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## DONKEY BEACH VICTORY!

The developers wanted to build over the beach, Sierra Club activists said "NO!" But it wasn't until a lawsuit was threatened that the developers backed down—*Judy Dalton* and then backed up further. The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter's David Kimo Frankel dusted the volcanic ash off his attorney's license and went to assist the Friends of Donkey Beach on Kauai. They quickly reached an out of court agreement with the developer, Kealia Plantation, on June 24th that will preserve the scenic vistas along Kumukumu, or Donkey Beach. The struggle to save the beach from the blight of development visible along its bluffs was an all out effort that spanned seven months of giving testimony at Planning Commission hearings, conducting extensive research, and entering into intense negotiations with the developer. Many praised David Frankel's brilliant strategy and tenacious negotiating.

Highlights of the agreement include increased setbacks of all the houses along Donkey Beach. The Planning Commission had granted the developers a right to build the houses as close as 30 feet from the bluffline for a single story structure and 50 feet for a two-story structure. Under the settlement, the setback for single story structures for most of the houses would be 75 feet from the bluffline and over 100 feet for two story structures. Other provisions governing height have the effect of pushing back all houses along Donkey Beach even further mauka.

Kumukumu Beach will now retain most of its familiar attributes that have always been enjoyed. Nevertheless, by compromising, a perfect solution wasn't reached. It is always difficult to decide when to fight and when to compromise. In order to settle the claim, further questioning of this illegitimate use of agriculture land was dropped. At some point, the environmental community is going to have to put strong pressure on the ongoing abuse of agricultural lands. Hopefully, Bill Saunders' case representing Save Sunset Beach Coalition will set some clear standards as to how agricultural land can be used, although that case may be judged on narrow grounds.

### Donkey Beach: Lessons Learned

*David Kimo Frankel*

◆ **LESSON 1:** Don't be afraid to challenge developers in court when the law is on your side. Some people criticized us for filing a lawsuit. "Can't we just talk this out instead of dragging in lawyers?" some people asked. The fact is, the developers—and the County Planning Commission—ignored repeated requests by the Friends of Donkey Beach and dozens of others that the houses along the bluff be setback further. The only way we could get the developer to set the houses back further—in some cases more than one hundred feet from the bluffline—was to file a lawsuit. One of the reasons we believe that the developer settled the lawsuit is that the developer saw that we could prevail in court.

◆ **LESSON 2:** Developers can be made to change their plans despite their claims to the contrary. Kealia Plantation Company claimed that the houses along the bluff above Donkey Beach simply could not possibly be setback any further. Increasing the setbacks, they claimed, would make the homes less appealing to buyers and make their investment less profitable. The Planning Commission

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### TOURISM'S TRAGIC PLAN *Jeff Mikulina*

The tourist business is a trap, it is a tainted honey;  
Man clearly should have stayed in bed,  
and not invented money. ~ *Kenneth E. Boulding*

The Hawaii Tourism Authority, intoxicated with a honey-pot of \$55 million from the legislature, has proceeded to spread their sticky-sweet vision of a tourism-dominated Hawai'i to all reaches of the state. But their plan for Hawai'i is full of stingers. Under the guise of

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# HOW ENVIRONMENTALISTS CAN STOP FIGHTING FOR SCRAPS

## THE FIRST STEP TO FIX OUR LEGISLATIVE SYSTEM

Brian Schatz

Everyone in elected office pays lip service to environmental protection, yet we continue to lose Hawaii's natural resources at an alarming rate. Many elected officials receive donations from developers, electric companies, and others more concerned with personal profit than

*In 1998:*  
— 84% of the time, the candidate who spent the most won their race (55 out of 64 candidates).  
— Winners outspent losers over three to one.  
— Incumbents outspent challengers \$4.93 to \$1.00.  
— The average amount spent to win a Senate seat was \$102,317  
— The average amount spent to win a House seat was \$38,88

Hawaii's environment, and their pro-environment position becomes compromised or silenced. Why is the state of Hawaii 48th out of 50 states in funding for fish and wildlife management? Why does the DLNR consider closing down one of the campsites at Kalalau on the Na Pali Coast for lack of a \$20,000 composting toilet, when the Hawaii Tourism Authority has \$60 million to market these dwindling resources? At the end of every legislative session, environmentalists find themselves fighting for scraps, trying to hold the line against deregulation and decreased funding. This system is broken. Large campaign contributors, many of whom don't care about our environment, have undue influence on the legislative process.

People are not stupid. They understand that the basic tenets of our democracy are that individual voters matter, and that their voices should be heard. But in reality, these ideas are in danger of becoming a joke. Why? Because almost everyone who gets elected must raise enormous sums of money to fund their campaigns, and these donations are often made by special interests that anticipate and expect reciprocity.

It is incredibly difficult, even for the most independent legislator, not to lend a sympathetic ear to a donor. Common courtesy seems to dictate that one's door should be open to someone who makes a contribution, but the system skews our democratic process in favor of those with money. This is one of the reasons that voter dissatisfaction is at an all-time high, and voter turnout is at an all-time

low. Our disgust erodes our belief in civic participation.

Fortunately, there is a real alternative, and it is this: Voluntary public financing of political campaigns. This will give ordinary citizens access to the electoral process. Under this framework, which has been adopted in Arizona, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont, any candidate who demonstrates strong, legitimate community support qualifies for a competitive amount of

public funding. In exchange, the candidate agrees to strict expenditure limits and no private financing. Adopting campaign finance reform will empower those who otherwise cannot gain access to the political system. Community leaders with little money, but with several hundred supporters within their neighborhood will have a realistic opportunity to become an elected official. Campaign finance reform will allow for more substantive, fair, and objective debate about what our state needs. Our legislative bodies must become a free market of ideas, unfettered by special interest pleading.

*Brian Schatz is the Executive Director of the Hawaii Elections Project and a state House Representative.*

## THE BIGGER PICTURE A Letter from the Director

It's a classic showdown: a greedy developer seeks "whitewater" views for a project; the community fights to save the beach. But at stake in the Donkey Beach case was more than just a beautiful sandy beach and ecosystem—it was the precedent to stop poorly sited development. We continually see urban projects on land zoned as agriculture and inappropriate development that does not preserve scenic or open space resources, even though our state law calls for it.

When the dust settled, the scenery at Donkey Beach prevailed. But the development continues. *We need to be forever vigilant—especially when we know the state and its agencies aren't making good decisions.* Take, for example, the Hawaii Tourism Authority representative for Kauai, Gary Baldwin. As a member of the Planning Commission, Mr. Baldwin rejected the recommendations of the Planning Department to preserve scenic views with a 50-foot setback on all dwellings and height limits. Mr. Baldwin instead proposed that the houses be as close as 30 feet from the bluff—with taller rooflines. Shouldn't HTA and its representatives play their part in protecting the beauty they promote?

And then there's the HTA Tourism Strategy in general: more growth, less environmental protection, and a lot of propaganda. The industry execs that are sit-

ting on the Authority are targeting our agricultural lands to fuel more "product development" (read: sprawling resorts).

Speaking of fuel—how are we going to power all this energy-intensive tourism? The answer, according to the Hawai'i Energy Strategy, is more fossil fuels. This State report calls for the installation of diesel, naphtha, and coal plants on the islands for the next twenty years. The Sierra Club is calling for "no more dinosaurs." Renewables are ready, especially in conjunction with controlling our appetite for electricity and autos.

