'e over the weekend. The Lodge held their first annual Old Time Fiddlers' Convention on Sunday and strains of Bluegrass music could be heard through the Meadow! There was a lot of local traffic mixed in with the tourists on Kōkē'e Road.

Hui o Laka has a lot to be thankful for and is looking forward to a bright (maybe not the weather) 2018. Happy holidays to all our members.

HTA Proposal Deadline Changes

We hope to do better at reporting to our members in 2018. Hui o Laka's 2017 timeline was totally upended due to a major proposal deadline change by Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA.) Normally the last quarter of each year is devoted to grant writing but this year it was pushed forward towards the middle of the year. For us, it meant the time between our two festivals in May and October was feverishly spent writing reports, grants, and attending mandatory workshops. That continues into the end of the year as we have two additional state grants on top of the two we normally apply for.

HTA has been a longtime partner in funding Hui o Laka's programs. Proposals for Emalani, \$18,100, and Kōkua Kōkē'e, \$16,000, are receiving funding. We wrote a proposal to the County, also funded by HTA, for Banana Poka \$5,720. We received word that we were successful there as well. We have been successful in our State Grant in Aid \$25,000 proposal for the CCC Camp. These contracts all require matching funds and in-kind donations of volunteer time, goods, and services.

Hui o Laka - Kōkē'e Natural History Museum



Wreath Workshop

10am

Saturday, December 9

\$25 (\$10 for current members)

Basic plant materials on hand. Bring additional decorations, clippers, and lunch. Check-in at Kōkē'e Museum.

Registration 808-335-9975
info@kokee.org

Kōke'e State Park Entrance Corridor Invasive Weed Clearing Project

Does your club, service organization, business, or school need a service project? Consider helping us weed our forest park of invasive plants that threaten the unique ecosystem. Roadsides are particularly vulnerable and a gateway for invasive plants to get a foothold into new areas.



In 2018, we will be needing volunteers for Hui o Laka's Kōkua Kōke'e Program. The 2018 Kōkua Kōke'e project will encompass stamping out invasive plants in the first 3 miles (6 if you count both sides) of roadside into Kōke'e State Park. The program is under the direction of Bradley Soria who works part-time for Hui o Laka. We have one year to complete the project!

We will be posting a calendar on our website noting days we plan on working on the project. This project is being funded in part by Hawai'i Tourism Authority's Aloha 'Aina Program. For more details visit www.kokee.org/kokuakokee in January.

Pear Tree TLC

Arborist Mark Query gave our unruly pear "bushes" a long-needed pruning in November. The Asian Pear had several cracked branches that were burying a couple of apple trees in their foliage, stunting their growth. Its pears, somewhat sour and hard, are wonderful in pies. It may be two years before the Asian Pear recovers from pruning. Now both trees look like pear trees and are much healthier going forward.

We were advised that Kōke'e plum trees are very tolerant of pruning novices and that new trees can sprout from woody branches. Mark mainly used hand saws and is truly an artist when it comes to pruning. See before and after below:



Kōke'e Museum Gift Shop Offerings

Need a break from the frenzy of holiday preparations and shopping? Come up to Kōke'e and enjoy a rejuvenating day. There are no black Fridays or gridlock traffic to face. The cool air will put you in the mood for winter holidays. If you want to support a good cause visit our museum gift shop for some interesting reads, cookbooks, an extensive selection of children's storybooks, exclusive t-shirts and sweatshirts, Christmas ornaments, and more.

