

# E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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## La Ho‘āla Ala Hele

**What:** To commemorate “Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele” (Trail Revitalization Day) E Mau Nā Ala Hele, in partnership with the Kona Hiking Club, will remove invasive weeds from the Nature Trail in Kalōpā State Recreation Area in Hāmākua District. The Nature Trail loops through a forested area filled with native trees, shrubs and ferns. We will have a potluck lunch following the service project and after lunch there are many hiking trails to choose within the 616-acre recreation area.

**When:** Meet at the park pavilion at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15.

**Where:** Kalōpā State Recreation Area, at 2000 feet elevation at end of Kalōpā Road, 3 miles inland from Māmalahoa Highway (Highway 19); 5 miles southeast of Honoka‘a.

**Bring:** Gloves, hand tools such as loppers, clippers and rippers, covered shoes, drinking water, rain gear just in case, something for the potluck lunch.



The park's street address is 44-3480 Kalia Rd.

Call Debbie at 776-1516 or Linda at 775-7494, if you have questions.

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

Meet at the Pavilion at 8:30am.

**Annual Meeting: 29 January 2012. Save the Date!**

## Message from President Debbie Chang

Aloha E Mau Members:

As my term as president comes to an end, E Mau is at a cross roads. We have several vacancies on our board and the possibility of more vacancies when the year ends. In an all-volunteer organization such as ours, we need energetic and reliable board members to help steer the future course. In the coming year E Mau plans to revisit its mission, purposes and future directions in an effort to revitalize our organization. This is your opportunity to be a part of that conversation. If you are interested in serving on our board, please email me right away at [hkulaiwi@yahoo.com](mailto:hkulaiwi@yahoo.com).

Those of you who participated know how uplifting our hike with Uncle Fred Cachola in North Kohala was; how inspiring the bird watching along the Pu'u 'O'o trail was on National Trails Day; how important our volunteer support is to the state's dryland forest and trails at Pu'u Wa'awa'a; and how thought-provoking it is to "Keep Public Places Public." Clearly E Mau offers value to its members. What many of you don't see is the time and effort behind the scenes to plan and organize each and every activity. Our work cannot continue without more help from the membership.

This is a pivotal time to join our board. Email me and we can talk about it!

Debbie

## Music & Talk Story at Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park Sunday, October 9, 2011

Makani Hou o Kaloko-Honokōhau is hosting a free Music and Talk Story event at the National Park's Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park Hale Ho'okipa visitor center on Sunday, October 9th from 4 to 7pm. Kahu Kaniela Akaka will serve as MC of the event featuring kama'āina sharing songs and stories of Kona. Other partners of the event include Hui Kuapa (Friends of the Future) and Ala Kahakai Trail Association. This is the second of three events scheduled along the 175-mile Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Bring family, friends, something to sit on, a snack, drink (non-alcoholic), and camera for a memorable afternoon at Hale Ho'okipa, which is located about a ½ mile north of the Honokōhau Small Boat Harbor. Ample free parking is available. This project is made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, the Anschutz Foundation and the Ahmanson Foundation.

For further information contact Paka at: 808-885-8540.

*Editor's note: The first of these "Talk Story" events was held in Kawaihae and was a wonderful afternoon of music and stories of the Trail and area with young and old alike sharing their talents and mana'o. ~ Barbara*

E Mau Nā Ala Hele website: <http://emaunaalalehe.org/> Check it out!

## August Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Work Day

By Barbara Schaefer

On 20 August a small, but dedicated, group of E Mau volunteers joined Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Ahupua‘a Coordinator Elliott Parsons for a work/education day at Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a. In the morning we



weeded and watered in an area where previous planting had taken place. The hot morning's work was followed by a fantastic potluck lunch in the shade of Elliott's lanai. After the refreshing lunch we journeyed by car and then foot on old ranch roads on the slopes of Hualalai behind Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a itself. Our walk took us through some very nice native plant understory where we all worked at learning names and identification of more of the native species.

Elliott explains past planting work and the tasks for the day.

## Update on the “Keeping Public Places Public” Committee

By Debbie Chang

The “Keeping” committee began with 2 class sessions on Saturdays in July on the HPA campus. Ten E Mau members committed to the crash course. We identified the various types of public lands and learned how and where to find information about public lands on the internet. Of course, there will always be more to learn, and we've decided to use specific locations of concern to group members as learning tools: (1) study them both in the field and through sources available to us, (2) discuss the feasibility of taking any action, and (3) take action when appropriate.

The eleven committee members are from Kona, Hilo, Hāmākua, Waimea, and Kohala. We've made an excellent start, identifying two little known accesses to the shoreline in North and South Hilo districts. On Oct. 1 eight of us walked the Judd Trail between Kuakini Hwy. and Ali'i Drive, which is overgrown and difficult to locate in places. We talked about overall Judd Trail-related issues and visited a few other accesses in North Kona. When there is something to report, we'll post information (and photos) about our work on E Mau's website (<http://emaunaalahahele.org/>).