Have you noticed an increase in sport utility vehicles clogging Honolulu's roadways? It's about time we put the brakes on these climate change facilitators and mandate a minimum average fuel efficiency for the cars and trucks sold. For now, island Ford dealers can't wait for the upcoming Ford Excursion—the 7,000 pound, 10-mile per gallon "Suburban Assault Vehicle." While we push for a more stringent climate change action plan by the state, Honolulu will be releasing its primary urban core transportation plan.

We'll be watching close.

**ALOHA,**



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community-based decision making and tourism, the HTA has produced "Ke Kumu," their tourism strategic plan. This industry plan:

- seeks to dismantle Hawaii's essential land use protection;
- ignores the wishes of Hawaii's people;
- is a publicly-financed propaganda campaign;
- demands growth and more growth, straining the islands' natural capital beyond its carrying capacity;
- subverts efforts to diversify Hawaii's economy;
- targets groups that work to protect Hawaii's environ-

## A SURVEY CONTRACTED BY HTA PRESENTS SOME INTERESTING VIEWS BY RESIDENTS:

- 42% OF RESIDENTS SAID LOSS OF OPEN SPACE AND NATURE WAS A MAJOR PROBLEM.
- 72% OF RESIDENTS WANT NO MORE HOTELS ON THE ISLAND.
- 77% AGREE THAT OUR ECONOMY IS TOO DEPENDENT ON TOURISM.

## EMPOWER YOURSELF! LEARN NEW SKILLS AT COASTAL CONSERVATIONIST TRAINING

- Maui: October 9 & 10 • Hawai'i: October 23 & 24 •
- Kaua'i: November 6 & 7 • O'ahu: November 20 & 21 •

The Coastal Lands Conservationist Training is a two-day workshop for people who want to more effectively promote the conservation of coastal lands. Special interest corporations have become more sophisticated in their approach to privatization of our coastal lands. In response, we must develop a sustainable proactive approach while enhancing reactionary flexibility and integrity. Successful ecological activists will teach you the skills and strategies that have enabled them to protect areas like Makena, Kohanaiki, Kumukumu, and Ka'Iwi. Participants will be guided in the development of special focus resource groups to address matters like government action, site stewardship, and funding. Gain insight on interacting with government and business leaders, what you can do to present a coherent platform, and how to use knowledge of laws and government systems to your advantage. Above all, learn how to enjoy and celebrate your actions with your community. Cost: \$20, meals not included. Space is limited. To make a reservation, phone Sierra Club Coastal Lands Conservation organizer Richard Lafond at 808-573-3454 or email: richard.lafond@sierraclub.org

ment and labels them as "threats;"

- is full of contradictions: How do we increase airlift capacity to neighbor islands while "enhancing and protecting natural resources?"

We are captive to the myth that tourism growth represents our whole future. In fact, there are scores of other productive ideas for building a more prosperous, more secure, more sustainable future, but they languish because of our unhealthy preoccupation with the visitor industry.

It appears that this quasi-government Authority has already established and validated its desired result: more tourism growth. Charting the future of tourism in Hawai'i as a graph "up and to the right" is not achievable, nor is it desirable. By relying on vast numbers of

tourists flowing through our airports, we subject our dependent economy to the vagaries of the world markets. Moreover, the state's natural infrastructure can barely sustain existing levels of use.

The question has yet to be answered: How many? How many tourists can pass through our airports? The answer lies in our aquifers, our topsoil, our land, our capacity to absorb waste, our energy availability—our natural capital.

While giving lip service to the importance of Hawaii's environment, the Strategic Plan calls for the elimination of "restrictive" land use laws and reduced protection of agricultural land. Hawaii's land use law is hailed around the country as a model of exemplary state planning. The HTA has yet to cite specific examples of beneficial projects that were prevented by our "restrictive" land use laws. If they are able to cite any specific projects, they should examine whether any of the "restrictions" were caused by legitimate concerns about native Hawaiian rights, natural resource protection or infrastructure limitations.

The HTA plan is heavily biased, and it's dishonest for the HTA to claim that its membership is diverse. In fact, almost all the members of the HTA are employed by the tourism industry. Not a single member of the environmental community is a member of the HTA.

We are awaiting the release of the final Tourism Strategic Plan Report. It will likely recommend island advisory groups to facilitate communication of community concerns to the HTA, but this is not enough. We need to be integral to the decision making process, and we need to rope in the transient accommodations tax money to be used for environmental programs and preservation. If we don't, Hawaii's environment and its residents will be left with the stinger.

# MAUI GROUP REPORT

## CONGRATULATIONS MARY!

Mary Evanson, longtime Sierra Club member and past group chair, has been awarded the first Barbosa Grant for conservation advocacy from the Sierra Club. Mary is applying the \$1000 grant award toward efforts to resurrect the 1977 State plan for nine miles of South Maui coastline encompassing, in part, Keoneo'io (La Perouse) Bay. Keoneo'io is also a project area for the Hawaii Wildlife Fund which has received a grant to print a brochure on the area and its ecology, including marine mammals, and to train naturalists as resource guides. Sierra Club members are volunteering in the effort. *Join us in celebration at Borders on November 5th, from 6:30-7:30pm, to present Mary Evanson with her National Sierra Club Award!*

## PALAEUA

Recent bulldozing of the northernmost undeveloped lot at Palauea has created alarm. The work is being done by an archaeological firm and does not signify immediate construction plans. However, the threat to the area remains. The Trust for Public Lands has begun negotiations with the owners of most of the beachfront lots, but cannot report any certain progress at this time. Mayor Apana and the council continue to cite tight money while funding such extravagances as the \$1,600,000 Golf Fund, a public subsidy for a grownup playtime.

— Diane Shepherd

## Bigger Harbors, Airports, and Developments? Keep Maui, Maui!

Since June the Maui campaign has been very busy in educational outreach activities in four areas.

*Ma'alaea Harbor Expansion:* Sierra Club co-sponsored "Save Ma'alaea Celebration and Surf Bash Concert" on Aug 29 at the Lahaina Civic Auditorium. Traditional Ma'alaea issue allies—Surfrider Foundation, Save Our Surf, Sierra Club, Protect Ma'alaea Coalition, Hawaii Wildlife Fund and Na Kupuna o Maui were all on hand to present information at the end of summer event. A high-quality arts and crafts show coordinated by Hanohano Artisan's Alliance, Hawaiian

cultural demonstrations and displays, and 9 hours of music donated by local groups made this an exciting and popular event for residents and visitors. Around 1,000 people attended. Further public hearings on the Ma'alaea expansion issue are expected early next year. An educational video on Ma'alaea will be ready for activists by November.

*Kahului Airport Expansion:* The Land Use Commission (LUC) hearings are long, but the message is clear: there is actually NO evidence to support the visitor in-

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## ART EXHIBITION TO BENEFIT THE COASTAL LANDS CAMPAIGN



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## Linking Land Use, Transportation, & the Environment



*It doesn't take that many cars to fill a street – especially if people drive alone.*



*A street full of single-occupant vehicles has an amazing amount of space left over, once the cars are removed.*



*Once you get the drivers onto mass transit, the street has even more capacity.*



*Getting people out of vehicles and onto sidewalks and bike lanes still fills a fraction of the sidewalk space.*

Transportation planning encompasses more than simply moving people around. It defines how we construct our communities, how we use and treat our limited land, how we interact with others. That's the message that John Holtzclaw, a transportation expert from the National Sierra Club office, delivered to a packed room at the Blaisdell center in July. For over 30 years, Holtzclaw has been researching and writing on transportation and land use issues, analyzing environmental, economic, and social impacts, and advocating for sensible growth policies. Honolulu's population is relatively densely packed in the primary urban core—an attractive attribute for those who wish to preserve habitat and stop suburban sprawl. But poor planning and an insatiable love of the automobile have turned Honolulu into a transportation nightmare. The City & County Department of Transportation Services is working on a long-term transportation plan for the city that includes more bike lanes, traffic calming measures, and potentially an alternative form of mass transit. The plan hasn't been released yet, but when it is, the Oahu Group will be watching close to make sure it is a smart plan that reduces sprawl and car-dependency while going easy on the environment and taxpayers.

