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Sierra Club volunteer and environmentalist.

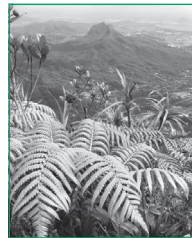
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# Meet the Sierra Club's New Volunteer Coordinator



*The Chapter Executive Committee prioritized the expansion of the Club's Outings*

*programs, which include the High School Hiker and Hawai'i Service Trip Program. Thanks to a capacity building grant from the Hawai'i Community Foundation, the Hawai'i Chapter received funding to hire, on a part-time basis, a new Volunteer Coordinator. We're proud to welcome Jennifer Homcy to our staff. She writes:*

The Sierra Club has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My father was an active member with the Treasure Coast Chapter in Florida when I was growing up. I began working actively in conservation as a volunteer from the age of sixteen, and over the years have been privileged to work collaboratively with various Sierra Club Chapters on a variety of conservation issues that helped protect manatees, sea turtles and wetlands.

At a young age I remember having an epiphany which shaped my own personal philosophy: Life is about connections. I am

honored and thrilled to join the Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter as volunteer coordinator.

Reflecting over the past two decades of my career and volunteerism, I realize that it is my volunteering that has defined me and what I feel are my successes. They were all driven by one thing - my passion for nature and my quest for developing an understanding of how all things in life are connected, including people.

As I look back, the relationships that I have built over the years as a conservationist are what continue to inspire me

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

When I was child, I loved reading John F. Kennedy's *Profiles in Courage*, a book depicting examples where politicians risked their careers in furtherance of the national good. Robert Kennedy, in his foreword, described the book as "a study of men who, at risk to themselves, their futures, even the well-being of their children, stood fast for principle."

Political courage, unfortunately, is a missing trait in modern politics. For example, after two years of public hearings and evaluation of the facts, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was proceeding with tightening smog regulations. Ground-level ozone, when combined with other emissions from industrial plants and vehicles, generates smog—and the resulting decline in air quality exacerbates lung and heart ailments, including asthma.

But, in early September, President Obama bent to the complaints of vocal Republicans and big polluters and withdrew the proposed draft smog regulations. He proposed the EPA take up the matter again in 2013 - when, not coincidentally, the next presidential election will be over.

Critics have rightfully called President Obama's decision the "sorry kids, clean air will have to wait" action. The lives of millions of Americans will now be put potentially at risk because of unsafe smog levels. By lowering the standard to 60 ppb, the EPA estimates that 4,000 to 12,000 premature deaths a year would be averted by 2020. By lowering the standard to 70 ppb, an estimated 1,500 to 4,300 premature deaths would be avoided.

Those are direct savings in human suffering. President Obama, as he has all too frequently in recent months, caved to the opposition rather than defend the public health value of the rules or refute the questionable claim that reducing smog—through standards phased in over the next few years—would damage the economy.

Political courage might be in short supply in Hawai'i, too. Governor Abercrombie campaigned on promises of food security, saying he would "preserve and start growing on agricultural lands" and "raise the supply of local food." While still early in his term of office, his administration is going in the wrong direction. Recently the state Department of Agriculture reversed its prior position on one of the largest developments currently proposed in Hawai'i, the Ho'opili project proposed by D.R. Horton.

Under the Lingle administration, D.R. Horton was asked to protect the same amount of agricultural land as what is being proposed for development. In other words, if DR Horton develops 1,000 acres, they should permanently protect 1,000 acres of farmland.

Without any logical reason, the Abercrombie administration abandoned this concept. Now the Department of Agriculture largely supports the development. This isn't just any old development—the farmland to be destroyed produces approximately 20% of the State's locally grown produce. This is a return to politics of old, a major "give" to developers, and a failure to fulfill promises of protecting agricultural lands and returning Hawai'i to greater levels of self-sufficiency.

Let me end on a positive note. Both President Obama and Governor Abercrombie were elected with a strong majority because of their promises for a better future. These promises were not lightly made—some were controversial—but they demonstrated principle, a plan for "a new day," and a degree of political courage. This courage was rewarded because the general public gets it: we want a self-sufficient future powered by clean energy and locally grown-food.

It's time for us to remind our leaders of their earlier courage. They need to stop listening to a bunch of dirty power polluters and selfish developers that stand in the way of our chosen future.

Hope to see you on the trail... - Robert D. Harris



## Mālama I Ka Honua

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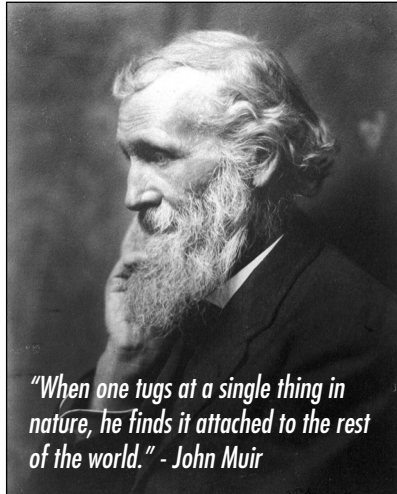
## New Volunteer Coordinator

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today. John Muir once said “When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” There has never been a more critical time for us to make decisions based on Muir’s founding principles. We are at a crucial apex where we have some challenging decisions to make, and we have to work together to face those decisions.

In the hustle of our modern society, at times the most important aspects of this life can get lost. Community, relationships, and quality of life are at the heart of what defines humanity. Taking the time to connect to our world in an age where we all have to work harder and longer for less, is one of our biggest challenges. Volunteering is one of the best ways to come together for the greater good.

In the coming months Sierra Club’s mission is to engage more people through volunteerism, to raise awareness, and to gain



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support on critical conservation issues facing Hawai‘i and our communities. Ask yourself “What can I do to get involved and how do I connect with my community?” Get engaged, get outdoors, come for a hike, clean a beach, plant a tree, write a letter, make new friends, provide funding, and connect to the elements that give you life, keep you healthy and bring us together.

Sierra is a volunteer organization and you, the members

are the voice, the service people, the supporters and the community. From opening the mail as volunteer Steve Tierney does religiously every week to Anthony Alto’s leadership with Capitol Watch, Randy Ching’s Outings Programs, Janice Marsters’ Hawai‘i Service Trip Program, and Bob Keane’s High School Hikers Program, Sierra Club’s volunteer leaders continue to connect the Islands, students, residents and tourists all to Hawai‘i’s ecosystems and to each other. The opportunities are endless.

Come join us to honor yourselves and those who have paved the path of conservation with a connection to the past, present and future of our world. Again, I feel privileged to join you and the Sierra Club Hawai‘i Chapter, and I am looking forward to working with you for a better Hawai‘i and a healthy future for all living things.

**Jennifer Homcy**  
*Volunteer Coordinator, SCHC*

## Ray C. Anderson: Obituary

By Reese Liggett

Recently the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* carried the obituary (*New York Times*) for an American Industrialist who had an environmental epiphany in 1994 at age 60. His realization: “We are all part of the continuum of humanity and life. We will have lived our brief span and either helped or hurt that continuum and the earth that sustains all life. It’s that simple. Which will it be?”

Ray Christie Anderson termed himself a “recovering

plunderer” and went on to reinvent his company’s (Interface, Inc.) worldwide factory operation that he had developed since the early ‘70s to reduce the environmental impact of his carpet manufacturing business and become one of the nation’s most effective corporate advocates for environmental sustainability.

Reduction of waste and carbon emissions became his battle cry to industrialists accustomed to merely meeting minimal government regulations that have no enforcement regulations.

He claimed that what had started out as the right thing

to do, quickly evolved into the smart thing and claimed cost savings from elimination of waste alone at \$262 million—and a 50% reduction in carbon footprint across his 26 factories.

Anderson credited the book *The Ecology of Commerce* by Paul Hawken with changing his perspective. He described reading it as a “spear in the chest” experience. He said, “I was plunderer of Earth, and that is not the legacy one wants to leave. I wept.”

His legacy, Anderson said that was a prime mover for him. It was that simple. It can work for all of us.



## PATH NEAR & FAR: THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAPTER CHAIR

By Mark Glick

### On the Move

At the Hawai'i Chapter and national levels, the Sierra Club is expanding its services and reach. This growth reflects the demand and need for more conservation related programs and advocacy efforts to protect our planet. But, I also believe it represents confidence by our members and stakeholders in the Club's future and past effectiveness.

For much of its 119-year history, the Sierra Club has been the nation's largest and most effective environmental organization. Unsatisfied with resting on its laurels, the Sierra Club has set forth an ambitious path to help cut carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, create a clean-energy economy, and protect our natural heritage, communities, and country from the consequences of global warming.

The Club's priorities address the desire for a youthful and diverse membership to tackle the biggest environmental challenges of our times. Priority programs include Beyond Coal, Beyond Oil, Natural Gas Reform, Protecting America's Waters, Resilient Habitats, and Youth and Diversity.

Our Hawai'i Chapter is also on the move by recently being invited by the national Club to be one of the states participating in its Clean Coal Campaign. Chapter Director Robert Harris is leading that effort and will be seeking staff support to rid Hawai'i of coal-fired power generation in the coming weeks.

With a grant by the Hawai'i Community Foundation, the Chapter has recently hired a volunteer coordinator, Jennifer Homcy, to lead efforts to revitalize our High School Hiker and Hawai'i Service Trip programs. She'll be reaching out to members and community partners to increase the number of schools and teachers participating in the program and increasing the number of persons.

At the same time, we continue to work towards making this new position permanent by funding the Lorin T. Gill Endowment Fund.