Expansion of the committee at this time is not our priority as much as learning how to be more effective “Keepers.” If this sounds at all interesting to you and you are willing to put in the time and effort to learn how to be a more informed advocate for trails and accesses, please contact me at [hkulaiwi@yahoo.com](mailto:hkulaiwi@yahoo.com). ~ Debbie



View from one of the recently discovered fishing accesses. There is no access to the beach which is below a cliff, but it is a beautiful walk. The Keeping Committee is working with the County Planning Dept. to get this access properly cleared and signed as a shoreline public access. More information to come.

## Puna Trail Project

Mike Donoho and Debbie Chang continue to whittle away at the Puna Trail Project which has been delayed as we wait for the State to finalize the Memorandum of Agreement between the Nā Ala Hele program and WH Shipman Ltd. Once that MOA is finally approved, actual work on the ground can proceed. In the meanwhile, we've gone out with Nā Ala Hele and WH Shipman Ltd. representatives to identify where the two interpretive signs will be posted. Two signs have been constructed by State Forestry and Wildlife with materials purchased from the grant we received from Hawai'i Tourism Authority. A State archaeologist is working with us to make sure that



protective buffers are in place. State and county permits for the signs and a small parking area are required. E Mau member Christine Ahia has painted a beautiful scene of what the Puna Trail may have looked like in the 1800s surrounded by native plants and birds. Her artwork will be used to produce t-shirts for the volunteers. So as you can see, we are busy with the preliminary work that needs to be done before we can actually include you, our volunteers. Stay tuned!

Historic kerbstones can still be seen along sections of the Puna Trail.

## Membership

Current memberships stand at 68, representing 112 individuals. 61 members from 2010 and 27 members from 2009 have not yet renewed. Have you renewed? Just forgot? Please consider continuing your support of perpetuating Hawai'i's trails, furthering educational hikes, promoting partnerships with the State DLNR and the Federal National Park Service, giving back to the 'āina through volunteer days, "Keeping Public Places Public" plus so much more. Please renew your membership today!

### Members for 2011:

Dixie Adams, Christine Ahia, Alex Alcantar, Alina Alvarado, Gloria Amaral, Nancy & Jacques Baenziger, Susan Blumstein, Joan Bowden, Bill & Peggy Brevoort, John Butler, Mary & David Carroll, Deborah Chang, Cindy & Jake Chong, Karen Clarkson, Michael & Debera Crosson, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Bill Dixon, Mike Donoho, Zarine Dorabji, Sandy & Dick Ednie, Steven & Sandra Foster, Linda & Eddie Gallano, Maxine "Mickey" Hamilton, Daisy L Ikeuchi, Ruth Iwata, Milo Jarvis, John & Alice Jenkins, Tee & Kathy Jimenez, William F & Rowena E Jones, Gordon & Chinyere Joyce, Howard & Erna Kantner, Duane Kanuha, Lei & John Kihoi - Dunne, Joan & Peter Kinchla, Roland Kleger & Linda Tellington-Jones Kleger, Dr. Ted Leaf, Caryl Lindamood & Buddy Toyama, Fred & Kathy Lindsey, Cathy M. Lowder, Jon & Marianne Marshall, Jack & Leila Nessen, Hart & Magdalene Phillips, Lois Pollock, Mary Marvin Porter & Joseph Dalrymple, Matt Radosevich, Bill Randolph, Eugene Reynolds, Connie Ritchey, Barbara Schaefer, Dale & Sandee Sebring, Bill Simpson, Lloyd & Julia Soehren, J K Spielman, Paul Stenoien, Toni & Kosta Stylos, Debbie Sullivan, Ron & Arlene Terry, Antonette Thomson, Gary Turner, Madeleine Turner, Ruby & Tz Tzimeas, Mike Varney, Keith & Doreen Wallis, Gary Werner & Melanie Lord, Clare & Phil Wilson, Leona Wishard, Jacqueline Wright, Ellen Yamada-Regidor

If we have left your name off of the above list by mistake, please contact us.

Many thanks to Debbie Chang, Clare Wilson, Lei Kihoi-Dunne and Becky Clark for their help with this newsletter. Mahalo also to the W. M. Keck Observatory for the printing of the paper newsletter copies. ~ Barbara Schaefer, newsletter editor

## Are You a Member for 2011?

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Your mailing label indicates the last year that you renewed your membership. 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. 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. 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 2011!

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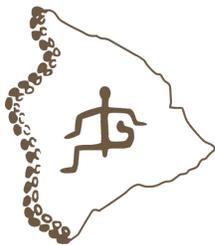
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From outgoing Board Member Lei Kihoi-Dunne:  
**New Board Members Needed!** We have several openings for Board Members. Potential Board Members should know: 1) Meetings are quarterly 2) You will lead an enthusiastic membership 3) You will partner with other trails organizations, locally and nationally 4) You will help with workdays, hikes, and other events with the members 5) You will be involved with community action organizations that perpetuate and preserve our trails 6) You may attend national conferences and workshops 7) You may be involved in lobbying locally and nationally for continued trail preservation and funding. Come join us. We need you now.

**E Mau Nā Ala Hele**  
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**Saturday, 15 October 2011**  
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