### BREATHING ROOM

How much 'transportation capacity' does one street have? Why do Honolulu's streets always seem full of traffic? How do cars stack up against other transportation modes – or ways of getting around? Are there more efficient ways to use our existing streets? We decided to find out. The Sierra Club, City & County of Honolulu, and other community groups took over Maunakea Street in downtown Honolulu to take these photos of people sitting in cars, on chairs, on transit, and on bikes and walking on the sidewalk. The pictures tell the story.

*(Photography by Zam Criste.)*

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

Want to be on the cutting edge of Big Island conservation and environmental concerns? The Executive Committee of Moku Loa Group is where these issues are discussed at a monthly meeting, and where action is taken. The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for next year. If you are interested in serving, please call Sarah Moon, 935-3475, or Mary Marvin Porter, 982-9100.

## ADVANCED ACTIVIST TRAINING ACADEMY.

Two delegates from Hawai'i were invited to attend the Advanced Activist Training 1999 held in Park City, Utah on July 16-18, 1999. Judy Dalton, Kaua'i Group Chair, and Roberta Brashear, Moku Loa Group Chair, represented Hawai'i's issues at this training academy. Both were participants in the Oahu training during August 1998.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In the early days of Moku Loa Group (1980s), many citizens participated in hikes the group initiated on the Big Island. Marian and Wayne Kavadas, Charlotte and Jim Williams welcomed this opportunity and joined in the numerous activities generated by the environmental spirit. Marian Kavadas, of Mountain View, died on May 28, 1999 at the age of 78. Her husband, Wayne, had

died in 1991 at the age of 76. Jim Williams passed away at the age of 71 in Lexington, VA. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte.

## CORRECTION TO LAST NEWSLETTER.

George Yamashita was an Earth Day volunteer. We greatly appreciate his involvement in this and other Sierra Club activities.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Sierra Club, Moku Loa Group is having their Annual membership Meeting on Saturday October 16, 1999 at 5:00 pm at Wailoa State park pavilion # 1. Everyone interested in learning more about the club, its goals and activities are invited to attend. Jeff Mikulina, the Director of the Hawai'i Chapter of Sierra Club will speak on his role in the club and talk about legislative session 1999 and our goals for legislative session 2000. "Midway Island" is the featured topic for the evening. All Moku Loa Group members who have recently visited Midway Island are cordially invited to take part in the discussion. Bring some of your photographs or up to 10 slides to share. Members and guests will enjoy tasty meat and vegetarian treats from Hilo's newest bistro, Honu's Nest, featured in Hawaii's magazine's "Best of Hawaii" edition, hosted by Moku Loa Group. Everyone is asked to please bring a pupu or desert to share. Come out and enjoy the evening!

## Community Ignored in Mauna Kea Master Plan

- Nelson Ho -

This summer the public sent a clear message to the UH Board of Regents - don't approve a new master plan that allows further astronomical development of Mauna Kea and restricts public access to the summit. After hearing impassioned pleas by Native Hawaiians, environmentalists, and others from across the state, the Regents postponed approval until the University's contract planners - Group 70 International - set put to put together a new, more responsible proposal. But the proposal is in ("Draft #3"), and nothing has changed.

- The largest development ever in the history of Mauna Kea, including as many as 52 new telescopes and expansion of up to five existing facilities.
- An almost ten-fold increase in summit acreage disturbed for astronomy, including almost 600 acres for new and existing observatories, expanded road network and additional utilities.
- The first-ever restrictions on public access to the summit.
- Potential expansion of astronomy-related facilities in the mamani/naio forest at Hale Pohaku, including base camp expansion as well as recreational cabin rentals, concessions and other commercial activity.
- Establishment of a Hilo-based management authority, yet with continued centralized UH-Institute for Astronomy review and approval of telescope development.
- Establishment of a new Mauna Kea advisory board made up of institutional "stakeholders," but without strong voices like the Sierra Club and Ka Lahui Hawai'i.
- Fund future mountain management with taxpayer money through a UH appropriation and various visitor fees. Individual observatories will continue to use the mountaintop without ANY additional financial cost.

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dustry claim that expansion and internationalization of the airport will guarantee higher visitor counts, room occupancy, or a better economy for Maui. It has also become apparent that there are no planned means available to meet increased infrastructure needs if international flights boost visitor counts. Nor is there guaranteed funding for promised plans to improve interception of alien species at the airport. Local citizens and community leaders are very skeptical of the state's costly gamble with Maui's future; and two informal surveys done through local schools have shown opposition running 3 to 1 against expansion. A display of all letters to the editor on the issue from the past few years showed the same proportions. No official polls have been taken by the state. Rainforest Action network has listed the Kahului Expansion project on their website as a major threat to native flora/fauna in Haleakala National Park. LUC hearings on the topic are expected to take until the end of the year

*Palauea:* At a big "Save Palauea Celebration" on July 18, 300 people turned out and there was lots of press coverage. A Maui Group Palauea star gazing outing on July 16 was also well attended. A color brochure and color photo display on Palauea's serene beauty and rich cultural history were created for the gatherings and for ongoing educational events. Efforts to convince Maui government to find funds for Palauea Beach purchase have moved from "unlikely" to "possible." Private donors are welcome to get involved. Contact Susan Bradford through the Maui EPEC hot line (808) 573-3454.

## MAHA'ULEPU

Negotiations result in compromises—it's impossible to end up with a total win trying to reach an agreement. We don't want to be in a position to have to negotiate with a developer to save our remaining unspoiled beaches on Kaua'i. We're planning to get ahead of any proposed projects for our other beach chosen for the Coastal Lands Conservation campaign-Maha'ulepu. The Kauai Group is heading up a community-based effort to study the Maha'ulepu area with an eye to finding alternatives to Grove Farm's planned resort development

## LIHUE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROPOSAL

The Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution held five community meetings in July on the proposed Lihue Airport Expansion to see if it is possible to set up a process to resolve community differences. Information was collected on perceived issues such as positive and negative impacts, on who needs to be part of the discussions and how to involve them, and on what specific information is needed for deciding the issues. The Center will report back in October on whether the process seems feasible, and on suggestions of how to set it up. It was made clear in the meetings, which were well attended, that the whole island is involved, that the DOT must be a party to the process and abide by its outcome, that a lot of information is necessary for an informed decision, and that the community vision emerging in the current General Plan Update should be adhered to.

## REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN COUNTY PARKS

Barbara Robeson brought the public's attention to an ordinance before the County Council to Regulate Commercial Recreational Activities in county parks through her "To the Forum" letter stating that there should first be a community discussion about whether or not we even want to have commercial activities in our public parks—especially since the parks are overused and not well-maintained. The Kaua'i Group asked the Council to consider the principles of "heirarchy of use" policy in any decisions affecting the parks which gives consideration first and foremost to the maintenance and integrity of the resource itself; next is the availability and use by and for the general public; and finally, the limited use and availability to compatible commercial enterprises. As a result, the Public Works Department will be conducting island wide meetings for public input.