As always, we seek your support to effectively deliver our advocacy, environmental education and outdoors programs. I've been privileged over the past three years to serve as your Chair and cannot thank you enough for your support and interest in the Sierra Club and for making us Hawai'i's largest and most effective grassroots environmental organization.



It's time for America to get smart about energy and be less dependent on dwindling oil reserves. We need to increase our use of clean, renewable energy sources like wind and solar power. Let your voice be heard.

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# Susan Elliott Miller

March 2, 1940 – August 30, 2011



Hawai'i and the world lost a brave warrior for the environment when Susan Elliott Miller passed away on August 30, 2011. Many of her 71 years were spent working or volunteering for the Sierra Club, at the National office or in the Hawai'i Chapter.

Susan was born in Utah on March 2, 1940. Her mother Virginia Elliott preceded her in death. She is survived by her brother Douglas Elliott.

In San Francisco, Susan served as the Sierra Club Board of Directors and Sierra Club Council Secretary during the 1970s. She later moved to Hawai'i

and continued her work for the environment as a volunteer for the Hawai'i Chapter of Sierra Club and as staff for the Natural Resources Defense Council office in Honolulu. She also worked for the State of Hawai'i Office of State Planning, where she did important work on Hawai'i's Polluted Runoff Control Program. Susan also promoted cooperation among the environmental organizations of Hawai'i. For many years she hosted and coordinated brown bag lunch meetings of the Environmental Legislative Network in downtown Honolulu.

The Sierra Club honored Susan Miller with the William Colby Award in 1981; a chapter service award is named after her. Several Hawai'i Chapter members have received the Susan E. Miller Chapter Service Award for volunteers.

A Memorial Celebration of Life for Susan will be held on October 1, 2011 at Kailua Beach Park Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in the memory of Susan Miller can be made to Douglas Elliott. Arrangements under the direction of Borthwick Mortuary, Honolulu, HI.

Long time friend and Sierra Club volunteer Annette Kaohelaui remembers Susan as one of the most dedicated environmentalists she had ever met. "In spite of her debilitating arthritis, Susan kept on going to battle for Hawai'i and the planet. She was one of the bravest women I have ever known."

Sue has lived in Hawai'i for many years and was employed by the state working on environmental issues. I don't know when she retired. I last saw her in the fall of 2006. She insisted on coming to me, arriving by bus in a wheelchair. Her arthritis slowed her down but she was as mobile as she was able to be.

Goodbye to a friend.

## Book Review

**Best Children's Book:**

*The Little Greenies*

"To all who love to climb trees (or who remember doing so)" reads the dedication note in *The Little Greenies*—Manu the Seabird by Petronella Evers. This eco-tale tells the story of a band of mystical menehune-like creatures who, with the help of an adventurous brother and sister, save an injured seabird...and the rest of nature in the process. What makes the hardcover a standout is its combination of handcrafted Claymation-posed pixies photographed in live action nature settings, which call to mind beloved franchises like Sesame Street and Lamb Chop's Play-Along, but rather with a topically local and sustainable message. Before you ask, the answer is: Yes, the book is printed on recycled paper. — M.D.



[www.thelittlegreenies.com](http://www.thelittlegreenies.com)

**Book Description:** A universal story of children who care for a bird they found in their garden.

With adorable nature creatures, *The Little Greenies*, offering their help and the bird's trouble caused by choking on plastic debris, the story inspires environmental awareness within the imaginary world of children.



# Nate's Adventures



by Nate Yuen

I recently climbed up Hawai'i Loa Ridge to see the native plants on the Ko'olau mountains above East O'ahu.



1

The nice thing about Hawai'i Loa Ridge is that it supports a variety of native trees and plants. The lower parts of the ridge are home to drought tolerant native plants like this pukiaawe, which has brilliant red berries. (1)



2

Invasive strawberry guava trees thrive on Hawai'i Loa Ridge. Mosses grow along the margins of the trail as it climbs up and down a series of hills through the forest of strawberry guava. (2)



3

The invasive forest comes to an abrupt end and the native forest starts suddenly consisting mainly of 'uluhe ferns with by koa, 'ōhi'a and other native trees overhead. (3)



4

One of the neat things about Hawai'i Loa Ridge are living arches of koa which assume an amazing bent and twisted form. (4)



5

Steps have been pounded into the final sections of the trail to make the climb easier to manage. [Editor's note—Steps were installed, in large part, by Sierra Club volunteer Randy Ching!] (5)

One of the more eye-catching sights was orange lehua which had two colors—orange stamens with yellow pistils. What a stunning color combination! (6)

**Nathan Yuen** is an artist/photographer/naturalist whose body of work is a confluence of hiking, conservation, and fine art photography. Each weekend you can find him hiking, backpacking or kayaking to out-of-the-way locations to photograph Hawai'i's native plants and animals, many of which are rare or endangered. His goal is to showcase these biological treasures to give you a reason to protect them for future generations. Nathan has a website at [HawaiianForest.com](http://HawaiianForest.com) where you can see his art and read about his adventures.





The leaves of lapalapa trees (*Cheirodendron platyphyllum*) have long pliable stems which allows their leaves to flutter in the slightest breeze. (7)

While admiring lehua papa — *Metrosideros rugosa*, the clouds partially lifted and I could see the reservoir in the back of Waimanalo Valley. Due to the recent rains, the reservoir was full



after being nearly depleted by drought last summer. (8)

While admiring the hapu'u ferns (*Cibotium chamissoi*) along the edge, the clouds lifted further and allowed me to see Olomana and windward O'ahu. What an awesome hike! (9)



## Conference Call Invitation for Members: Monday, October 10

Hawai'i Chapter Conservation Committee invites interested members to a Conference Call Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day) at 7 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Debbie Ward at [dward@hawaii.edu](mailto:dward@hawaii.edu) for conference call details.

**Chapter Conservation Chairs Debbie Ward and Lucienne deNaie are soliciting interest in a statewide conservation committee for:**

- 1) Issues that cross island boundaries, such as DLNR mammal hunting rules, and more.
- 2) Envision/propose legislative action that have multi-island impacts, such as invasive sp, GMO labeling.
- 3) Taking initiative on statewide policy issues, such as land use, agriculture/open space, energy.
- 4) Training, as needed on environmental law, strategies, and resources.
- 5) Others as suggested.

We propose to set up an informal working group, with members identified by island, interests, expertise. Members would prioritize issues and identify working group members, involve Capitol Watch members/champions, and interact with Hawai'i Chapter ExCom members. We propose to meet by conference call for specific issues, and consider meeting quarterly before ExCom meetings (some members may be on both committees), and report to ExCom with action items quarterly.

# O'ahu Group Report

O'ahu Group was principally involved during June-August with the proposed HO'OPILI Project. After voting 6-0-1 to file "a notice of intention to intervene" in a contested case hearing before the Land Use Commission, the O'ahu Group heard from principal opponent, Kioni Dudley, but also invited D.R.Horton/Schuler Division to present their plans for Ho'opili to a meeting of SCOG. Attorney Cameron Nekota, Robert Bruhl, and another representative presented their plans for Ho'opili. They stressed that this would be the "best planned" subdivision yet on O'ahu, with such considerations as photovoltaic ready construction, solar water heating, and considerations for using "grey" water to irrigate vegetation. They also pointed out that 250 acres of their 1500 acre project were being set aside for "community gardens, small farms, and other agricultural possibilities."

In response to a "thank you for your time" e-mail from the chair, there were later inputs from Horton:

- 1) Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is developing two pieces of property adjacent to Ho'opili (proposed) which are currently under cultivation by Aloun Farms. It was noted Sierra Club has not objected to these developments.
- 2) UH West O'ahu, originally proposed during the Cayetano Administration for a site mauka of H-1, is now

undergoing construction on the parcel 'ewa of proposed Ho'opili, and makai of H-1, also without objection from Sierra Club.

- 3) If Sierra Club supports rail transit (OG Position), then only the UHW O'ahu and Ho'opili Stations (proposed) would actually see true "Transit Oriented Development." All other rail station would involve redevelopment of extant structures and facilities.

The OG ExCom, however, felt that the preservation of actual farms and farmland, and that Horton's not suggesting alternative lands for cultivation, was reason enough to oppose the Ho'opili project.

Members Randy Ching, Willis Moore, and Anthony Aalto pursued conversations with Sierra Club in San Francisco concerning requirement for actually intervening. SCHQ insisted that there be an attorney of record and various other procedures be followed before approval to actually intervene could be given. Members of SCOG ExCom worked to meet these requirements, obtain the services of two attorneys, Elizabeth Dunne and Tatyana Cerullo, and started the actual legal action. O'ahu Group point persons working with the attorneys are Anthony Aalto, Randy Ching, and Amy Brinker.

The OG is also considering a position and actions concerning

"Envision La'ie" and its various parts. A presentation was made in late August from James Anthony who opposes all developments, beginning with the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel proposal on land formerly occupied by a smaller

La'ie Inn, and including expansion of the BYUH Campus and proposed housing development on land in Malaekahana. The OG voted to send a communiqué to all City Council Members asking they delay final consideration of the S.M.A. for the hotel pending additional information on water, drainage, and traffic.

The OG is also working to meet with Kyo Ya to hear a defense of their Waikiki Beach hotel proposals, and also working to meet with Council person Stanley Chang regarding the waste water problems at the Sand Island Treatment plant which have necessitated hauling sludge from Sand Island to Hono'uli'uli for treatment.