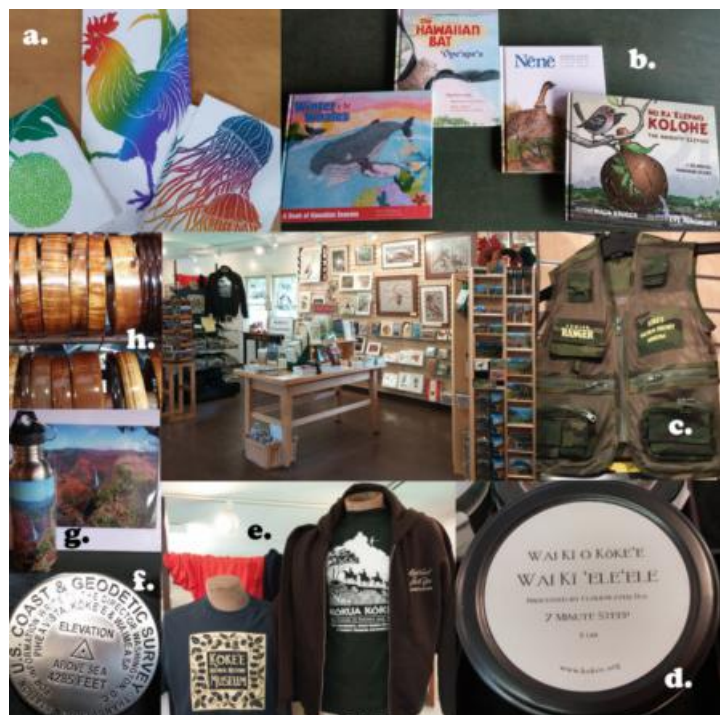
We have some unique local products – black and white teas harvested from Kōke'e, vanilla extract distilled from Kaua'i-grown vanilla beans, and a fragrant salve made from honey produced on Kaua'i. There are handprinted tea towels, aprons, and potholders that are small enough to share with friends and family elsewhere. Any household should be graced by Dietrich Varez prints, native bird photographs by Jim Denny and Mike Teruya, and scenic photographs by Rita Peeters. In our exclusive souvenir category we

offer stainless steel water bottles featuring a photograph of Waipo 'o Falls by David Boynton. There is fine jewelry made of Tahitian and fresh water pearls, woven gold wire bracelets, and for casual wear, glass and wood earrings. We have wonderful children's puzzles made on the Big Island that teach Hawaiian language. Even the adults will be intrigued with the most intricate puzzle, a map of Kauai's ahupua'a (land divisions) that are revealed as each piece is removed.

There are a lot more gifts – exclusive souvenirs of a visit to Kōke'e. It is worth visiting the Museum's gift shop, if not this holiday season, sometime soon!

Photo Collage to the right:

a. tea towels, b. a selection of our children's books, c. Junior Ranger vest, d. Kōke'e tea, e. our logos on long and short sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts, f. pewter Pihea benchmark magnets, pins, and keyrings, g. waterbottles with Dave Boynton photography, and h. exotic wood bracelets.



Museum Repairs and Upgrades

- Lighting was changed to LED with new fixtures added to the Cultural Exhibit Room.
 - Half the wheelchair ramp deck and its support beams were replaced.
 - The floor in the back room was rotting and replaced.
 - Half of the venetian blinds were disabled in the "tree" room. A frosted window treatment was used to protect displays from the sun.
- The trees now seem to be in a mist.



2018 CCC Camp Construction Project

A new \$25,000 State Grant-In-Aid Capital Improvement Proposal was submitted to address the most critical needs – the Admin, Executive (Orchard,) and Foreman's (Mokihana) building roofs along with other crucial upgrade items. We were successful and should have a contract by the beginning of 2018 to start that.

We will have to raise money for a cash match. We have Governor Ige, Senate President Ron Kouichi, Representatives Dee Morikawa, Nadine Nakamura, and Jimmy Tokioka to thank for the funding. There wasn't much to go around this legislative season with the Honolulu rail project taking up most of the attention.

The Kōke'e Civilian Conservation Corps Camp is owned by DLNR State Parks. Hui o Laka's efforts are cost effective in repairing and maintaining the 1935 buildings. Almost 25 years ago, they were



nearly demolished due to neglect and damage from two hurricanes. Year-end donations by members are very important as unallocated donations help us meet matching fund requirements for state contracts which include the GIA CIP contract as well as Hawai'i Tourism Authority and County grants.

The previous GIA CIP was completed earlier this month with the erection of a sign at the entrance of Hui o Laka's portion of the camp. It was designed to match the original sign found in a WWII era photograph.

How Our Members Help Hui o Laka

Continue to be a Member!

Every little bit helps, and we love our members. Those that can, please consider upgrading your membership. Spend money in our gift shop and stay at the CCC Camp. Share our special place with your friends and family! Become a friend on Facebook and join in the conversations there about our special place.