## KUKUI'ULA

A&B's application for a zoning change to permit 1,050 new timeshare, resort, and residential units, well beyond the guidelines of the new General Plan for resort units, with the potential of overcrowding our beaches especially in the Poipu area, will be decided by the County Council on Sept 29. We hope the Council members will stick to their principles declared while running for the Council—no new re-

sort zoning until previously zoned or old hotels are redeveloped.

## KE POWER PLANT AT HANAMA'ULU

The Kaua'i Planning Commission approved a permit for a naphtha-burning power plant known as the Lihue Energy Service on Sept. 9. The Kaua'i Group, through Rob Culbertson's careful investigation and interviews with KE, had submitted its objections that appeared in the draft and final EIS questioning the energy use forecast and recommending investigation into renewable technologies. Underground wiring from the present Port Allen power plant site was also suggested. We pointed out that utility districts are demonstrating that through monetary incentives for energy conservation, energy consumption can be reduced by 20%. The power plant in Osage, Iowa had contemplated expanding its facility but decided to educate its customers on wise energy use and efficiency. Electrical use was cut to the extent that expansion of the power plant became unnecessary. The air-permitting process affords another opportunity to derail this environmental disaster.

## SIERRA CLUB CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR 2000

The ever popular and beautiful Sierra Club calendar engagement books, wilderness, ocean, and wildflower wall calendars have arrived. Please call Judy Dalton at 246-9067 to reserve one. The proceeds will help support our conservation work here on Kaua'i.

## VICTORY AT DONKEY BEACH!

We wish to thank our many supporters and our lawyers David Frankel and Bill Saunders in assisting us in keeping the beach from being completely overtaken by development.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Kaua'i Group's Executive Committee is soliciting nominations for three seats currently occupied by Rob Culbertson (vice-chair), Monte Hull (conservation chair) and Harry Guiremand (appointed secretary). The term is for the years 2000 through 2001. If you are all charged up with the new millennium why not share some of your energy with people who are committed to molding the shape of change into earthwise solutions? Contact any nominating committee member (Bob Nishek, Marge Freeman, or Judy Dalton ) by November 1st to run.

**If you want to explore Na Pali coast we offer a convenient shuttle service to pick you up from Lihue airport. Fees are negotiable according to the size and needs of the party. Please see our website for more details (<http://www.hi.sierraclub.org/Kauai/kauai.html>) or call Rob Culbertson at 808-246-8748.**



# O`AHU GROUP OUTINGS

OCTOBER 1999 - DECEMBER 2000

• **Sunday, October 3**

*Waimano Pool Late Hike* - 3mi/Moderate/Valley/Pacific Palisades. 1:00 meeting time. Hike up a ridge, then descend steeply to a waterfall and swimming pool on Waimano Stream. The hike includes some steep parts and scrambles over logs and rocks. Leaders: Bob Moore 942-2734, Mike Gawley 254-3424.

• **Saturday, October 9**

*Miconia Removal* 2mi/Strenuous/Ridge&Valley/Upper Manoa or Kalihi Uka Help remove evil miconia! Bring insect repellent & rain gear. Work area is off trail and brushy; long pants/shirt & clear lens eye protection needed. Bring a machete IF you are handy with one. Free! Leaders: Thomas Yoza 239-6362, Pat Conant.

• **Sunday, October 10**

*Malaekahana* - 6mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Laie. This trail steadily climbs up a ridge before descending to lovely pools for dipping and lunch. Bring your swimsuit! Leaders: Arlene Buchholz 988-9806, Inger Lidman 566-6164.

• **Sunday, October 17**

*Maunawili Trail from Waimanalo Family Hike* - 3mi/Easy/Contour. For adults, and children 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Enjoy a hike along a portion of the trail constructed by the Sierra Club. Beautiful views of the moun-

tains and ocean. Meet at corner of Kumuhau and Waikupanaha Streets. Wear hiking boots or running shoes (no sandals). Bring water, snacks, rain gear and sunscreen. Call if you need to carpool. Leaders: Reese Liggett and Suzan Harada 732-4489.

• *Kahanahaiki Service Project* 4 mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Waialua Reservations required. Help to remove noxious, alien plants in a remote area. Great views and a chance to see endangered plants. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Waialua High School on Farrington Hwy. Leaders: Gwen Sinclair 734-3214, Gina Goodman.

• **Saturday, October 23**

*Make a Difference Day Project* - Kaiwi Coast 1/2mi/Easy/Coast/Hawaii Kai. We need trucks and picker-uppers. Please call to volunteer your truck; otherwise, just come out and pick up litter. Bring hat, sunscreen, water, snack, sunglasses, work gloves. Meet at 9:00 am at the north end of Sandy Beach Park. Pau at noon - Sierra Club Makes a Difference. Leaders: Sylvianne Yee 373-3062, Sue Garner 942-2238.

• **Sunday, October 31**

*Kawainui Stream* - 4mi/Moderate/Valley/Haleiwa. This is a great valley hike that involves ten stream crossings enroute to the largest fresh water swimming hole on Oahu. Count on getting wet feet and perhaps more. Bring your swimsuit! Leaders: Atomman Kimm 234-7204, Mel Yoshioka (daytime) 587-0879. Assts.: Sherine Boomla, Ed Mersino.

• **Saturday, November 6 - Sunday, November 7**

*Outings Leader Training Campout* - Malaekahana. Stay in a cabin or BYO tent at this gathering for Oahu Group outings leaders and assistant leaders. Complete information will be mailed to outings leaders. If you are interested in becoming an outings leader, please call Atomman Kimm at 234-7204.

• **Saturday, November 6**

*Miconia Removal*. See October 9 for details. Leaders: Pat Conant 967-7346, Kapua Kawelo.

• **Sunday, November 14**

*Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve Service Project* 1/2mi/Easy/Coast/Mokuleia. Kaena Point needs your help to remove invasive plants that endanger this rare native coastal ecosystem. Sunscreen, hats and even raingear are all recommended. It is likely that we will see spinner dolphins and possibly albatross, and an endangered Hawaiian monk seal. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the end of

## ALL SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

Sierra Club Outings are conducted according to Club policy and under the direction of certified outings leaders. Our Outings are group activities and all participants are expected to follow leaders' instructions and to remain with the group for the entire outings. We welcome all Sierra Club members, non-members and visitors on most of our outings; however certain outings may be restricted to members. Firearms (unless specifically allowed), and audio devices with or without headsets are prohibited. Smoking is only permitted at breaks and then only if the smell of smoke cannot be detected by other hikers. Outing leaders may prohibit smoking if, in their judgement, a fire hazard exists. Bring with: a liter of water (2 liters for strenuous hikes), lunch, sunscreen, insect repellent, rain gear/jacket and day-pack. Boots, shoes with traction grooves (heeled footwear are best no loafers), or tabs or tabs are required. No bare feet or sandals of any type will be allowed on O'ahu outings. Sign in on the roster and pay the fee. When signing in participants will be required to acknowledge their understanding that Sierra Club carries no participant insurance and that participants assume all risks for any car pooling as well as the outing being undertaken.