Dr. Steve Montgomery excitedly presented information that a group in Hawai'i was working to secure the 2016 meeting of the INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE, IUCN, for Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands. This prestigious and important N.G.O. has never met in the U.S.A. owing to basically unfriendly policies concerning visa approvals; perhaps, however, with



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encouragement from Customs and Border Protection, an expedited visa application/approval process could be expected. Steve is writing to Sierra Club in San Francisco asking their endorsement of Hawai'i as the location for the 2016 conference. He is further prepared to travel to ChejuDo (Island) SW of Korean peninsula for the 2012 meeting and lobby for Hawai'i as the next venue. Sierra Club would not be asked for funding, just for endorsement and support of what could be the most important environmental meeting ever held in the Hawaiian Islands.

A slate of six nominees for OG Executive Committee was announced by Anthony Aalto on September 6th. The OG Executive Committee voted to defer to the Chapter Election Committee as the body to tally, total, and release the results of the upcoming Chapter and Group elections.

A large issue has presented itself to Robert Harris, and thus, to the O'ahu Group: RAIL TRANSIT.

Persistent misinformation from the anti-rail individuals and groups saying that "All environmental groups oppose rail," has provoked telephone calls to the Office asking if such is true. CIVIL BEAT learned that SCOG actually has a position favoring "Fixed Guideway Transit" for O'ahu which was adopted in early 2008. Now three years later, with the City & County's having proceeded to adopt a steel wheel on steel rail plan for a rapid transit, it is obvious O'ahu Group must update and revisit its previous support. Robert Harris pointed that in general, Sierra Club has always supported "mass rapid transit" as being environmentally more responsible and respectable than continued expansion or highways and use of automobiles. He encouraged O'ahu Group,

however, to be more specific as to the plans and possibilities for rapid mass transit on O'ahu. The OG asked Chair, Willis Moore, to draft a new position for consideration in October 2011. In the meanwhile, callers are being referred to the O'ahu Group Website to view the extant position as adopted in early 2008.

The need for fund-raising at both the Chapter and at the Group level has been given serious and careful consideration by Linny Morris. The O'ahu Group received a couple of ideas for what might result in measurable funds to both Chapter and O'ahu Group; however nothing concrete nor available for public release has been set at press time.

**Willis Moore**  
*Chair, O'ahu Group*

## O'ahu Group Outings

### See Page 15 for General 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 Cross roads, 2510 Bingham Street, Honolulu. Do not leave your car in the church parking lot.

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

#### Saturday, October 1

*Queen Kapiolani Gardens Phase IV Service Project (S)*

Reservations required. Join the City's Division Urban Forestry and the Sierra Club in the fourth phase of planting a native plant garden. Meet at Queen Kapiolani Garden (bordered by Monsarrat Avenue/Paki Avenue/Leahi Avenue) at 8:00AM. Tools will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your favorite digging or pruning tools! Stan Oka 429-9814, Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Marie LaBerge 545-1252

#### Sunday, October 2

*Kamanaiki (F)*

5 mi/Moderate/Ridge/Kalihi  
Not for those uneasy about heights. We'll ascend a steep beautiful ridge that divides Kalihi Valley for nice views of the Ko'olau mountains and native forest. Gwen Sinclair 753-0528

#### Sunday, October 2

*Photography Hike: Wahiawa Botanical Garden (E/F)*  
1 mi/Easy/Tropical Environment/Wahiawa  
Reservations required. The pace of

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photography hikes is extremely slow. Tropical Botanical Garden with native plants, colorful flowers and foliage. Stan Oka 429-9814, Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Marie LaBerge 545-1252

## Saturday, October 8

*MCBH Kaneohe Bay Service Project (S)*  
2 mi/Moderate/Coast/Kaneohe  
Reservations required. Call Annette Kaohelaulii at 235-5431 by October 6. Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay has an award-winning environmental program. Help clear a wetland of mangrove plants to create habitat for Hawai'i's endangered water birds. Because MCBH is a secured military facility, we must provide your name to the base in advance, and we will send you a waiver, which you must bring with you. Deborah Blair 955-4168

## Sunday, October 9

*Beginner hike: Pu'u u Pia (F)*  
Meet at Church of the Crossroads at 9 a.m. Wear closed-toe shoes with good traction. Bring a liter of water, snack, raingear. Sunscreen, hat, insect repellent recommended. For those who have not hiked in a long time or would like an easy hike. Randy Ching 942-0145, asst. Roxanne Villanueva

## Saturday, October 15

*Ala Wai Boat Harbor Cleanup (S)*  
Meet at 8 a.m. at the Harbor Master's Office, between the 3rd and 4th row of boats behind the Ilikai Hotel. Park in street stalls or public lot Ewa of Hilton lagoon. Wear sturdy shoes with gripping soles and bring a hat, thick rubber gloves, sunscreen, and water. All participants under 18 must have a waiver signed by their legal guardian to participate. Please contact the leader for the waiver. Closed toe shoes only. Deborah Blair 955-4168

## Sunday, October 16

*James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge (E)*  
1 mi/Easy/Coast/Kahuku  
Guided Birding Tour. The James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge located in Kahuku will be opening this week, so we will be able to welcome back many of the migratory birds who spend the winters on this refuge. Another special

treat will be to see the young Hawaiian Black-neck Stilts who hatched this past summer. Join Annette as she leads this last birding tour before moving to Kaua'i. There will be a limit of 25 participants for this morning adventure, so reservations are a must. Call Annette 235-5431 to get the details such as meeting time and place. annettesadventures@juno.com Colleen Soares 748-9215

## Saturday, October 22

*Kuliouou Ridge step building (S)*  
Meet at the trailhead at 8 a.m. We'll be installing steps on Kuliouou Ridge near the summit to finish up what we started last year. Bring work gloves, water, lunch and sunscreen/hat. We'll provide all the tools. Randy Ching 942-0145

## Sunday, October 23

*Aiea Lani Ridge (F)*  
2.5 mi/Easy/Ridge/Aiea  
Meet at Church of the Crossroads at 9 a.m. We start on the Aiea Loop Trail and end up at the back of Aiea Lani Estates. This is a seldom used trail and a brand new Sierra Club hike. Randy Ching 942-0145, Dave Iacobucci

## Sunday, October 23

*Puu Ma'eli'eli (F)*  
3 mi/Moderate/Ridge/Kahaluu  
Reservations required. Uphill hike to pillbox overlooking beautiful Kaneohe Bay. Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925

## Saturday, October 29

*Tantalus Crater (F)*  
4 mi/Moderate/Ridge/Mānoa  
This hike starts on the Mānoa Cliff Trail and offers great views of Mānoa Valley and the Ko'olau Mountains. When we reach the Pu'u 'Ōhi'a trail, we ascend it through bamboo to the top of Tantalus. Then we take a secret side trail to a view of Kōnāhuanui. Gwen Sinclair 753-0528

## Sunday, October 30

*Kaena Point Sierra Seminar (E)*  
6 mi/Moderate/Coast/Mokuleia  
Reservations required by Oct. 21. We will learn about native coastal plants and animals on this interpretive hike. The newly installed predator-proof fence is now protecting several species

in the Natural Area Reserve. Colleen Soares csoares48@gmail.com or 748-9215

## Sunday, October 30

*Kapalama Loop (F)*  
6 mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Alewa Hts  
This up and down ridge trail leads to great views. Along the trail there are a number of native plants and opportunities to spot native birds. Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, Stan Oka 429-9814, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Marie LaBerge 545-1252

## Sunday, November 6

*Niu Valley Mid-Valley Ridge Seminar (E/F)*  
6 mi/Moderate/Ridge/Niu Valley  
Sierra Seminar for Sierra Club Leaders and Leaders in Training ONLY. Trail with many native plants and possibly see native birds. Beautiful scenery. Reservations required. Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Randy Ching 942-0145

## Friday to Sunday, November 11 - 13

*Haleakala National Park, Maui (S)*  
Leader: Deborah Blair Phone: 955-4168, E-mail: deborahblair1@mac.com  
Our accommodation for the weekend is Kapalaoa Cabin situated in the center of Haleakala Crater. The work will be eradicating California Telegraph Plant and Plantago. This trip is for hikers in good physical condition and for those who don't mind "Roughing It". We have a 7 mile hike in via the Sliding Sands Trail and we will exit via the Halema'u trail. Participants will also have to deal with the elevation. The cabin was build in the 1930's by CCC workers and is rustic. There are no washroom or shower facilities, but there is an outhouse. We do have a 2 burner gas stove top and a wood burning stove to keep warm. The reward is spending the weekend in a beautiful National Park.

