E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

Perpetuate Hawai‘i’s Trails For Hawai‘i’s People

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Annual Meeting

29 March 2014, 10am, Samuel M. Spencer Beach County Park at ‘Ōhai‘ulu Beach

The E Mau Nā Ala Hele Annual Meeting will be held this year beginning at 10am on March 29th at the pavilion at Samuel M. Spencer Beach County Park at ‘Ōhai‘ulu Beach. The business meeting will include reports of the past year’s activities including the shoreline advocacy work in Kohala, election of officers and Board of Directors, and planning of events for the rest of 2014. Following the business meeting there will be a presentation of the 2013 Douglas Tom Thumbs-Up Award to E Mau, a silent auction of the original art and one print of the image on our Puna Trail t-shirt by Christina Ahia (if you cannot attend, please send your bid via e-mail to bschaefer@hawaii.rr.com by 28 March; bids begin at $250 for the signed and framed original; $100 for the framed print), a potluck lunch (please bring a dish to pass and your drink), and an afternoon activity that will get you out stretching your legs after the morning meeting. Please join us for a fun-filled day, watch for whales, and help firm up plans for the year ahead!

President’s Message

It’s hard to believe another year has passed. I am at my end as president of E Mau Na Ala Hele and somewhat sad that I was not as effective as I could have been. I have always been a follower, offering support and encouragement but not excited about being a leader. I’ve loved working with this fantastic group of people and look forward, again, to “just being one of the gang” in the future. For a small group I think we accomplish a lot each year. Our help with trail cleanups/restoration all over the island is always appreciated by the other organizations we help. We are always eager to welcome new members and the ideas they bring to us are accepted with open arms. As a group we try our best to accommodate anyone that asks for our help. Our current Board members are scattered all over the island yet we make sure to meet and schedule events whenever possible. As 2014 charges at us, we will gather in our annual meeting, work to encourage our members, raise funds for the future success of our group, and help accomplish the goals we set forth.

Frank Dickinson,
Kailua Kona, Hawaii

Lā Hoʻāla Ala Hele

Trail Revitalization Day, October 19th, 2013
Report & photos by Keith Wallis

Stepping away from the ʻAnaehoʻomalu Bay public parking lot onto the Ala Loa was like passing into earlier centuries. Who would have thought that such a small area of mostly barren lava could hold so much history and culture? Our time travel guides were Debbie Chang, trail historian and preservationist, and Rick Gmirkin, Archeologist for the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Both shared history, stories and personal experiences of the three trails we walked on that day: the centuries old Mauna Lani-Kiholo Ala Loa, the straight, curb-lined Alanui Aupuni (Government trail) and the mauka-makai Pikohene–Kapalaoa Trail.

We saw many places where people from earlier centuries traveled, found and shaped stone tools, left their petroglyphs, paid their taxes, offered their respects to spirits important in their lives, drove their cattle, fished and swam.

Lunch was in the shade near the ocean and we relaxed on the beach at Kapalaoa before heading to Lava Lava for a tall cool one. It was a memorable day.

2014 Plans and Projects

29 March 2014	Annual Meeting (see page 1)
April	TBD
3 May	ʻAnaehoʻomalu Bay to Kapalaoa shoreline hike With Keith Wallis and Kuʻulei Keakealani
7 or 8 June	National Trails Day Event
July	TBD
August	Puʻu Waʻawaʻa Work Day
September	Puʻu ʻŌʻō Trail Hike and Bird Watching
October	Lā Hoʻāla Ala Hele
Most 3rd Saturdays of the months	Kīholo Bay Pond Restoration work days with Hui Aloha Kīholo and The Nature Conservancy
Date yet TBD	Puna Trail work day with Nā Ala Hele
Ongoing	Advocacy for the ancient and historic trails of Hawaiʻi Island

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Are You a Member for 2014?

Membership dues for *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Members are important for supporting the many worthwhile projects we undertake, helping to preserve and protect our wonderful trails and natural and cultural resources. Membership *numbers* are also important for the advocacy work we undertake. Please consider renewing your membership if you have not yet done so for 2014. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations in addition to your dues are always welcomed! **Check your mailing label for the year your membership expires** or contact Membership Chair Clare Wilson via e-mail: *clarewilson@huahuafarm.com*

One dollar of your dues goes to support the Partnership for the National Trails System, a non-profit organization supporting the National Scenic and Historic Trails across the country including our Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. One dollar of your dues also supports the American Hiking Society, a non-profit organization promoting and protecting foot trails and the hiking experience across the country. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a member organization of both the Partnership and the American Hiking Society.

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2014!
(*E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)
Please mail to E Mau Nā Ala Hele, PO Box 6384, Kamuela, HI 96743.

Please use this form for your membership renewal and duplicate the form or attach a list with the information for each gift membership that you wish to give.

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_____$15 each, Gift memberships
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Annual Meeting

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