## O`AHU GROUP OUTINGS INFORMATION

Unless otherwise stated in the Outing description, participants meet at 8:00 a.m. at the back porch of the Church of the Crossroads, 2510 Bingham Street. Do not leave your car in the church parking lot. Participants in windward outings which are designated with an asterisk may also meet at 8:15 am at the First Hawaiian Bank parking area in the windward City Shopping Center. (Intersection of Likelike and Kamehameha Highway in Kaneohe). Cost for participants age 14 and under and Sierra Club members with a membership card is \$1; cost for all others is \$3. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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Farrington Highway in Mokuleia. Leaders: Arlene Buchholz 988-9806, Denby Fawcett 734-7017. Asst.: Sherine Boomla.

• *Wiliwilinui Trail Family Hike* 4mi/Easy/Ridge/Waialae Iki. For adults and children age 5 and up accompanied by an adult, or younger in child carrier. A pleasant up-ridge hike with wonderful views on a wide trail. Meet at 1 PM at the low end of Laukahi Drive just off Kalaniana'ole Hwy. Call for car pool possibility. Wear hiking boots or running shoes (no sandals). Bring water, snack, rain gear and sunscreen. Leaders: Suzan Harada & Reese Liggett 732-4489.

• *Puu o Hulu* 5mi/Moderate/Ridge/Lualualei. Not for those uneasy about heights. Take two steep, short climbs to a pillbox. Be prepared for hot sun with extra water and sun protection. Bring a swimsuit for a dip in the ocean afterward. Leaders: Ed Mersino 455-8193, Lin Black 247-8845.

• **Saturday, November 20**

*Kawaewae Heiau Service Project.* This 1/2 day project involves the removal of vegetation to help in the restoration of this sacred site. Enjoy great views of Kaneohe Bay and the Koolau Range. Bring plenty of water, a snack, rain gear, insect repellent, gloves, and tools (sickles, pruners, hand saws, gas weed trimmer). Leaders: Betsy Weatherford 526-3986, Bob Moore 942-2734..

• **Saturday, November 27**

*Pahole Natural Area Reserve Service Project.* Variable mileage/Moderate to Strenuous/Mokuleia If you love native plants and want to help them thrive, here's your chance. We'll be building trails, helping control invasive plants, and outplanting native plants on this new service project. If you've never been to Pahole, don't miss this opportunity to work in a most beautiful part of Oahu. Second meeting place is at Waialua High School at 8:45 a.m. Leaders: Ed Mersino 455-8193, Joanna Yin 734-5323.

• **Sunday, November 28**

*Kealia* 7mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Dillingham. We'll zigzag up the ridge overlooking Dillingham Airfield and the North Shore until we reach a lookout over Makua Valley. Leaders: Atomman Kimm 234-7204, Randy Ching 944-9471.

• **Saturday, December 4**

*Ala Wai Boat Harbor Cleanup.* Help make the harbor a point of pride and encourage the return of sealife to the area.

We will work from the docks, using scoopers and nets to gather up flotsam and jetsam. Meet at 8:00am at the Harbor Master's Office, between the 3rd and 4th row of boats behind the Ilikai Hotel. Wear sturdy shoes with gripping soles and bring a hat, thick gloves, sunscreen and water. Free! Leaders: Sharon Moran 955-4194, Annette Kaohelauii 235-5431.

• **Sunday, December 5**

*Waimalu Ditch* 6mi/Moderate/Valley/Waimalu. Bring a swimsuit on this hike. You'll get your boots wet on the many stream crossings. Leaders: Randy Ching 944-9471, Mel Yoshioka 587-0879 (daytime).

• **Saturday, December 11**

*Kaena Point Service Project* - see November 14 for details. Leaders: Jim Waddington & Cindy Waddington 947-2732.

• **Sunday, December 12**

*Mokuleia* 8mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Mokuleia. We'll hike hills and a high gulch to reach an overlook of Makua Valley and the west Oahu coastline. Leaders: Atomman Kimm 234-7204, Joanna Yin 734-5323. Asst.: Sherine Boomla.

• **Wednesday, December 15**

*Quarterly Program* 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Paki Hale. Zoologist Eric Vanderwerf will share results of his research on Oahu elepaio. He will discuss natural history, elepaio population on Oahu, mortality, reproduction, predation by rodents, and conservation efforts. Paki Hale is located on the Diamond Head side of Kapiolani Park. Parking is available in the lighted parking lot behind the white wall on Paki Avenue. Call 538-6616 for more information.

• **Saturday, December 18**

*Ahuimanu Late Hike* 2mi Easy/Valley/Kahaluu. This is an interpretive hike, and a good outing for the family, but children should be 9 or older. The path is steep, rough in places, muddy, but rewarding. We'll see ancient rock?wall taro terraces, a spectacular dike, a fresh spring, and we'll break at a beautiful dry water chute. Meet at 1pm at the First Hawaiian Bank parking area in the Windward City Shopping Center. Leaders: Bob Moore 942-2734, Doreen Swan 739-0029.

• **Sunday, December 26**

*Kuliouou Ridge* 4mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Kuliouou. Celebrate the holidays and try out the new gear you got for Christmas. Enjoy great views of Waimanalo from the Koolau Ridge after you've made the final steep ascent. Leaders: Ed Mersino 455-8193, Gwen Sinclair 734-3214.

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# '99-2000 O'AHU GROUP SERVICE PROJECT SCHEDULE

*To reserve your space on any of the Oahu Group Service Projects, mail a deposit check in the amount of \$25.00 (per person) payable to the leader listed first in the schedule. Reservations cannot be made by phone. Trip fees will range from about \$145.00 to \$175.00 and cover the cost of round trip airfare, ground transportation, meals and a portion of the leaders expenses. It is important to make your service project plans early, as the trips fill quickly.*

- **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

November 26-28, 1999

Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii – Leader: Arlene Buchholz, 3138 Paty Drive, Honolulu, HI 96822; Co-leader: Inger Lidman.

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND**

January 15 - 17, 2000

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai — Leader: Annette Kaohelauii, 45-403 Koa Kahiko Street, Kaneohe, HI 96744; Co-leader: Denby Fawcett.

- **PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND**

February 19 - 21, 2000

Nene o Molokai — Leader: Mel Yoshioka, 94-260 Kaholo Street, Mililani, HI 96789; Co-leader: Mike Gawley.

- **PRINCE KUHIO DAY WEEKEND**

March 25 - 27, 2000

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai — Leader: Arlene Buchholz, 3138 Paty Drive, Honolulu, HI 96822; Co-leader: Bob Moore .

Manuka Natural Area Reserve, Hawaii — Leader: Randy Ching, 1560 Kanunu Street, Apt. 818, Honolulu, HI 96814; Co-leader: to be announced.

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The public will not quickly forget this unabashed disregard for the value of our natural resources.”

◆ **LESSON 4:** The visitor industry continues to bury its head in the sand when it comes to protecting the future of Kaua'i. The visitor industry should be fighting every single development that threatens the beauty of Kaua'i. If Kauai's beauty is diminished, if Kaua'i becomes too urbanized, fewer visitors will want to come. The visitor industry needs to take the lead in protecting the resources that it advertises and visitors come to see. The only representative from the visitor industry to take a position on the Donkey Beach issue was Gary Baldwin—who called for letting the houses be placed closer to the beach.

◆ **LESSON 5:** Kauai's beauty will remain in jeopardy as long as government officials ignore “fake farming.” How can the government pretend that mansions with tennis courts and swimming pools are merely farmhouses? The county must crack down on the so-called gentlemen estates. Failure to do so not only compromises scenic vistas, it also hurts farmers. More profits can be made growing luxury houses than agricultural crops. As the speculative value of land increases, bona fide farmers cannot afford to buy or rent agricultural land.