## Saturday, November 12

*Kealia (F)*  
7 mi/Strenuous/Ridge/Mokuleia  
We'll switchback up the ridge overlooking Dillingham Airfield and the North Shore until we reach a lookout over Makua Valley, watching gliders, parachutists, and paragliders along the way. Colleen Soares, csoares48@gmail.com or 748-9215

## Sunday, November 13

*Waiakekua Falls (F)*

# O'ahu Group Outings

4 mi/Moderate/Valley/Manoa

We'll explore a little known place quite different from the nearby super popular Manoa Falls Trail. Deep in dense jungle, passing several pools and small waterfalls and a monument from the 1890s, we'll eventually arrive at a neat 2-tiered waterfall to cool off under at the base of the towering Ko'olau Mountains. Hope for rain and expect lots of mud, slippery rocks and hungry mosquitoes though. Rich Bailey 723-2213

## Sunday, November 13

*Maunawili (F)*

10 mi/Moderate/Contour/Maunawili Pali Lookout to Waimanalo. Enjoy a great one way hike built by Sierra Club and other volunteers. Reservations and car shuttle required. Gwen Sinclair 753-0528 orsinklair808@earthlink.net

## Sunday, November 20

*Photography hike: Kamehame Ridge (E/F)*

2 mi/Easy/Ridge/Hawai'i Kai  
Reservations required. The pace of photography hikes is extremely slow. Beautiful scenery of Hawai'i Kai and Waimanalo from top of the Koolau Range. Stan Oka 429-9814, Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Marie LaBerge 545-1252, asst. Susan Tom

## Sunday, November 20

*Wa'ahila Ridge (F)*

4 mi/Moderate/Ridge/Wa'ahila  
Go totally green on this hike as the trailhead is the Church of the Crossroads at 2510 Bingham. From there we hike, yes we hike not drive, to the top of Wa'ahila Ridge admiring spectacular views from Diamond Head to Airport. Crisscrossing a myriad of paths we top out under windy shady pine trees. On the way back are numerous University Avenue restaurants to stop for a well earned lunch. Rich Bailey 723-2213

## Sunday, November 27

*Kuliouou Ridge step building (S)*

Meet at the trailhead at 8 a.m. We'll be installing steps on Kuliouou Ridge near the summit to finish up what we started last year. Bring work gloves, water, lunch and sunscreen/hat. We'll provide all the tools. Randy Ching 942-0145

## Sunday, December 4

*Sandy Beach Cleanup (S)*

1 mi/Easy/Shoreline/East O'ahu  
Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Sandy Beach bathroom at eastern side of beach park. Cleanup along highway and coastal areas until 10:30 a.m. Call Tred (394-2898) for information. Bags, gloves provided. All participants under 18 must have a waiver signed by their legal guardian to participate. Please contact the leader for the waiver. Closed toe shoes only. Deborah Blair 955-4168

## Sunday, December 4

*Hawai'i Loa Ridge Sierra Seminar (E)*

5mi/Strenuous/Ridge/East O'ahu  
Learn about native forest plants as you make your way up a steep trail to the Koolau summit. Gwen Sinclair 753-0528 orsinklair808@earthlink.net

## Sunday, December 4

*Sierra Seminar: Hui Ku Maoli Ola and*

*Papahana Kuaola (F/E)*

This outing is reserved for Sierra Club Outings Leaders/Prospective Leaders only. Attendance is limited and reservations are required. Join us on for an educational tour of Hui Ku Maoli Ola and Papahana Kuaola conducted by it's co-founder, Rick Barboza. Rick and Matt Schirman are passionate about the cultivation and preservation of Hawai'i's natural history and culture by integrating educational opportunities, habitat restoration and providing quality native Hawaiian plants in many of their projects. This is a unique opportunity to see and hear their incredible story first hand. Reservations required. Stan Oka 429-9814, Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925

## Saturday, December 10

*MCBH Kaneohe Bay Service Project (S)*

2 mi/Moderate/Coast/Kaneohe  
Reservations required. Call Annette Kaohelaulii at 235-5431 by October 6. Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay has an award-winning environmental program. Help clear a wetland of mangrove plants to create habitat for Hawai'i's endangered water birds. Because MCBH is a secured military facility, we must provide your name to the base in advance, and we will send you a waiver, which you must bring with you. Deborah Blair 955-4168

## Saturday, December 10

*Kuliouou Ridge step building (S)*

Meet at the trailhead at 8 a.m. We'll be installing steps on Kuliouou Ridge near the summit to finish up what we started last year. Bring work gloves, water, lunch and sunscreen/hat. We'll provide all the tools. Ed Mersino 223-5765

## Sunday, December 11

*Photography Hike: Kaena Point (E/F)*

5 mi/Easy/Coast/Waianae  
Reservations required. The pace of photography hikes is extremely slow. Very hot, humid with beautiful coastal and ocean scenery. Some native plants. Bring lots of water, sunscreen, hat, and lunch. We plan to leave the Church at 7 a.m. since the drive to the trailhead is very long. Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Marie LaBerge 545-1252, assist Susan Tom

## Saturday, December 17

*Palehua/Palikea Trail Service Project (S)*

4 mi/Easy/Ridge/Makakilo  
Reservations required three weeks prior. Not for those uneasy about heights. Native plants, scenic panoramas, and exquisite tree snails are the attraction. An alternate trail head needs to be developed to allow entrance to this valuable resource. Clyde Kobashigawa 262-6092, Randy Ching 942-0145, John Shimogawa 227-9925, Stan Oka 429-9814, assist Susan Tom

## Sunday, December 18

*Ka'ena Point Work Project (S)*

6 Miles/Moderate/Coast/Mokuleia  
Reservations required. Space is limited. We will spend the morning pulling koa haole seedling near the point. Please bring plenty of drinking water and sunscreen. Deborah Blair 955-4168

## Sunday, December 18

*Beginner hike: Aiea Loop Trail (F)*

Meet at Church of the Crossroads at 9 a.m. Wear closed-toe shoes with good traction. Bring a liter of water, snack, raingear. Sunscreen, hat, insect repellent recommended. For those who have not hiked in a long time or would like an easy hike. Randy Ching 942-0145, asst. Roxanne Villanueva



# Kaua'i Group Report

## PLEASE COME to our Kaua'i Group Sierra Club Annual Picnic October 15

Bring along your friends and family to enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Hanama'ulu Beach Park on Saturday, October 15 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Meet other Sierra Club members, the Kaua'i Group Executive Committee members and Outings leaders and special guests. We'll present Sierra Club environmental achievement awards to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to protecting the environment on Kaua'i. Your favorite potluck items are especially welcomed. We'll supply the beverages. Our beautiful 2012 Sierra Club calendars will be available so you can get yours early. Here's how to get there: In Hanama'ulu turn makai at the 7-11 store. After 0.3 miles, turn right to get down to this secluded beach where we've reserved the renovated large pavilion. Look for our Sierra Club banners. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## Updates on Conservation Issues

### Historic Lepeuli (Larsen's Beach) Coastal Trail Still Blocked

Cattle fencing constructed in April and approved by a Kaua'i County Special Management Area minor permit has effectively eliminated public access along the trail used for generations adjacent to the Larsen's Beach coastline. State land use laws prohibit landowners from closing off access to a trail or road created prior to 1892, yet these prescriptive rights of the public and the traditional

and customary rights of Native Hawaiians are being ignored.

We believe that the fence is located within the State Conservation District and has been built without the necessary state permit. The Kaua'i Group therefore submitted a formal complaint to the State Office of Coastal and Conservation Lands asking for an investigation of this non-permitted use. Seeking to provide the state with additional evidence of this violation, we requested a Conservation District boundary interpretation from the Land Use Commission (LUC).

Based on the LUC's analysis, it is clear that the Conservation District boundary is mauka of the fence. However, the LUC subsequently raised a new procedural issue and rescinded its determination based on the absence of a current certified shoreline map. The LUC's measurements had been based on a 1978 certified shoreline - the only one available - as the County Planning Department had waived the requirement that the lessee/landowner provide a current certified shoreline.

The problem now is that under the LUC's interpretation of the rules, the only private party that can submit a current survey map and apply for a certified shoreline determination is the lessee/landowner. We have therefore asked that the State commence a shoreline survey and application for a certified shoreline on behalf of the public trust. Prompting government to take action on this matter is the primary challenge at this time.

### Advocating to Keep Ka'aka'aniu Coastal Trail Open

The ahupua'a of Ka'aka'aniu lies between the ahupua'a of Moloaa & Lepeuli. For years, the Kaua'i Group has advocated keeping the historic coastal trail that traverses these ahupua'a open to the public. Fencing, no trespassing signs and dense vegetation on the Ka'aka'aniu trail have impeded public use due to the property owner's reluctance to acknowledge that this is a public trail.

We have learned that movement is underway to have the State Historic Preservation Division and the Department of Forestry and Wildlife staff conduct a site visit and reconnaissance of this coastal trail. We have encouraged the state to also invite long-time trail users to assist in identifying the trail's authentic alignment.

The goal of restoring unencumbered historical access for the public has the added complexities of ensuring that private property rights and associated liability concerns are addressed, along with ensuring minimal disturbance to the small colony of Laysan albatross that seasonally nest there.

### Judy Dalton

*Chair, Kaua'i Group*



# Kaua'i Group Outings

## See Page 15 for General Outings Information

Join us on one of these great outings to explore, enjoy and care for our island. Mileage is round trip unless otherwise indicated. Requested donation for members and participants under 18 is \$1. Donation for others: \$5. Check our website here:

[www.hi.sierraclub.org/kauai/index.html](http://www.hi.sierraclub.org/kauai/index.html)

Note: Women are advised not to hike remote trails or camp alone on Kaua'i.

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### Saturday, October 1

*Beach Clean Up at Nukoli'i Beach (S)*

East Shore/1.5 miles

We team up with Surfrider Foundation for "Rise Above Plastics" to educate on dangers plastics pose to marine environment, encourage reduction of plastic use, work to remove existing plastic waste from the environment. To get to Nukoli'i Beach, turn makai off the highway just south of the Wailua Golf Course onto an unpaved road past the Moto Cross to the beach. Look for Sierra Club and Surfrider signs. Meet at 9 a.m. Jeff Vesce 755-5587 and Judy Dalton.

