



# Mālama o Mānoa Newsletter

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**O**ur Mission is to promote community, celebrate our cultural diversity and heritage, & preserve, protect and enhance the special qualities of historic Mānoa Valley.

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## Our Valley

*Malama: To take care, attend to, preserve, protect; serve.*

We accept the responsibility for caring for both the natural and built environments of Mānoa; we are good neighbors and are engaged in our community. We cherish our cultural diversity and heritage.



**F**ew of us see Mānoa Valley as a complete entity...we see streets, houses, buildings, fences, markets and cafes. We see the built environment, some recent, some not so. In May, we host the biennial Mānoa Walking Tour, which focuses on the historical homes and history of significant areas in the valley.

The theme, *MĀNOA: Mauka/Makai*, for this year will feature more aspects of what is now *unseen*, on how the area was used culturally and the state of the archeological features.

**For the March 9<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, Cindy S. Barger, Watershed Program Manager for the Army Corps of Engineers, will make a presentation: "Update on the Ala Wai Watershed Project," which was initiated in 2002 with a scope expansion in 2007.**

A cultural and archeological assessment was conducted, which encompasses Mānoa/Pālolo/Makiki/Ka'akako, as a multipurpose flood risk management, ecosystem restoration and water quality project developed in partnership with the State DLNR and C&C. This analysis is scheduled for release in May 2011 pending final approval. The talk will provide a summary of the analysis, and the next steps within the project development process.

Some of you participated in the forum

as we established a long-term Strategic Plan. As part of the process, we defined what our role should be as an organization. A primary goal is to *Malama*: to take care, attend to, preserve, protect, serve.

Our 2011 General Membership Programs will be June 8 and October 12, as we continue to explore our valley's many fascinating natural and built environments.

If you're not a member of MoM, we invite you to join...you can sign up online at "[www.malamaomanoa.org](http://www.malamaomanoa.org)." You can also see much more of what Mālama o Mānoa is by visiting the website.

See you on March 9<sup>th</sup>! (Details in Community Calendar on page 8.)

## HELP Clean Manoa Stream!

### Schedule 2011

Saturday, April 9

Saturday, July 16

Saturday, November 12

10 am to Noon

Meet at the Woodlawn Drive Bridge near Longs Drugs

Help remove litter and trash from the stream and banks. A partnership with the City and County's "Adopt-a-Stream" program.

**For more information please contact George Arizumi at 988-5069.**



*Blessings upon all who have called, now call, and who will call our āina Mānoa home...including those from the 'ili of Ka'apakahua, Kawailele, Puahia, Kānewai, Kamo'ili'ili and Kamoku.*

*As did the people of old, we live in the shadow of Pu'u 'Ohi'a and its younger sibling Pu'u Kākea...and are nourished by our waters flowing from Waiākeakua and Kahaiamanō.*

*We are daily greeted by guardians Pu'u'o Mānoa and Pu'u Pueo, and surrounded by the rising shadows of Ualaka'a, the rains of Wa'hila, and the twin peaks of Ka'uakuaahine and Kahaukani.*

*We continue to be blessed by the efforts of Kāne and Kanaloa in their bringing forth of waters at Kānewai, Kumulae and Ka-Punahou...and we walk daily in the footsteps of past spirits, menehune, and our ali'i: Kualii'i, Kamehameha 'Ekahi, Kame'eia'moku, Ka'ahumanu, Hoapili, Kauikeaouli (Kamehameha III) and Lili'uokalani.*

*We acknowledge the kūpuna families of Mānoa Valley .....  
~ Hardy Spoehr,  
October 23, 2010*

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Isn't that lovely? That excerpt was delivered at the 2010 Kūpuna Luncheon. It calls out the special features of Mānoa that we cherish, and reminds us why we're here. It holds us to the sense of place that we who connect through this organization share.

Within these pages you'll learn about some of our activities. Public programs last year featured gardens around the valley, the geology and hydrology of Mānoa, and a collection of songs about this valley. Welcoming 60 kūpuna, the 2010 Kūpuna Luncheon focused on old-time stories of Mānoa Stream.

We welcome five new members to the board—*Joyce Arizumi, Laurie Choy, Marion Lyman-Mersereau, Robin Otagaki and Maile Williams.* They're all excited to serve the Mānoa community in this way. Learn more about them in this newsletter.