Volunteer Your Time – Even once a year helps! We need many hands to fulfill our mission and many commitments. You can come as an individual, family, community group, or business! Volunteer with Kōke'e Kōkua, provide some TLC on the grounds and buildings at the Museum or CCC Camp, cut firewood, help out on the Nature Trail. We need help with our festivals, education programs, and more.

Make a Donation of Goods or Services

– We have two silent auctions each year at the Banana Poka Festival and the Emalani Festival. We can accept new, collectible or antique items, services, and gift packages suitable for both local and visitor interests. We also feed volunteers and need food items from our menu or cash to purchase food, especially Emalani. We also can accept, only if needed, furnishings and nearly new appliances.

Make a Cash Donation – Hui o Laka can allocate funds to specific areas of our operations or to our endowment fund.

Note: Hui o Laka is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and provides needed documentation for donations. Please defer to your tax adviser regarding donation tax strategies.

The Business of Festivals

Each festival is a business operation unto itself with very different challenges. We are making strides in covering additional costs from our festivals not covered by government contracts. This has probably been the main reason for seeing a profit in Hui o Laka's overall finances along with utility savings from our upgrades

We have more sponsors and levels for sponsors participate. A new successful stream of income is from silent auctions. We have invested in festival furnishings to ease the set-up logistics and labor needed for infrastructure: tents, chairs,

tables, and more. We are renting vehicles as part of the event budgets for shuttling and moving festival furnishings instead of abusing staff vehicles. Logistics of managing how things get to Kōke'e has been a major stress factor.

Specific changes that have made a difference include moving Banana Poka RoundUp! to the CCC Camp where it is more fun and intimate and for Emalani, working on minimizing participant parking and using parking attendants. With Emalani too, we are working on making the event more Hui o Laka mission related.



Welcome!

At Hui o Laka's Annual Meeting in September, a new trustee joined the board. Earl Hunter is a leaseholder at Kōke'e. He and his wife make their home in Kalāheo. Earl is a retired architect/contractor from O'ahu. The current board consists of president Billi Smith, vice president Sue Boynton, treasurer Frank O. Hay, secretary Kay S. Koike, trustees Pammy Chock, Earl Hunter, Myranda "Wai" Kuapahi, Elizabeth Piccard, and Lorraine Wichman.

Mark your 2018 Calendars...

Banana Poka RoundUp!

Sunday, May 27, 2018 from 10am to 4pm

Eō e Emalani i Alaka'i

Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9am to 4pm

Emalani Mahalos

We had unprecedented success in 2017. First of all, we had two glorious days in the middle of a stretch of rainy weather that was island wide. We were able to set up the site the day before, hold the event in the sun, and tear down and put away the tents before it began to rain again! We had over 400 participants including 18 hālau with their dancers and their support people and HoL volunteers, trustees and staff. The silent auction and food sales nearly doubled in earnings. This helped greatly in covering all the costs not covered by Hawai'i Tourism Authority. The museum and shop & craft tent did better than the previous year.

Representing the Queen, Lianne Yoshino was lovely in royal blue. Her sister, Elise Guirao, played the part of her court chanter. Amber Lopes, her niece, served as lady-in-waiting. Norman Hookano portrayed Kaluahi, the Queen's guide. Roselle Bailey did the heavy duty of serving as emcee with the assistance of Dale Rosenfeld.

We have many to thank and

we want our members to see who supported this special event.

Event Sponsors

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The Beach House
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The Westin Princeville
The Wine Shop
Tire Warehouse Kaua'i
Veronica Jewelry Designs

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone! We are grateful for all the support. Some of it is year after year!

Wish List

- Kōke'e Museum is a good candidate for a photovoltaic system, especially since it is used only in the day. If anyone is interested in a trade for tax credits, please call our office or email: director@kokee.org.
- Looking for an almost new, full size mattress for one of our cabins at the CCC Camp.
- Need 3 on-demand gas water heaters in the bunkhouses at the CCC Camp.
- Need supplies for a firepit, a gate (used ok) and volleyball set-up for summertime.