### Sunday, October 9

*Maha'ulepu Sunset to Moon*

Light Walk/South Shore/Moderate/3 Miles. (C/E/F)

Start out in late afternoon from Shipwreck Beach to Maha'ulepu to enjoy the sunset and an almost full moon over the glistening ocean. Spectacular coastal walk. We'll shuttle cars to make this a leisurely one way hike. Bill Snyder and Judy Dalton 246-9067

### Saturday, October 10

*National Tropical Botanical Gardens Full Moon Walk & Service Project.*

South Side/Moderate/2 miles. (C/E/S)

Hike and learn about propagation of native plants in lovely gardens. Sierra Club members only. NTGB requires 1 week advanced reservations plus 2 hours of volunteer help in Gardens. Call Samara at 651-0479. Bob Nishek leader.

### Saturday, October 15

*Sierra Club 9th Annual Potluck Picnic at Hana'aulu Beach Park.*

12 noon - 3pm. We've reserved the newly reNovemberated pavilion at this secluded beach park. Earth-friendly vegetarian dishes are especially welcomed. We'll bring the drinks. Turn makai onto Hanama'ulu Road at the 7-11 store. After .3 miles turn right to get down to the beach. Hope to see you there! Judy Dalton 246-9067

### Saturday, October 22

*Kuilau Ridge Trail*

East side/3 miles. (E/F)

Beautiful mountain and valley views. Great reward for moderate effort. Erica Watson & Denny Jackson 647-0727

### Saturday, October 29

*Powerline Trail*

North side/7 miles/strenuous (C/F) Walk half way up Powerline starting from North shore with some panoramic mountain views. Jane Schmitt 826-6105

### Sunday, November 6

*Okolehao*

Northshore/Strenuous/4 miles. (C/E) An afternoon hike up a trail that climbs 1200 feet along a ridge behind Hanalei. Enjoy beautiful, sweeping views of Hanalei Bay and the North Shore. Kathy Valier 826-7302.

### Monday, November 7

*National Tropical Botanical Gardens Full Moon Walk & Service Project.*

South Side/Moderate/2 miles. (C/E/S)

Hike and learn about propagation of native plants in lovely gardens. Sierra Club members only. NTGB requires one week advanced reservations plus two hours of volunteer help in Gardens. Call Samara at 651-0479. Bob Nishek leader.

### Sunday, November 20

*Limahuli Garden*

Work/Hike/North Shore/strenuous/3 miles. (C/E/S)

Help tend to rare native plants & then hike to the waterfalls at the back of the valley. Jane Schmitt 826-6105

### Monday, November 21

*Nonou (Sleeping Giant) Conservation Service Project.*

East Side/strenuous/4 miles. (C/E/S)

Tend to endangered native plants in their habitat and enjoy a full moon walk. Sierra Club members only. Bob Nishek 346-0476

### Sunday, November 27

*Maha'ulepu*

South Shore/moderate/4 miles. (C/E/F)

Spectacular coastal walk with stunning views. Visit the fantastic sinkhole/cave archeological site. Allan Rachap 212-3108

### Saturday, December 3

*Hanalei River Kayak Trip and Clean up*

North Shore. (S/F)

An opportunity to kayak and to keep our American Heritage River clean and beautiful. Kayak Kaua'i provides kayaks gratis for community service or bring your own. Sierra Club members only. Vivian Hager 652-3234

### Monday, December 5

*National Tropical Botanical Gardens Moon Light Walk & Service Project.*

South Side/Moderate/2 miles. (C/E/S)

Hike and learn about propagation of native plants in lovely gardens. Sierra Club members only. NTGB requires one week advanced reservations plus two hours of volunteer help in Gardens. Call Samara at 651-0479. Bob Nishek leader.

### Friday, December 9

*Ha'ena-Ke'e Beach Sunset*

Full Moon Beach Walk/Northshore/Easy/2.5 miles round trip (F)

A beachwalk to views of the Na Pali Coast for sunset and return by the light of the full moon. Kathy Valier 826-7302.

### Saturday, December 10

*Kalepa Ridge*

Strenuous /East side/8 miles (F)

Enjoy sweeping coastal and valley views along the ridge which continues the Sleeping Giant range from Wailua River to Hanama'ulu. Misha Mintcheff 246-6168

### Monday, December 12

*Waimea Canyon Road Clean Up. (S)*

Afternoon clean up of Sierra Club's adopted highway (2 miles) requires a little over an hour. Please help keep the gateway to Waimea Canyon litter-free. Bob Nishek at 346-0476.

### Sunday, December 18

*Maha'ulepu*

South Shore/moderate/4 miles. (C/E/F)

Spectacular coastal walk with stunning views. Visit the fantastic sinkhole/cave archeological site. Allan Rachap 212-3108

# Maui Group Report

Don't miss the fun. OCTOBER 1 Sierra Club star watch with award winning author and astronomer Harriet Witt. Incredible night sky views above Waikapu. Donation: \$5 members. \$10 non-members. Register: [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net).

If you dream of a North Shore Park, join in to Malama the 'aina on Sunday October 16 and learn more about what's going on. **IT'S TIME TO PLAN FOR THE 2012 PLANT SALE!** Start your cuttings now for the sale to take place in March. Contact Lucienne de Naie, [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net) if you would like to pledge a donation. Food plants especially welcome.

## UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES: July - September 2011

**North Shore Heritage Park & Ho'okipa Expansion:** Severe erosion at Baldwin Beach Park, has undermined the comfort station. More trees are at risk of loss along the shore. Draft Maui Island Plan map shows lands as park, but decisions regarding maps may not be made until November, 2011.

**Maui's Future Water:** A new "grassroots" organization, "Hui o Na Wai", is calling for water for Maui's future, citing an available figure of over 420 mgd of groundwater available. The organization's brochure does not mention that 2/3's of that water capacity has no verification at all; is located in remote East Maui and that the County Water Use Plan rated East Maui water sources the most expensive alternative to develop.

**Na Wai 'Eha Stream Restoration:** Final briefs for the historic Hawai'i Supreme Court case were filed in early September by Earthjustice on behalf of Hui o Na Wai 'Eha and Maui Tomorrow Foundation. The groups are appealing the Commission's 2010 decision to restore only 14 mgd of water to two Na Wai 'Eha streams. Left out were 'Iao and Waikapu streams. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case a few months ago.

**Hamakuapoko Wells:** Will the County Council's previous decision banning human use of the two wells be overturned by new Council? Can questionable well water be swapped for more EMI stream water, saving well testing, monitoring costs? Wells have tested above state standards for ag chemicals DBCP, EDB, TCP, Atrazine and others. Decisions are being made as we go to press. Updates: [maui-tomorrow.org](http://maui-tomorrow.org).

**Renewable Energy:** Footprint of proposed Auwahi windfarm on 'Ulupalakua ranch lands has been reduced by half, with same output. This spares many cultural sites and native plant habitat areas. MG offered comments on the windfarm's Habitat Conservation Plan for endangered species on the site, and asked to protect an important boundary wall on Makena Resort lands where the windfarm transport road passes.

**Ma'alaea Mauka Development:** Judge Loo upheld a challenge by Ma'alaea Community Association and Maui Tomorrow to the EIS for the proposed 1,000 unit development across from the Maui Aquarium. Developers had asked the Judge to reverse the earlier decision. Developers have told community members that they now intend to use the land for large ag lots, rather than issue a Supplemental EIS addressing the project's fresh water source and sewage treatment.

**Regulation of Aquarium Fish:** Hawai'i Island is proposing regulations to stop the senseless plunder of our native fish. For updates: [savehawaiianreefs.org](http://savehawaiianreefs.org)

**Wastewater Injection Wells:** Maui Group, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Surfriider Foundation and West Maui Preservation Association represented by Earth Justice, sent the EPA a notice of intent to file suit regarding Clean Water Act violations at the Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Plant. EPA, County and the plaintiffs are in discussions over the County's efforts to obtain a federal discharge permit (NPDES) for the facility that will set levels to reduce discharge of nitrogen and phosphorus and help keep reefs healthy.

**A&B's Waiale Development:** MG offered extensive comments on the Waiale DEIS, which was missing essential information on a reliable water source; sewage treatment; monitoring for hazardous waste areas on, and surrounding the site; and presence of traditional burials in sand dune areas slated for future high density development. The 2500-3000 units on 545 acres that includes an ancient burial grounds and historic battleground, needs another site plan. The Draft Maui Island Plan proposes a large open space to protect dunes, burials and cultural sites. The A&B plan protects nearly 100 already disturbed burials on site, but leaves other likely burial areas at high risk of destruction in the proposed urban development area. MG supports the MIP plan version.

**Wailea 670:** Now more than ever, we need protection for the nearly 2,500 native wiliwili trees and the rare and beautiful awikiwiki plant (recently named a candidate for endangered species listing) found on these rugged lava lands above Wailea golf course. Awikiwiki on nearby public lands have been decimated by feral goats. USFWS and State wildlife biologists support a minimum 130 acre preserve at Wailea 670. Currently, the Honua'ula developer is proposing 40 acre preserve on site, and other areas offsite. What does this unique section of Maui's most endangered native ecosystem deserve? For updates, photos and petition, go to: [SaveMakena.org](http://SaveMakena.org)

**Makena Resort Rezoning:** New Makena investors have been quiet. Another stakeholders meeting was expected by this summer, but, a date has not been announced. Will new owners ask the county council to modify unilateral conditions of rezoning citing expense of requirements to provide infrastructure, marine monitoring and park planning? MG continues to monitor plans.