Mahalo to all who work in their own unique ways to preserve and protect the uniqueness of the valley, its history and the families and community that exist here. It's a privilege to nurture the Mānoa of today, evoke the vision of our founders, and bring the community together to plan for the future.

We invite you all to participate!

*Hele no ka wai,  
hele no ka 'alā*

**Everything goes smoothly when one has resources**

A sincere mahalo to all of you who donated so generously to Mālama o Mānoa in 2010. Your kōkua has enabled MoM to do the good work described throughout this newsletter.

Founded by caring individuals just like you, Mālama o Mānoa is preserving and protecting our history and environment, and building community in our beautiful valley.

We welcome you to our programs and events. We welcome your input and expertise as we visualize the future of Mānoa Valley. And we welcome your donations that enable us to proceed.

Thank you!

RETURNING BOARD MEMBER

Kirk Caldwell

We welcome back previous board member *Kirk Caldwell*, who returns after a hiatus on the political campaign trail in 2010. Kirk was born in Waipahu,



raised in Hilo, and has a law degree from UH. Currently he is a partner in the law firm of Ashton and Wriston. He has played a distinguished role in Mānoa, City and State politics, starting in the 1980s when sat on the Mānoa Neighborhood Board. He served in the Hawai'i House of Representatives, District 24, from 2002 to 2006. He then moved to the City, with positions as City Manager and then Acting Mayor from 2009 to 2010. MoM is delighted to benefit from his wise insights again.

# NEW BOARD MEMBERS - 2011

## ❁ Joyce Arizumi

Joyce and her husband George built their home in Mānoa 30 years ago. Joyce has a degree in Fashion Merchandising and Design from UH, spent 15 years in the garment industry,



and started her own company, Les Tropiques Resortwear. She has participated in many

organizations, including several fashion organizations plus Waipahu Independent Living, Inc. and the Spinal Cord Group of Hawaii.

Joyce loves being grandmother to 2½-year-old twins and enjoys doing oil and watercolor painting. She and George spend summers and winters in Breckenridge, Colorado, which she says is like Mānoa in that its residents work hard to keep the historical and natural beauty of their town. Joyce has generously agreed to step into the role of Corresponding Secretary for MoM.

## ❁ Laurie Choy

Laurie was born and raised in Honolulu, and moved to Mānoa when she married Isaac in 1990. She has an



accounting degree from UH and assisted Isaac at Mānoa Consulting Group, LLC. Isaac sold

the company and retired in December 2010 and Laurie now works for the new firm, MC Group Hawaii.

She and Isaac enjoy travelling, and have done a road trip through Italy, a

barge trip through the wine country of France and a safari in Africa.

Laurie feels that one of the special qualities of Mānoa is its beautiful historic homes, and looks forward to participating in this year's Historic Mānoa Walking Tour. Laurie is stepping in to replace Isaac as our Treasurer.

## ❁ Robin Otagaki

Robin has lived in Mānoa valley since he was a child. He has a UH teaching degree, and his first few years after college



were spent teaching earth science and biology at Castle and then Moanalua High School, where he received an award as the State Teacher of the Year in 1981. Then he moved to Punahou and taught 7th grade science for 19 years.

Robin retired in 2009, and now has more time to enjoy surfing, stand-up paddling, and even yard work. He is also a terrific comedian, and was a hilarious emcee for several Kūpuna Suppers. He served on the MoM Board from 2003 to 2005, and has returned to help George Arizumi with stream clean-ups and also to be Comedy Central at Board meetings.

## ❁ Marion Lyman-Mersereau

Marion Lyman-Mersereau was born and raised in Mānoa and has lived there most of her life. She grew up on Hunnewell Place, and for the past 30 years has lived just next door, on Hunnewell St., in what was once her grandparents' home.

Marion has a master's degree in education from UH Mānoa and works

at Punahou School, where she has taught 8th-grade social studies and coached the girls' paddling team for over 25 years.

She enjoys reading, writing, yoga, Taiko drumming, surfing, stand-up paddling, and just



being on or near the ocean. But she always loves to return to her hale in cool, green Mānoa. She has enthusiastically joined the team preparing for the upcoming Historic Mānoa Walking Tour.