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heeded their pleas and reduced the setbacks recommended by the Planning Department. After we filed the lawsuit, the developers agreed to do what was formally impossible.

◆ **LESSON 3:** Mayor Kusaka and the Planning Commission are not vigilantly protecting the public trust. The Planning Department made reasonable recommendations to the Planning Commission to protect scenic vistas—as required by law. The Planning Commission, appointed by Mayor Kusaka, ignored these recommendations, instead agreeing to weaker conditions that the developer wanted. The Planning Commission's primary mission should be to serve the public—not to cater to the wishes of developers.

# SERVICE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

## ✦ Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii

The US Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages this refuge, is in the process of creating a mauka-makai corridor of native vegetation that native forest can use in their seasonal migrations up and down the slope of Mauna Kea. The service project involves the collection of koa seeds, planting of koa seedlings, or the removal of alien plant species such as banana poka or gorse. Accommodations for this trip are at a well-equipped cabin located on the slopes of Mauna Kea at the 6,200-foot elevation. We will have hot and cold running water, indoor hot showers, flush toilets, full kitchen and five sets of bunk beds with mattresses. Participants need to bring their own warm sleeping bags and pillows. At this high elevation, there is always the chance of inclement and freezing weather. Proper warm clothing and footwear and good quality raingear are mandatory. Getting wet and cold at this elevation during work can easily lead to

hypothermia, a life-threatening condition. The free-time activity is a hike in the koa-ohia forest to observe native forest birds, some of which are on the endangered species list. Bring binoculars.

## ✦ Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai

This refuge provides a beautiful, wind-swept setting at the northernmost tip of the island of Kauai. Whales, seals, turtles and dolphins are commonly seen and seabirds fly overhead while we work to improve the habitat for their nest-

ing and breeding cycles. The service projects usually involve removal of alien plants and planting native coastal species the seabirds use to build their nests. Accommodations are on the lower level of the Visitor Center on the Refuge property. Amenities include electricity, refrigerator and stove, folding futons to sleep on, modern restrooms and a hot shower.

## ✦ Nene o Molokai

Spend a weekend with the nene near the beach on Molokai. The Nene o Molokai Foundation has acquired several wetland properties for preservation for a bird habitat. Your help is needed to clear guinea grass, koa haole and kiawe in preparation for planting native Hawaiian plant species for a nene habitat. Accommodations will be in buildings with bathrooms, kitchens and space for sleeping, either on the floor or on beds. Free time activity includes guided tours of wetland bird habitats, visits to various interesting farming ventures, sightseeing and visiting the bakery in good ol' downtown Kaunakakai.

## ✦ Manuka Natural Area Reserve, Hawaii

Manuka contains one of the few remaining ancient lowland forests in Hawaii. The Reserve supports a diverse and relatively undisturbed native forest, with many prime trees and some endangered plant species. Our work may include clearing noxious weeds from a 150-acre kipuka on the slopes of Mauna Loa. We will stay in a 3-bedroom cabin at 1,600-foot elevation at Kiolakaa, 20 miles south of the Reserve. The cabin has hot showers and a gas range, but no electricity; bed space for five and plenty of tent space on the lawn. Free time activity may include bird watching, a visit to Ka Lae (South Point) or a hike along the wilderness coastline of the Reserve to a black/green sand beach.



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# KAUA'I GROUP OUTINGS

## • Thursday October 7 NTBG Bird Count

South Side/Easy/One Mile Count numbers of all species of birds along a stream in National Tropical Botanical Garden to accumulate information for a stream renovation project in the Lawai Garden. Results of this project may have applications for other streams on Kauai. This is NOT a tour of the NTBG. Leader: Bob Nishek 822-9238.

## • Sunday October 10 Alakai Swamp

Koke'e/West Side/Strenuous/ 7 3/4 Miles Hike begins at the Pihea Trail head in Koke'e and traverses the Alakai swamp 3 3/4 miles to the Kilohana overlook. The boardwalk is now complete across most of the swamp but the walk can be extremely muddy. Clouds permitting, we may be treated to outstanding views of the Wainiha Valley, Hanalei, and the north shore. Leader: Kathy Valier 826-7302.

## • Saturday October 16 Hanakapiai Falls

North Shore/Strenuous/ 8 Miles Hike from Ke'e Beach along the Na Pali cliffs to Hanakapiai beach and along the stream to beautiful Hanakapiai Falls. Sensational views along the Na Pali and up the valley. Bring your wet suit. Leader: Bob Nishek 822-9238.

## • Saturday October 23 Hanalei River Cleanup by Kayak

North Shore/Moderate/ 2 Miles Kayak We'll keep the banks of our American Heritage River looking clean and beautiful while we glide along its gentle flow. Kayaks furnished gratis by Kayaks Kauai, or bring your own. Leader: Judy Dalton 246-9067.

• **Saturday October 30 Waimea Canyon Road Cleanup** West Side/Easy Help maintain our two mile stretch of adopted highway. Our casual morning cleanup usually requires less than an hour and a half and ends with a brunch. Leader: Rob Culbertson 246-8748.

## • Sunday October 31 Halloween Cookout

East Side/Easy Picnic on Wailua Beach with the setting sun and enjoy the flicker of campfires on the beach. Leader: Judy Dalton 246-9067.

• **Saturday November 6 Ditchman's Trail to Blue Pool** East Side/Strenuous/7 Miles Hike along the boardwalk (what's left of it) and along a stream to a small pool. Leader: Bob Nishek 822-9238.

## • Thursday November 11 NTBG Bird Count

South Side/Easy/ One Mile Count numbers of all species of birds along a stream in the National Tropical Botanical Garden to accumulate information for a stream renovation project in the Lawai Garden. Results of this project may have applications for other streams in Hawaii. This is NOT a tour of the NTBG. Leader: Bob Nishek 822-9238.

## • Sunday November 14 Nualolo-Anaki Trail Koke'e

West Side/ Strenuous/ 8 Miles Hike the Nualolo Trail to Anaki ridge for stunning views of Miloli'i Beach and Valley. Leader: Kathy Valier 826-7302.

## • Sunday November 21 Mahaulepu Moonlight Beach Walk

South Side/Easy-Moderate/4 Miles Enjoy this magnificent coastline by the light of the moon. Start out with the late afternoon sun and return under the moon and stars. Leader: Harry Guiremand 823-8335.

• **Sunday November 28 Kukui Trail, Waimea Canyon** Koke'e West Side/Strenuous/ 6 Miles Hike the Kukui Trail from Waimea Canyon Road part way into the canyon. Views of the canyon from the trail. Leader: Kathy Valier 826-7302

## • Saturday, Dec 4, Wailua River Cleanup by Kayak

Kayak along the Wailua River to clean up river banks. Possibility for a hike to a waterfall weather permitting. Kayaks furnished gratis by Kayaks Kauai. Leader: Judy Dalton 246-9067.

## • Sunday December 5 Kalepa Ridge

East Side/Strenuous/ 4 Miles This is a ridge that continues the Sleeping Giant ridge from the Wailua River to Hanamaulu. Sweeping views of the east side and remnant species of lowland native plants. Leader: Ron Farrar 823-8716.

## • Thursday December 9 NTBG Bird Count

South Side/Easy/ One Mile Count numbers of all species of birds along a stream in the National Tropical Botanical Garden to accumulate information for a stream renovation project in the Lawai Garden. Results of this project may have applications for other streams in Hawaii. This is NOT a tour of the NTBG. Leader: Bob Nishek 822-9238.