# Maui Group Outings

*Please be prepared for outings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sunscreen and appropriate footwear. Hiking boots are recommended for longer hikes. A donation of \$5 (\$3 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. We need more hike leaders. Contact Miranda Camp at: [maumiranda@hotmail.com](mailto:maumiranda@hotmail.com)*

East Maui Irrigation Company (EMI) allows us to hike across their beautiful land so long as each hiker has a waiver. An **EMI WAIVER IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED FOR EMI HIKEs (LISTED BELOW)**. One waiver covers all EMI hikes for this quarter. Call in your waiver request to the EMI office at 579-9516 well in advance and make an appointment for when you can sign it. Then go to EMI's Pa'ia office at 497 Baldwin Avenue to sign the waiver. Please be considerate of EMI staff time and pick up waiver 5 days in advance whenever possible. **THE WAIVER MUST BE BROUGHT ON THE HIKE AND SHOWN TO THE HIKE LEADER.**

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

## Saturday, October 1

*Benefit Star Watch with Harriet Witt on the slopes of Waikapu*

Come spend an evening with astronomer Harriet Witt learning about the lore of our Hawaiian night sky. Amazing views from the slopes high above Maui Tropical Plantation.

Bring comfortable folding chair and shielded flashlights only. Meet at Maui Tropical Plantation parking lot at 6pm to carpool to shuttle site. Donation: \$5 for Members \$10 non members. Register with Lucienne de Naie [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net) or 214-0147.

## Sunday, October 9

*Makapipi Watershed Hike*

Moderate (C/E/D = 4 miles)

Explore historic Ko'olau Ditch from Makapipi to Kopili'ula Stream. Scenic vistas, pools, waterfalls and native plant life. During the hike we must cross several bridges with no hand rails which is a little scary. So if heights bother you, we recommend not coming on this hike. **EMI WAIVER REQUIRED** (See above). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Haiku Community Center. Limit 18. Register with Lucienne de Naie [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net) or 214-0147.

## Saturday, October 15

*Upper Waikamoi Trail/Makawao Forest Hike*

(C/E/D = 6 miles)  
Explore a unique upper elevation (5000 ft) world of rare native plants and majestic koa and ohia forest. Six mile moderate round trip ends with lunch stop at Waikamoi stream and reservoir. Water friendly footwear recommended as trail is often muddy. Bring sunscreen, hat, lunch, raingear, water and camera. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center near Bank of Hawai'i to carpool to top of Olinda Road where the hike begins. **EMI WAIVER REQUIRED** (see above). Limit 18. Register with Lucienne de Naie [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net) or 214-0147.

## Sunday, October 16

*North Shore Clean Up. 8-11 a.m.*

Come malama ka aina at Baldwin Beach, Paia Bay and other north shore locations. All supplies provided by Community Work day, Surfrider Foundation and Positive H2O. Check in by Paia Bay Park 8 a.m.

## Saturday, October 29

*Akaku Community Celebration*

Food, Music, costumes and info booths. Visit the Sierra Club information booth 6 to 9 p.m. Akaku Center 333 Dairy Rd.

## Friday, November 4

*Kanaio Stupa Tibetan Monastery*

(E/D = 3 miles with some steep grades)  
Hike across the slopes of Haleakala to this beautiful shrine built in 1982. Meet 9:00 a.m. across from Grandma's Coffee House in Keokea to carpool. Bring lunch and also bring rain gear just in case. Limit 18. Register with Lucienne de Naie [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net) or 214-0147.

## Monday, November 14

*Pa'uwela Point Hike (Ha'iku)*

(C/E/D = 2 miles)  
Moderate hike to tide pools along shoreline. One short climb required. The 1200 acres surrounding Pauwela County park has been sold by A&B Inc. Find out more. Wear sturdy shoes or tabs for rocky areas. Swimming available if conditions permit. Limit 12. Meet @ 9:30 a.m. at Ha'iku Community Center. Leader: Lucienne de Naie [laluz@maui.net](mailto:laluz@maui.net) or 214-0147.

## SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS POLICY

**For 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 outing. We welcome all Sierra Club members, non-members and visitors on most of our outings; however certain outings may be restricted to members. Firearms, pets (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 re hazard exists.

Bring with you: 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 are required. Unless otherwise noted, no bare feet or sandals of any type will be allowed.

You will also need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see [www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms) or call 415-977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, sometimes participants make carpooling arrangements. e Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

**For specific islands:** Each group may have its own outings policy. Please look at each group's page or website for more specific information on where to meet or what to bring with you.

# Moku Loa Group Report & Outings

by **Roberta Brashear-Kaulfers**  
*Moku Loa Group, Chair*

Aloha to you all. I am happy to report that many NEW people have come out to enjoy our group outings this summer. I have started a Moku Loa Group site on Facebook, and will be using this social network tool to inform you all of Sierra Club outings, programs and events as well as any hearings which need to be brought to your attention. Please friend me, and come out on some of our future outings. Participants this summer said our outings were enjoyable and educational. I hope to see you on the trail!

Moku Loa Group is always looking for talented volunteers, so if you have a few hours per month or want to get involved in local issues please email me and let us utilize your talents. Diane Ware has joined the Moku Loa Group ExCom again, as Debbie Hecht had to step down, We certainly appreciate all of her hard work in West Hawai'i Conservation and in particular the 2% Land Fund initiatives.

It's Sierra Club election time again for the Moku Loa group board members as well as the Hawai'i Chapter ExCom. Candidate biographies are included in this newsletter along with a ballot for both the Group and Chapter elections. I strongly encourage you to vote for candidates in both of these elections, and I sincerely thank the current board, who has worked so far this summer on local conservation issues.

I also serve as an At-Large member and Vice Chair / Secretary of the Hawai'i Chapter as well as

the Budget Officer of the Council of Club leaders at the National Sierra Club. The Council of Club Leaders / Board of Directors Annual Meeting was held in San Francisco September 22-25, 2011. If you would like to find out more about issues at the Chapter or National level feel free to email me at roberta.brashear-kaulfers@sierraclub.org. National issues can also be accessed at the website [www.clubhouse.sierraclub.org](http://www.clubhouse.sierraclub.org).

## Up and Coming Events to look for:

- Moku Loa Group Garage Sale in October. Check website or Facebook for updated info, but if you have items to donate contact Rose Acevedo at [alaorden@gmail.com](mailto:alaorden@gmail.com)
- Outing Leaders Training October 22-23, 2011, contact Rose Acevedo at [alaorden@gmail.com](mailto:alaorden@gmail.com), or Sarah Moon at 935-3475
- Group and Chapter ExCom elections November 2011
- Moku Loa Group Annual Meeting at Wailoa Park Pavilion # 3 on Friday, December 9, 2011 at 6 pm. Potluck and presentation. Bring a dish and enjoy the evening. Contact Phil Barnes for more info at [greenhi3@yahoo.com](mailto:greenhi3@yahoo.com)
- Sierra Club Wall and Engagement Calendars are for sale. Contact Roberta at 966-7002

## OUTINGS - UPDATE

### Sat-Mon October 8-10 a.m.

#### *Pololu Backpack*

(E/C Elevation sea level +/- 1200')  
This is an easy backpack down to the beach and back up with the possibility of hiking further

to more valleys or relax on the beautiful black sand beach on second day. Light hiking boots, food, water for 2 1/2 days, rain gear, sun protection, tent required. Leader Phil Barnes 965-9695 and Diane Ware 967-8642

## CONSERVATION REPORT

### Mauna Kea

Moku Loa Group members have been attending the August contested case hearing regarding the Thirty Meter Telescope project proposed for the northern slope of Mauna Kea's summit area. "The National Park Service contends that the permanent destruction of any surface geologic structures within the Mauna Kea National Natural Landmark is significant and it denigrates from its overall status," said Rory Westberg, NPS Acting Regional Director, in the final EIS. While TMT EIS planner Jim Hayes confirmed that the project would add an additional increment to the already significant impact to the natural and cultural resources of Mauna Kea, he claimed that the proposal did could still meet Conservation District criteria, a statement contested by petitioners.

The comprehensive management plan (CMP) is plan in name only, apparently; thirteen years have passed since the Legislative Auditor faulted UH and DLNR for lapses in management, but there is still no burial treatment plan, no invasive species control and rapid response permits, and no plan to deal with hazardous waste and petroleum spills according to witnesses for the university. Questions posed to the UH/TMT

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planner Gary Sanders revealed that while “substantial rent” was promised, no negotiations have taken place, and no rent would be paid before 2018 at the earliest. Although \$1.3 billion would be needed to construct the telescope, and more to decommission it, the funders were aware that the UH General Lease expires in 2033, there have been no negotiations to extend the lease. Thus it would appear that astronomy at the TMT site could be limited to a ten year period. The hearing concludes September, with decision-making to follow.

MLG members contributed over \$3,200 to KAHEA for litigation expenses to protect Mauna Kea.

## Public Lands Development Corporation Act 55

Little-noticed during the legislative session, Act 55 was signed into law by the governor over protests from several conservation organizations. Act 55 raids DLNR land conservation fund to hire an Executive Director and staff for the Public Lands Development Corporation, to “identify public lands that may be suitable for development...enter public-private agreements to...develop the public lands,” and “projects pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules of any government agency relating to special improvement district assessments or requirements; land use, zoning, and construction standards....” We will be looking into the legality and consequences of this bill; if you would like to be informed, please contact the Hawai‘i Chapter Conservation committee.

## Nani Kahuku

Nani Kahuku, a proposed development in Ka‘u includes Pohue Bay turtle nesting area and contains a multitude of cultural and archaeological sites and known historic trails. EIS comments are due about Sept. 21. As proposed, 1,600 acres would be changed from conservation to urban. However it can’t go forward till the Ka‘u Community Development Plan is completed. It also needs Land Use Commission and County General Plan approval. Hawai‘i County planners are concerned about evacuation since lava flows in the area are known to advance rapidly.

