E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

February 2025

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Message from the E Mau Nā Ala Hele Board of Directors

Aloha E Mau Nā Ala Hele Members and Friends!

No point in sugar-coating it. Last year was a challenging year for our organization. We had to focus on reorganizing and now we feel ready to embark upon 2025 with renewed energy. With just a few additional board members, even more can be accomplished. This is a call to ***laulima*: “Many hands make light work.”**

Please join us at our Annual Meeting on March 22, Saturday, at Tutu’s House in Waimea (See map). Learn about E Mau’s history; meet our members and dedicated board members; and hear what we have planned so far for National Trails Day on June 8 and Lā Hoʻāla Ala Hele in October.

The Annual Meeting Agenda is below. A special catered lunch will follow the meeting. Drinks will be provided. Just bring yourself and participate! **To help us with the lunch count, RSVP by March 15 by emailing or phoning Alex Kelepolo at** *akelepolo777@yahoo.com* **or (808) 315-3757.**

We need your kōkua to make E Mau the effective organization it can be! Let’s work together to honor and protect historic Hawaiian trails!

The E Mau Nā Ala Hele Mission:

“To preserve and protect the ancient and historic trails of Hawai‘i including their natural and cultural surroundings”

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Current Board of Directors

- Deborah Chang, one of the founders of E Mau Nā Ala Hele in 1979. Currently on the County's Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation (PONC) Commission.
- Alexandra Kelepolo, currently on the State's Legacy Lands Commission and formerly staff and commissioner on the County's PONC Commission. Current president of the Moku o Keawe Land Conservancy.
- Barbara Schaefer, board member of E Mau Nā Ala Hele since 1994. Photographer, paddler, current board member with the Waimea Arts Council, board member of the University of Wisconsin Astronomy Department Board of Visitors.
- Christopher "Topher" Fast, science teacher at Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School. Member of the boards of the Three Mountain Alliance and Laupāhoehoe Advisory Council.

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Annual Meeting
22 March 2025, 9:30am – noon
Tutu's House, Waimea

Annual Meeting Agenda (9:30 am to Noon with lunch to follow)

9:30 am – "Meet and Greet"

10:00 – Introductions and Plans for 2025

10:15 – Election of Officers for 2025. Apply for Board Membership.

10:30 – Updates on the State's Nā Ala Hele Program and the National Park Service's Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

11:00 – PowerPoint Presentation by Deborah Chang "E Mau's Beginnings and Kuleana"

11:30 – Q & A

End Meeting at Noon (or sooner) – Lunch begins!

6/4/22 Hike after Annual Meeting at Māhukona

8/03/24 Hike in Hōnaunau

Are You a Current E Mau Member?

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Membership dues help offset the cost of our newsletter published two or three times per year as well as support other E Mau Nā Ala Hele projects. A portion 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. E Mau Nā Ala Hele is a member organization of the Partnership.

Paper vs. email newsletter? When you renew your membership please check either "ELECTRONIC (EMAIL) NEWSLETTER ONLY" or "PAPER NEWSLETTER"
Sending only electronic newsletters will save money and trees! We are happy to send paper versions to those who still would like this option.

E Mau Nā Ala Hele is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Please also consider making an additional donation to help with the programs of E Mau.

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Members

2025 Members: Gloria Amaral, Nancy & Jacques Baenziger, Deborah Chang, Alexandra Kelepolo, Joan & Peter Kinchla, Barbara Schaefer

2024 Members (Please renew!): Wayne Borden, Cindy & Pepper Chong, Christian Colo, Topher Fast, Kim Garcia, Rick Gmirkin & Nancy Erger, Bill & Catherine Harlan, Jim Harrell & Louise Mattson, Antu Harvey, Tee & Kathy Jimenez, William F. Jones, Lei Kihoi & John Dunne, Dennis & Anne Klimke, Cathy M. Lowder, Ronald Mahtesian & Marie Rizzo, Dennis Michalske & Bonnie Uyechi, Hugh & Kaulana Montgomery, Caroline Betlach, Betsy Morrigan, Chelsea Ranan, Bill Randolph, Roy & Kay Lynne Santana, Vita Toci, Ruby Tzimeas, Keith & Doreen Wallis, Ellen Yamada-Regidor

2023 Members (Please renew!): Tom Aitken, Vivienne Aronowitz, Michael & Debera Crosson, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Rick Gregg, Kalei Kini & Family, Michael LaPlante, Caryl Lindamood, Eric & Chris Lindborg, Gail Mason, Penny & Don Merryman, Keith Neal, Donald & Lynda Potter, Susy Ruddle, Laurel Schultz & Steve White, Dale & Sandee Sebring, Suze Shannon, Mary Spears, Michael Shewmaker, JK Spielman, Elizabeth Star, Sydney Thomson & Akana Ma, Toni Thomson, Mary True & Greg Edwards, Manny & Eunice Veincent, Leilani Waldron, Lucia Wang, Gary Werner & Melanie Lord, Clare & Phil Wilson, Toni Withington & Ty Knudson, Margo & John Wray

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Membership Form

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. — Become a member for 2025!
(*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

Name(s)_____
Address_____
City_____State_____Zip_____
Phones (home)_____(work)_____(Fax)_____
e-mail_____
Number of people included in this membership _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ **ELECTRONIC (EMAIL) NEWSLETTER ONLY**
_____ **PAPER NEWSLETTER**

(The basic membership level is $20. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____$15 Student
_____$20 Regular
_____$25 Couple
_____$30 Family
_____$50 Supporting
_____$100 Contributing
_____$20 each, Gift membership
$_____ Other Donation

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Annual Meeting
March 22, 2025, 9:30am - Noon
Tutu's House

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RSVP Required

(see inside for details)