## ❁ Maile Williams

Maile was born in Kahuku and raised in Honolulu. She lived in Mānoa in the 1950s, then on Kaua'i for eight years and the island of Hawai'i for 30 years, and returned to Mānoa in 2002. She has a Master's Degree



in Library Studies from UH and is a retired public librarian. She's a founding

member and past president of the Kauai Outdoor Circle, and has also been a Board member of the Volcano Art Center and the Bay Clinic on Hawaii Island.

Maile's favorite pastimes are walking, swimming and taking care of her three grandsons. She is interested in Hawaiian culture and history, native plants and gardening, protecting the environment, and the preservation and history of neighborhoods.

# Kūpuna Luncheon: Memories of Mānoa Stream

## *A Stream Runs Through It...*

On a sunny October Saturday last fall, it was all about celebrating our Mānoa kūpuna and the special place we all call home, Mānoa valley. A happy crowd of 60 kūpuna plus 80 friends and family members gathered at St. Pius Church Hall to enjoy lunch and lots of good fellowship. The tone of the day was set by *Hardy Spoehr's* blessing, which included a beautiful poem about Mānoa (*see excerpts in President's Corner*). An *ono* Hawaiian lunch was accompanied by the great music of Waikiki Beach Band, including the "Mānoa Song," written by the Akiona family of Mānoa, and sung by one of its members, *Mona Teves*.

Lunch was followed by storytelling about Mānoa Stream and how it impacted the lives of seven kūpuna. Over the summer these kūpuna, aged 70 to 88 years old, had been telling us their stories: *Peter Akiona, Jr., Amelia Ana Bailey, Josiah Bray, Evelyn Giddings, and the Uehara clan: siblings Raymond Uehara and Barbara Uehara Teruya, plus their uncle Roy Uehara*. Writer *Lavonne Leong* gathered these stories together and wrote a beautiful narrative that captured life in Mānoa in the 1930s and 1940s.

The entertaining and touching narrative was read by *Marie Hara* and *Xander Cintron*, and accompanied by a slide show of photos showing old Mānoa. There were tales of swimming, fishing, washing clothes and dishes, making *kapa*, going to the stream without your parents' permission, baptisms at the stream, a mermaid



An *ono* Hawaiian luncheon was served to 60 kūpuna, their families and guests.



*Jim Bailey* with kūpuna wife *Amelia* and *Josiah Bray*.



Entertainment was provided by the Waikiki Beach Band.

at one pond, watching what came down the stream after a heavy rain (trees, branches, chicken houses, dead pigs), and also a post-war flood that destroyed new housing that had just been built near Safeway. What memories!

The day closed with everyone singing *Hawai'i Aloha* and door prizes for the kūpuna.

Big mahalos to the many people who made this wonderful event possible, and especially to all the kūpuna who attended.

Peter Akiona, Jr. and Francis "Miki" Bowers



Raymond Uehara



Barbara Uehara Teruya and Harry Teruya

*Aloha 'Oe... 'til we meet again...*

Mālama o Mānoa bids a fond farewell to long-time board member Pat Avery. Pat moved to Maui in December of last year to be nearer to her children and grandchildren. We'll miss her greatly, but wish her the very best as she relaxes on the Valley Isle with her family.



Above: Pat with Joyce Arizumi, Thalya DeMott, Lisa Raymond, Jean Trapido-Rosenthal & Linda LeGrande.

Below: Carol Kaneshiro & Mary Cooke, hold the memory book created especially for Pat.



Pat was also recognized for her tenure on the board, along with retiring members Isaac Choy, Eric DeCarlo and George Arizumi.



And clement weather blessed the Annual Mānoa Christmas parade, where we were joined by the winning UH girls' softball team.



*Mohala i ka wai, ka maka o ka pua.  
The flowers thrive where there is water.*

## Hali'a Aloha

In the past few months, we've lost some of our friends, our neighbors:

- **Peter Akiona, Jr.**, one of the honored kūpuna who shared his Mānoa Stream stories at MoM's Kūpuna Luncheon.
- **Betty Arnott**, a diligent behind-the-scenes worker who helped us keep the momentum, especially during the Wa'ahila Ridge advocacy days.
- **Gary Blanch**, who could often be seen jogging around the valley, and so loved developing the stream walking path.
- **Francis (Miki) Bowers**, who could be counted on to appear at every MoM event to demonstrate his 100% support.
- **Agnes Conrad**, a librarian and advisor to the board since 1999, who helped us with research as we sought to learn more about our valley.
- **Hattie Eldredge Phillips**, who, with her 'ohana and friends, generously shared her laughter and music with us throughout the years.