## HAMET

Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) expansion proposals continue apace. The Army is proposing enormous modernization projects at Pohakuloa and helicopter landings on Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa; High altitude (HAMET) helicopter training proposed for BLNR approval in September would take place over or near critical habitat for palila, ‘ua‘a‘u, ‘io, nene.

## Hu Honua Biomass Burning Facility

EPA expects that particulate pollution could be much higher than stated in documents filed with DOH, which approved the air quality permits last week.

## Papaikou Public Access

Access has been interrupted or denied by landowners who close a historic trail to the beach. Moku Loa Group may participate in support of litigation with Surfrider Foundation to assure the public’s

prescriptive rights to use the trail.

Moku Loa members have provided testimony regarding Aina Koa Pono bio-energy contract with HELCO at the PUC, depleted uranium at Pohakuloa training area, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park overflights, and HAVO management plan, Saddle Road invasive species management, Hilo landfill expansion, and many other issues. Contact Mary Marvin Porter and Cory Harden, conservation co-chairs for more information.

## NEWS

### Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Moku Loa group will be held in Pavilion 3 at Wailoa River State Park in Hilo. The meeting will be on Friday December 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. As always the event will be a potluck dinner so bring your favorite main course, salad, or dessert to share.

We urge members to bring your own glasses, dishes, and utensils to cut down on rubbish. There will be entertainment, updates on club happenings, and a chance to talk story with like-minded folks. We hope to be able to introduce the new officers to our ExCom elected in the November group elections. Look for the Sierra Club banner and prepare to have a fun evening. To help with the event call Phil Barnes at 965-9695.



# Vote for your Sierra Club Leadership!

## O'ahu Group Candidate Biographies

### James Anthony

Jim's been an environmental activist for over 25 years during most of which he's served as Director of the Hawai'i - La'ieikawai Association. He was a principal architect of the lawsuit against two La'ie LDS entities for multiple violations of the Federal Clean Water Act resulting in a \$2.25 million Consent Decree settlement. Jim's worked throughout the state on issues related to water, protection of Hawaiian sacred sites, ocean acidification, sea level rise, watershed protection, farmlands, food sufficiency and habitat & species protection in the nearshore marine ecosystem. He's deeply involved addressing urbanization of the Windward Coast including Envision La'ie and Turtle Bay. Frequently published, he's writing a book on the politics of water in Hawai'i. Jim and his wife Grace live on an organic farm in Ko'olauloa growing kalo, ulu, fruit and vegetables.

### Nina Bermudez

At first glance, Nina doesn't seem like much of an environmentalist. She doesn't lobby in the legislature, organize marches or drive an electric vehicle (yet), but in her unobtrusive way, she has made small changes in her life that go a long way to supporting green causes. Nina firmly believes that these simple changes can have the most impact when everyone does their part by way of recycling, hang-drying clothes, carpooling, conserving water and using energy efficient appliances. As a passionate supporter of preventive medicine, she believes one key to excellent wellbeing and balance is to foster a healthy environment – clean, green and outdoor friendly. Nina has participated in a number of beach clean-ups, farm work days and

currently works as a Captain in the Sierra Club's Capitol Watch program.

### Amy Brinker

Amy Brinker—a UH Richardson Law School alumnus with certificates in Native Hawaiian and Environmental Law—is currently a member of the Sierra Club O'ahu Group Executive Committee. As Capitol Watch Captain and author of the successful "Poi Bill," Amy tracked and supported food and agriculture bills for the Sierra Club. Along with her love for surfing and farming, Amy believes in the power of dedicated individuals working together for positive changes. She is involved with the Hawai'i Food Policy Council, Onip'a Na Hui Kalo, and Kamakau charter school, and works as Director of Policy at KYA Sustainability Studio, an innovation firm integrating sustainability in all markets. Eager to serve the Sierra Club again, Amy wishes to increase capacity and expand outings to include workdays on kalo farms.

### Sean Connelly

Born and raised on O'ahu, Sean Connelly is passionate about revitalizing Hawai'i's built environment to empower communities, restore ecosystems, and secure local abundance for future generations. A valedictorian from Castle High School, Sean earned a Bachelor in Environmental Urban Design and a Doctorate of Architecture from the University of Hawai'i. Through his studies, Sean transformed his childhood curiosity of what a "truly Hawaiian" city would look like into a framework for urban redevelopment based on the principles of indigenous Hawaiian resource management. He has presented his research as far as Australia in hopes to promote an inspirational, prosperous future for Hawai'i. If elected to the Executive Committee, Sean hopes to promote

a built environment that respectfully brings culture and sustainability into a holistic, stunning vision.

### Matt LoPresti

Matt LoPresti, Ph.D. is a scholar, renewable energy entrepreneur, elected official, and an extraordinarily effective advocate for recycling and O'ahu's environment. Recently Matt was lead advocate for legislation that eliminated a corporate welfare program that encouraged recyclers to dump metal into our landfill rather than recycle it. Matt did more than help the environment: over the next ten years his victory will save O'ahu taxpayers over \$23 million. Matt co-founded Kokua Renewable Energy, Inc. a local start-up committed to a net-zero O'ahu. He's forming global alliances and enlisting investment from Fortune 500 companies to turn O'ahu's wastewater sludge into zero-emission, sustainable, renewable energy. In 2010 Matt ran for City Council and currently serves on the Ewa Neighborhood Board. He's a published scholar, professor of philosophy and Chair of the Asian Studies program at HPU.

## Kaua'i Group Candidate Biographies

### Judy Dalton

Judy has served on the Kaua'i Group Executive Committee for 16 years in various capacities for the past 16 years—as Outings Chair, Group Chair and Conservation Chair and served on the Chapter ExCom for 15 years. She facilitated formation of Malama Maha'ulepu in 1999; initiated the cease of construction of a 3/5 mile long beach-destroying sea wall fronting Wailua Golf Course in 1996; and legally challenged the Planning Commission to increase coastal setbacks for a development along the coast between Kealia Beach and Donkey Beach. Judy is dedicated to preserving beaches and public access rights.

# Candidate Biographies

## David Dinner

David served on the Kaua'i Group ExCom for 2 years; served as president of 1000 Friends of Kaua'i, a community group dedicated to controlled growth; and as co-chair of the Citizens for the Preservation of Kaua'i. He served as co-chair of Citizens for Responsible Government, which resulted in a charter amendment getting on the ballot and passing in the November 2008 election to require that the Kaua'i County Council implement the General Plans 20-year vision for development. David facilitated fund raising for legal action pursuant to the Superferry launching prior to obtaining an environmental impact study.

## Marge Freeman

Marge has served on the Kaua'i Group ExCom for 13 years and would like to continue serving as the executive committee as she feels the Sierra Club on Kaua'i has made valuable contributions to the island. She is an active supporter of Malama Maha'ulepu and is a member of its board of directors. She was a co-plaintiff in the successful legal action against the Planning Commission to increase construction setbacks on the coastline at Kealia Kai. Marge often writes letters to the editor in her quest to preserve Kaua'i's natural environment.

## Bob Nishek

Bob is a life time Sierra Club member who's been leading hikes and service projects on a regular basis for the Kaua'i Group for over 22 years. He served on the Kaua'i Group ExCom for three terms. Bob regularly coordinates a Native Hawaiian plant restoration project for the Sierra Club as well as invasive plant species removal projects. He is an expert on plants and manages National Tropical Botanical Gardens' endangered native plants propagation project.

## Maui Group Candidate Biographies

### Dottie Binder

Upcountry resident Dottie Binder is a small business owner and serves as Vice Chair of the Democratic Party on Maui and Upcountry Member of the Democratic State Central Committee. She enjoys gardening, is very concerned about the environment and political problems facing our country. Dottie would like to serve on the MG board to help take care of people and the Earth.

### John Bruce

John was born in Hilo, raised in Maui and works as a radio tech for Maui County. John grew up camping and hiking Maui's beautiful lands and is passionate about taking care of our oceans, streams, watershed forests and transitioning to renewable energy. John has volunteered at Maui Group activities over the past year, served as President of the Akaku Community Television Board and is active with HGEA. John looks forward to serving as an active MG ExCom member.

### Karen Chun

Karen has a masters degree in Engineering, specializing in Energy Systems from University of California. She has published papers on solar energy and natural cooling. She's been active in both water and Hawaiian rights issues. As an outrigger canoe paddler, she is passionate about ocean access and water quality and has been active in working to resolve problems with waste water injection wells. She acts as webmaster for the Maui Group Sierra Club Website. Recently she lead efforts to prevent misuse of Maui water including problems with the planned commercial use of the Waihe'e groundwater for export and use of the Hamakuapoko Wells for human consumption.

## Daniel Grantham

Daniel has served as past Chair and as Secretary of the Maui Group. He has used his photography, video, writing and graphics skills to advocate for a renewable energy future, protection of viewsheds and streams and sensible planning for Maui's future. His day job is appliance repair.

## Dr. Janet Six

Janet has lived in Maui since 1978 and witnessed many changes. She has a Ph.D. in Anthropology (1995) and is active on several cultural/ ecosystem restorations on Maui including: Lo'iloa in Iao Valley, under the direction of Kawehwehi Pundyke. Janet lectures in Anthropology at UH-MCC and heads the archaeological excavation project at the sacred island of Moku'ula in Lāhaina with UH-MC and NYU. Janet is committed to education on sustainability issue; serves on the board of Sustainable Living Institute Maui; and wrote and co-produced the prize winning documentary film *Ho'okele Wa'a: Turning the Canoe – Navigating a Sustainable Future for Maui*.