## • Sunday December 12 Kauhao Ridge Koke'e

West Side/Strenuous/7 Miles From the Kaana picnic area hike west along Kauhao ridge for views of the valleys and the Na Pali coast. Leader: Kathy Valier 826-7302.

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information about meeting place and time, contact Annette Felix, 985-7272, or Gloria Amaral, 959-5180 or e-mail koaia@hgea.org..

• **November 14, Sunday—HVNP Kilauea Caldera Hike (F) D=6 miles, E=4000 +/- 500 ft** Hike will begin and end at Volcano House. We will be hiking on the Halema'uma'u, Byron Ledge and Waldron Ledge trails. We will explore the Kilauea Crater in this loop hike. Bring lunch, 2 qt of water, good sun protection, and rain gear. Meet at Kea'au Sure-Save parking lot at 7:00 am. Contact Phil Barnes, 965-9695, to sign up and for further information.

• **November 20, Saturday—Peregrine Fund Svce Trip & Tour (E) (S) D=2, E=4000 ft** The Peregrine Fund's Hawaiian Bird Program located at the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center in Volcano is conducting cutting edge research in successful rearing of native birds. We will spend the morning doing weed control and assisting facilities. After lunch a tour of the facilities and the opportunity to see the birds. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and sturdy shoes. Bring hat, sunscreen, rain gear, work gloves and lunch. Meet at the end of Pi'imauna Drive in Volcano at 8:30 am. Contact Cathy Lowder, 961-6142, or Annette Felix, 985-7272.

• **November 21, Sunday—Punalu'u to the Great Crack (E) D=13 miles; E=sea level** This is a very long, but rewarding hike. Starting at Punalu'u, we will hike along a combination of ancient trail, 4x4 road and cross-country over pahoehoe. Our goal is the Great Crack—one of the wonders of the Big Island, and the area that is being planned as an addition to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants need to bring 3-4 qts of water, hiking boots, sunscreen, hat, dark glasses, lunch. Leader approval is required. Contact Gloria Amaral, 959-5180, or koaia@hgea.org.

• **November 28, Sunday—Escape Road to Pu'u Huluhulu, HVNP (F) D=5.5 miles, E=3800 ft, -500 ft** We will do this trail as a car shuttle from Nahuku, also called Thurston Lava Tube, to the Mauna Ulu parking lot. This pleasant family hike is almost all downhill. We start in the forest, go across pahoehoe lava, climb Pu'u Huluhulu (eat lunch with a view of Pu'u O'o) and go back to cars. Call Toni Thomson, 982-9287, or Annette Felix, 985-7272.

• **December 4, Saturday—Kalopa Native Forest Nature Tr. (E)(F) D=1 mile appx., E=2,250 ft +/- 30 ft** A short, easy walk (0.7 mi) into a Hawaiian rain forest. Inter-pretive guide book is provided. Limited to 15. Picnic grounds available after the hike; families welcome. Bring rain gear, wear sturdy shoes, mosquito repellent, water, picnic lunch. Meet at parking lot across from Bayfront Shell station at 9:30 am, or at Kalopa Park, 10:30 am. Call Edith Worsencroft, 963-6317 for info.

# MAUI GROUP OUTINGS

- **Saturday, October 9: Waihou Springs Trail Service Trip** in conjunction with Na Ala Hele. Enjoy a peaceful 2-mile easy/moderate forest walk in upper Olinda to a lovely fern grotto, and help us maintain this upcountry trail. Bring water and picnic lunch. Tools and gloves are provided. No registration necessary. Meet @ 8 AM in parking lot across from St. Joseph's Church in Makawao. Leader: Kim Aloia.
- **Sunday, October 17: Hike Leader Training.** Call 573-4147 to register, for information and meeting place. A current First Aid certification (good for 3 years) is also required to lead Sierra Club hikes. Information on obtaining certification will be available.
- **Saturday, October 23: Kealia National Wildlife Refuge Birding Hike.** Come and see the distinct Fall migration of a variety of waterfowl and shore birds, and hear an overview about the refuge. Meet @ 8 AM at the Refuge office (turn into the driveway at Mile Post 6 on the Mokulele Hwy. and follow the road for 1/2 mile to the office). Bring binoculars, spotting scope, suitable shoes for mud and water. Limit: 30. Pre-registration a must at 573-4147. Guide: Glynnis Nakai. Leader: Koana Smith.
- **Saturday, October 30: Iao Valley Ridge/White Cross Hike.** 4 miles (4 hours), strenuous, steep slopes, partly overgrown trail. Hikers will have the option of going as far as White Cross (visible from Wailuku) or continuing 1/2 mile further along the rugged Iao ridge. Awesome views and plenty of native plants. Meet @ 8:30 am by water tanks just past Iao Valley Road. Bring long pants, hiking boots, lots of water, rain gear, sunscreen, and lunch. Limit: 12. (top condition hikers only) Leaders: "Mango" Mitch Skaggerberg and Kitt Lengkeek. Pre-register via 573-1848 and call this number (if inclement weather) on morning of hike.
- **Sunday, November 7: Hana Cave Tour.** Call Voice Mail for details (573-4147).
- **Saturday, November 13: Polipoli Hike.** A 4.5 mile easy/mod-

erate loop trail. Enjoy birding at the beginning of the trail. Bring: binoculars, rain gear, lunch, sweater, hiking shoes, and water. Meet @ 8 AM SHARP at Rice Park (Lower Kula Road) Guide: Renate Gassmann-Duvall. Leader: Koana Smith. Pre-registration required via 573-4147. Limit: 15.

- **Saturday, November 27: Waikapu Valley and Stream** A strenuous day-long exploration of this historic valley. Bring lunch, insect repellent, water, swimsuit, and stream hiking footwear. Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Assistant Leader: Koana Smith. Meet @ 9 AM at top of Waiko Road (mauka of Honoapi'ilani Hwy) in Waikapu. Limit: 10. Shorter version - 1/2 day exploration. Leader: Kitty Lengkeek. Limit 10. Pre-register with Mitch at 573-1848 and Kitty via 573-4147.

- **Sunday, December 5: Hana'ula Hike and Service Outing** Meet: 8 am at Ma'alaea Harbor (Buzz's Wharf). Volunteers needed with high-clearance 4WD vehicles. After 4 miles of four-wheeling we will hike the Kealaloloa ridge line through native 'ohi'a and fern forest at 3,500 feet. Limit: 8. Pre-registration a must. Call Voice Mail at 573-4147. Leaders: Koana Smith & Lucienne de Naie.

- **Sunday, December 12: Olowalu Valley Hike** Moderate 1-2 mile tour exploring cultural features, plant life, and history of this ancient West Maui Valley. Leader: Lucienne de Naie & Koana Smith. Limit: 20. Meet: 8:30 AM at Olowalu store (park near trees on Lahaina side). Register via Voice Mail 573-4147.

- **Saturday, December 18: Haleakala National Park Christmas Tree Harvest at Pu'u Niani'au.** Meet for this annual event by 9 AM on the road to Hosmer Grove. Joint effort with Park Service and The Friends of Haleakala National Park. Cut and pull alien pine seedlings. Take home a tree and greens. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, saw and/or lopper. No chain saws. Dress according to weather conditions. Leader: Mary Evanson.