Their contributions to this organization have enriched it. We are thankful to each one and we remember them all fondly.

## November General Meeting:



## Songs of Mānoa by Kimo Alama Keaulana

We hope you were able to join us in November for a nostalgic evening listening to old style Hawaiian music.

Composer and musician **Kimo Alama Keaulana**, who grew up in the valley, is a renowned authority on ancient and modern hula and its music. He and his friends, **Lei Hulu**, regaled us with 19th and 20th century songs of Mānoa and their stories.

Mahalo to Kumu Kimo and his friends for returning to his childhood neighborhood, weaving in small kid time stories with those of the mele.

More than 100 people attended this musical program in the old Mānoa Gym, and we sold out of CDs featuring more modern music of Mānoa Valley.

We also heard from the non-profit Kumuola Foundation, that has re-opened a lo'i and is establishing a cultural center in the back of our valley. It has a community day every month and all volunteers are welcomed.



*Mona Teves joined Lei Hulu in an extemporaneous song as part of the evening's program.*

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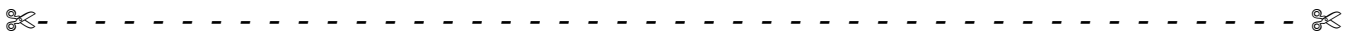
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*Please provide if you would like to receive notice of the 2013 walk event.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$25 Registration Fee per person. Make checks payable to Mālama o Mānoa.**  
*(checks or cash only, please!)*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **I'm unable to attend but would like to make a donation to Mālama o Mānoa.**



## SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011 - 8:30 A.M. - 12 NOON



Cost: \$25 in advance until April 25  
After April 25 to May 1: \$30



No tickets will be mailed. Your reservation will be held at the registration tent on the day of walk.

In celebration of National Historic Preservation Month, a walking tour in Mānoa Valley will be held to benefit the community organization, Mālama o Mānoa.

Visitors will walk the 1-1/2 mile route through the neighborhoods of McKinley Street, Kakela Drive, Haena Drive and Rocky Hill Place. Seven homes will be open and another 20 other historic homes and sites

will be featured. Check-in/on-site registration for these self-guided tours begins at 8:30 a.m. with the last tour leaving at 10:30 a.m.

Ample parking is available on the Punahou campus from 7:30 a.m. Follow signs to the registration tent on McKinley Street, makai. Other details are available on the Mālama o Mānoa website: [www.malamaomanoa.org](http://www.malamaomanoa.org).

Complete the form above, detach and send to:  
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Early registration must be received by Monday, April 25, 2011. *(No refunds.)*

***In Valley tradition, the walk will take place rainbows or shine!***



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a full and continually updated calendar of community events of interest, visit our website at [www.malamaomanoa.org/calendar](http://www.malamaomanoa.org/calendar). The public is welcome at all Mālama o Mānoa Board Meetings.

**Wed, March 9, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa

General Membership Meeting

Program: *MĀNOA: Mauka/Makai*

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

(Board meets at 5:30 pm)

**Wed, March 16, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria

**Sat, April 6, 10 am-Noon**

Mānoa Stream Clean-Up

In Recognition of Earth Month

Meet at Woodlawn Bridge near Longs

**Wed, April 13, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa Board Meeting

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

**Wed, April 20, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria

**Wed, May 11, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa Board Meeting

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

**Historic Mānoa  
Walking Tour**

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Parking on the Punahou campus,

follow signs to registration tent on

McKinley Street, makai

**Wed, May 18, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria

**Wed, June 8, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa

General Membership Meeting

Program: *TBD*

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

(Board meets at 5:30 pm)

**Wed, June 15, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria

**Wed, July 13, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa Board Meeting

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

**Sat, July 16, 10 am-Noon**

Mānoa Stream Clean-Up

Meet at Woodlawn Bridge near Longs

**Wed, July 20, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria

**Wed, August 10, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa Board Meeting

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

**Wed, August 17, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria

**Wed, Sept 14, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Mālama o Mānoa Board Meeting

Mānoa Gardens Community Room

**Wed, Sept 21, 7:00-9:30 pm**

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Meeting

Noelani School Cafeteria