## Marta Sweeney

Marta is a longtime Sierra Club supporter and has won awards for outstanding Maui Group volunteer. She has helped educate and energize the community on numerous issues over the years, and served as Maui Group volunteer coordinator in the past.

## Moku Loa Group Candidate Biographies

### Phil Barnes

I have been an active member of the Sierra Club for over 30 years. I have served several terms on the Moku Loa board since I moved to Hawai'i full time in 1998. I served as Group Chair from 2001 to 2003. I have been an outings leader for over ten

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# Candidate Biographies

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years. Recently I have become active in the Democratic Party and currently serve as Vice-Chair of the Hawai'i County Democratic Party for East Hawai'i. I serve as the Hawai'i Island contact for the party's Environmental Caucus. My goal for the group if elected is to foster a more proactive and less reactive approach to dealing with the myriad of environmental issues with a focus on renewable energy generation.

### Roberta Brashear-Kaulfers

Roberta is a resident of the Big Island and has been a member of the Sierra Club for 23 years. She is an environmental educator at Hawai'i Community College, actively involved in Outings and fundraising for Moku Loa Group, and leads service learning field trips for youth through the college. She is currently serving as Moku Loa Group Chair, Hawai'i Chapter ExCom secretary and Council of Club Leaders Delegate and Budget Officer.

Roberta is the Hawai'i Community College Earth Fair coordinator and has previously served as Hawai'i Chapter Chair and Council of Club leaders vice chair. She believes that actively involving youth in Sierra Club activities will strengthen our presence and that education is the key to environmental protection and preservation.

### Martha (Cory) Harden

I was born and raised in Hilo but also lived on the mainland for years. I worked in human services for 25 years and have been active in Sierra Club for 15 years. I am co-chair of the Moku Loa Group conservation committee. I hope Sierra Club will keep growing in its ability to make people aware of nature's wonders and the need to protect them.

### Jon Olson

I am ready and willing to serve. I have been an active Club member since 1980 and have been your

environmental delegate to the HELCO electrical Integrated Resource Planning team from the 1990's through 2005. I led the charge for the cleanup of Sand Hill on the Puna Coast. This unique geologic feature had turned into a junkyard. It took several weekends with volunteers to remove many truckloads of discarded furniture, refrigerators, junk cars and household refuse. I have been a staunch recycler throughout my life and have owned several businesses that recycled equipment and materials. I have been a staunch advocate for community participation in governmental planning and played key roles from 1995 onwards.

### Diane Ware

I have been an outings leader for over 12 years offering backpacking, beach camping and service trips with a focus on conservation. I have been on the board for several years advocating ecosystems conservation using a holistic approach rather than species specific approach. I've made comments for the group on issues such as protecting our reefs from aquarium fish collecting, and supporting expanding Natural Area Reserves System<sup>o</sup> on the Big Island. I support alternative energy only if projects can substantiate environmental impacts. Member input and expertise on this subject is encouraged.

### Janelle Williams

Janelle is a Masters student at UH Hilo Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science, focusing on forest restoration, watershed management, and outreach. She has served in the Hawai'i Conservation Corps at Kaupulehu, volunteered at the Waimea Mala'ai Garden and the Mokuapapa museum as an educator. Janelle recently completed a course on EIS assessment, and examined the impact of the Striker Brigade. She looks forward to sharing a new perspective with the group.

### Lucienne de Naie

Lucienne is a researcher, author and community activist who lives in East Maui. She has served on the Hawai'i Chapter Executive Committee several times over the past 16 years as Chair and Vice Chair. She was appointed as the Chapter's Council of Club Leaders Delegate for five years. Lucienne serves as a member of the Maui Group Conservation, Fundraising and Outings committees where she has worked with Club members and allies to accomplish many worth while conservation goals. Lucienne is a founder of Maui Coastal Land Trust and has collaborated with Maui Tomorrow on environmental issues. As an experienced conservation organizer and a passionate advocate for native ecosystems, cultural sites, and coastal areas, Lucienne is deeply involved in their protection.

### Scott Glenn

Scott believes that the best way to protect nature is to have better communities, and the best way to have better communities is to have more democratic governance. As an environmental planner, he works to reduce the impact humanity has on the natural world by making development more efficient and compact. He serves as the Communications Director for the Sierra Club Capitol Watch, which seeks to demystify the legislative process so more people can participate in the State Legislature, and he produces its biweekly newsletter. As a member of the Executive Committee, Scott would seek to expand the Capitol Watch as a democratizing force in Hawai'i and to increase Sierra Club's participation in guiding Hawai'i's development so that it better protects the environment.



# Candidate Biographies

## Nicole Lowen

Nicole, after 12 years living on the Big Island, moved to Honolulu in 2009 to pursue a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Nicole is currently doing research on urban agriculture and sustainable food systems, and increasing Hawai'i's food self-sufficiency is an issue that she is dedicated to addressing. As a graduate student Nicole has also worked on a project to evaluate the State's environmental review system, and understands the importance of ensuring effective environmental review and smart planning to balance growth with the need to preserve natural and cultural resources. An activist, Capitol Watch captain, Outings Leader-in-training, avid hiker and nature lover, she is passionate about Sierra Club's mission to explore, enjoy and protect the 'aina.

## Rayne Regush

Rayne has served on the Kaua'i Group Executive Committee since 2004 and has been the Kaua'i Group representative on the Hawai'i Chapter ExCom since 2008. She's been a leader in the Group's efforts to preserve Kaua'i's rural character, agricultural lands, coastal areas, cultural resources, and mauka-makai public access. Her expertise in land use law and planning have made her a respected, effective spokesperson for the Kaua'i Group. She currently leads the campaign to preserve public access along the historic Larsen's Beach trail and was recently chosen as Kaua'i Group "Sierra Club Environmentalist of the Year". Rayne serves on the County's Kapaa-Wailua Development Plan Update Citizen's Advisory Committee, is Chairperson of the Wailua-Kapaa Neighborhood Association, and works for the nonprofit Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance.

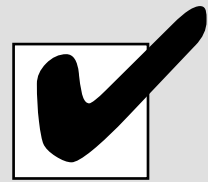
## Sheila Sarhangi

Sheila is currently serving her first year on the Hawai'i Chapter Executive Committee. She works for SeaWeb, the only international nonprofit organization dedicated to the strategic communication of ocean issues. With a strong background in campaigns, conservation, public relations and marketing, Sheila coordinates initiatives that build local capacity and engage key audiences around policy and behavioral change across the Asia Pacific region. She is also an award-winning freelance journalist, a best-selling author, and the science and environment writer for Honolulu Magazine. Over the past two years, she has worked closely with the Sierra Club to pass legislation to reduce Hawai'i's contribution to plastic marine debris. Sarhangi is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies.

## Debbie Ward

Debbie is a conservation activist with a love of native forest wildlife, wild coastal open space and the geologic wilderness of lavascapes. She has networked successfully with grass-roots activists to protect wild streams, Honoli'i, upland koa forests, and bird habitat, and has worked to improve management of Mauna Kea summit lands. A Sierra Club member since the early 80s, mentored by Lorin Gill, Mae Mull and Nelson Ho, Debbie has served on Moku Loa Groups ExCom in multiple capacities, including chair, treasurer, and conservation chair. She has retired from the University of Hawai'i Extension Service, is farming organically in Puna, and supports local sustainable food and energy sourcing. Debbie seeks to engage more members in conservation work through the Chapter Conservation Committee.

## Your Vote Counts!



Please fill out the ballot on page 23 and see the back cover for complete instructions, or vote online at: [www.sierraclubhawaii.com/ballot](http://www.sierraclubhawaii.com/ballot)

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Please Vote  
in the Chapter  
Election



## CHAPTER ELECTION (Vote for no more than 4 candidates)

- |                          |                          |                     |                          |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 20 | <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lucienne de Naie    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rayne Regush        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scott Glenn         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sheila Sarhangi     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nicole Lowen        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Debbie Ward         |

Please Vote in  
**ONLY  
ONE (1)**  
Group  
Election



(Your Ballot  
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be  
disqualified)

## O'AHU GROUP ELECTION (O'ahu members vote for no more than 3)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 18 | <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | James Anthony       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sean Connelly       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nina Bermudez       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Matt LoPresti       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amy Brinker         |                          |                          |                     |

## KAUA'I GROUP ELECTION (Kaua'i members vote for no more than 4)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 18 | <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Judy Dalton         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marge Freeman       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | David Dinner        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bob Nishek          |

## MAUI GROUP ELECTION (Maui members vote for no more than 3)

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| <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 19 | <small>SINGLE</small>    | <small>JOINT</small>     | See Bios on Page 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Daniel Grantham     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marta Sweeney       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dr. Janet Six       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dottie Binder       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | John Bruce          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Karen Chun          |

## MOKU LOA GROUP ELECTION (Moku Loa members vote for no more than 4)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Diane Ware          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Roberta Brashear-Kaulfers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Phil Barnes         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Janelle Williams          |
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### Vote for YOUR Group Executive Committee and Chapter Executive Committee

Those elected will take office in January 2012

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*In order for your ballot to be valid and to ensure the secrecy of the ballot, please do the following:*

1. Two voting boxes are provided. If joint members wish to vote for the same candidate, they may check the "joint" box. Single members must use only the "single" box or the ballot will be invalidated. No cumulative voting is allowed (voting multiple times for the same candidate).
2. Include your name and address or your membership number (printed on the label above) on your return envelope. Ballots submitted without a name and address or membership number may be invalidated. We verify memberships and then remove the identification portion prior to opening. Every effort is made to keep your vote confidential.
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