## MOKU LOA GROUP OUTINGS

*Key: D=distance, the estimated round trip miles for the day E=elevation in feet; + gain, - loss, +/- up & down Classification of Hikes: (E) Education/ Interpretation, (C) Conservation, (F) Family/Fun, (S) Service*

- **October 9-10, Saturday-Sunday—Red Hill Cabin Backpack.** (E) D=9 miles/day, E=6500 ft +/- 3800 ft The trail starts at the end of Mauna Loa Strip Road at 6,500 ft where participants will begin a strenuous climb up the slopes of Mauna Loa in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. You will enjoy the view from "the Top of the World" from the cone at over 10,000 ft. Required gear: frame backpack, sleeping bag, warm clothes, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen and good health. May have to carry 35-40 lb pack. Reservations required and limited to 10. Cooperative dinner will be arranged in advance; other meals will be provided by individuals. Trailhead departure time by 9:00 am. Contact Roberta Brashear, 966-7002, after August 25 for more information and sign up.
- **October 16, Saturday—MLG Annual Membership Party** Wailoa State Park, 5:00 pm. Program topic: "Midway Islands." Members who have visited Midway are invited to bring photos, slides and stories to share. All members are welcome; potluck. Bring a pupu; we will provide a main dish. For more information contact Roberta Brashear, 966-7002.
- **October 22-25 Friday-Monday—Waimanu Valley Backpack (E)** D=18 miles, E=8000 ft +/- 4000 ft This 4-day trip is for experienced backpackers only. We will start from the rim of Waipio Valley, descend into the valley, cross the valley, and ascend up the far

side, continuing on this trail until we drop down into Waimanu Valley 9 miles from our starting point. We will spend 2 days in Waimanu and then return to our starting point on the 4th day. There will be a required pre-trip meeting for gear check-out and trip planning. Contact Phil Barnes, 965-9695, for further information. Co-leader, RoxAnne Lawson, 965-7132.

- **October 30-31 Saturday and Sunday—Outings Leader Training (E)** Location to be announced. Contact Sarah Moon, 935-3475.

- **November 6, Saturday—Whittington Park to Punalu'u Park (E)** D=5 miles, E=sea level Rugged, exposed coastline hike (mostly lava) passing cultural sites, fresh water springs and Kawa Beach. Sometimes exploratory, as there is no continuous established trail. Expect hot, sunny weather and several low water crossings. Bring 2 qts. water, water socks, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, hat/visor, sun glasses and lunch. Lunch at Kawa Beach with possible ocean swim or dip in brackish pool. Swim at own risk—rough water and strong currents. Due to cultural and environmental sensitivity limited to ten participants and leader approval. Contact Diane Ware, 967-8642, by October 30 for info and to sign up. Car shuttle required.

- **November 13, 1999 Saturday—Mauna Iki (E)** D=9 miles; E=500 We don't hike this trail across the Ka'u desert very much. Often the access is closed because of nene nesting or fire danger. By November the nene will be fledged and gone, and the rainy season should be making everything green. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, rain gear and wear strong boots. For

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Attention: Elections Committee

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**Chapter Executive Committee Elections**

**Ballots must be received by Noon, Friday November 26: P.O. Box 2577 Honolulu 96803**

The Executive Committee establishes Chapter policies, coordinates activities, sets the Chapter budget, raises funds, recruits members, makes political endorsements and works on conservation issues. The nominating committee has nominated the following candidates for four (4) positions on the Ex-Comm.

**Roberta Brashear** • Roberta Lynn Brashear, a member of the Sierra Club since 1987, has served on the Moku Loa Group Ex-Com for 2 years. She is currently Outings Co-Chair and Group Chair as well as the Big Island representative to Hawai'i Chapter. Roberta is an avid hiker, distance runner, nature photographer, and an environmental educator presently teaching biology and environmental science at Hawai'i Community College in Hilo. For the past 3 years she served as President of Hawaiian Acres Community Association and Vice-president of Puna Community Council in order to take an active role in planning the future of "our" Big Island. "Our rainforests are pristine and need to be preserved as much as possible; we should protect our open spaces and retain our uniqueness. My goal is to expand our membership involvement in conservation issues and increase participation and awareness through our outings".

**Nelson Ho** • Nelson was asked many years ago to participate in formulating energy policy for the Hawaii Chapter. It led to a productive partnership. He is now one of many speaking to preserve Mauna Kea from overdevelopment and mismanagement. He was a past Chapter ExCom Chair and Moku Loa Group Ex-Com chair.

**David Frankel** • David Kimo Frankel is currently chair of the Hawai'i Chapter. He previously served as the chapter's first full-time director, as the Chapter's legislative coordinator, as the O'ahu Group's conservation chair and as the chapter's conservation chair. He currently divides his time between taking care of his son, removing ginger from the rainforests of Volcano and making trouble for developers.

**Randy Ching** • I am running for Ex-Comm because my interest in conservation issues has increased over the last year. I am currently outings chair for Oahu Group and will try to establish a few more "conservation-oriented" outings. The Sierra Club is doing important work. Please support the Club in any way that you can. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the earth (especially the wild places).

**Judy Dalton** • Serving on the Chapter Executive Committee for the past 3 years has given me inspiration and support for the work that needs to be done on Kaua'i to save our precious natural assets. From stopping the Wailua sea wall to forming "Friends of Donkey Beach," networking with leaders of the Sierra Club has been essential. I would like to continue sharing ideas with other dedicated people striving to protect our islands so that we can all be effective in our mutual goals.

**Daniel Grantham** • I live on a rural homestead in Maui and am self-employed as a technical trouble-shooter for those who face mechanical, electrical and cyberworld challenges. In other words, my work ranges from designing webpages to fixing uncooperative appliances and equipment. My longtime "hobby" is community video. I have been involved in filming numerous events and getting the information out to the public. As a member of the Maui Group I have focused my efforts on educating the public and policy makers about renewable energy strategies. I am currently completing an educational video/brochure (funded by a National Sierra Club Grant) aimed at the business community. It focuses on sustainable energy choices businesses can make. I hope to share my extensive research and background knowledge on renewable energy as a member of the Chapter Ex-Comm and help move the whole state towards a clean energy future.

**Hannah Bernard** • I am applying for the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter Ex-Com for a number of reasons. Both of our organizations are conservation-oriented and share similar goals. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund has worked closely with the Sierra Club on Maui to facilitate coalition building on two of the most controversial land-use issues of the last decade: the proposed Ma'alaea Harbor and Kahului Airport Expansion projects. I have seen firsthand the power in alliances between like-minded non-governmental organizations. My vision is to assist the Sierra Club in effective conservation and education programs on the marine environment, as so many threats to the ocean are land-based in origin. I believe my background in marine conservation, education and research, and my position as Executive Director of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund will provide the Sierra Club with the additional expertise and positive energy in coastal issues it needs to succeed in leaving a healthy environmental legacy for future generations.



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**Important Election  
 Information!**

**Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter  
 Executive Committee Election  
 Four (4) At-Large Positions  
 Those elected will take office in January 2000**

In order for your ballot to be valid and to ensure the secrecy of the ballot, the following must be done:

1. Two ballots are provided. Joint memberships should use both ballots. Single memberships must use only one ballot or both ballots will be invalidated.
2. Fold this self-mailing ballot on the dotted line with your name, address and membership digit number located above your name. We verify memberships and then remove the address portion prior to opening ballots. Your vote remains strictly confidential.
3. Stamp and mail ballot to Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, P.O. Box 2577, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96803. Ballots must be received by noon, Friday, November 26.

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RANDY CHING	<input type="checkbox"/>
DANIEL GRANTHAM	<input type="checkbox"/>
HANNAH BERNARD	<input type="checkbox"/>

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