

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

Perpetuate Hawai'i's Trails For Hawai'i's People

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of E Mau Na Ala Hele will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at the pavilion at Spencer Beach County Park at 'Ōhai'ula Beach near Kawaihae. The agenda is as follows:

9:00 am	Gathering and social time
10:00 am	Business Meeting
	Review of the past year's activities
	Election of Board Members and Officers for 2012
	Plans for 2012
	Other items from the membership
11:00 am	Program – Update on the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail – NPS Staff
12:00 noon	Potluck lunch
1:00 pm	Afternoon activities along the Ala Kahakai

Please join us for a social and educational event at the Spencer Park pavilion. We'll "take care of business" and then hear all the latest news from our National Park Service partners. We'll celebrate the new year with a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Paper goods and drinks will be provided. You may wish to bring your own favorite non-alcoholic drink.

For our afternoon activity we will revisit a section of the Ala Kahakai NHT inventoried in 2009. We will hike between Honoka'ope Bay and 'Anaeho'omalū Bay comparing photos from the 2009 survey to note changes over the past two years. We will car pool and hike about two hours one way. The trail passes through an archeological area, and has incredible ocean views with the possibility of seeing whales and turtles. Hikers should dress for sunny conditions, carry two liters of water, and wear good trail shoes.

We look forward to seeing many of our members at the meeting and enjoying a fun day in a beautiful setting. Bring your friends! All are welcomed!

President Debbie Chang's Outgoing Message

Aloha Members of E Mau Nā Ala Hele,

This year, more than ever before, I've been reflecting upon the past 12 months and resolving to make changes. The nearly two years I've spent as president of E Mau have gone by in a flash. It's time for me to pass the baton to another. Come to our annual meeting to meet the courageous board member willing to serve as your next president!

I will continue to serve on the board to help with ongoing projects, notably the Puna Trail and Keeping Public Places Public committee. We need more board members, and the annual meeting is a perfect time to join the Board! Please renew your membership and do what you can to help us keep Hawai'i's trails open, cared for, and alive for future generations.

Puna Trail Project

By Debbie Chang

This project will be done in partnership with W.H. Shipman Ltd. and the State DLNR's Nā Ala Hele program. Delays in finalizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the landowner and the state have plagued this project. As a result, E Mau will have to ask for an extension from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to complete the work that we pledged to do under the grant we received from them.

The MOA was finally approved at the end of 2011. Permits are still pending, but it is hoped that we can call upon our volunteers soon to help with the hand removal of a large autograph tree that is close to the historic trail and blocking access to a future, small, unpaved parking lot planned at the trail head on W.H. Shipman property.

Thanks to E Mau member, Christine Ahia, we have a beautiful design for T-shirts that will be given to volunteers who help with the Puna Trail project.

If you can provide guidance and advice about T-shirt making (costs, quality, vendors), please contact Debbie at hkulaiwi@yahoo.com right away and let's talk about it.

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Membership

2011 Members

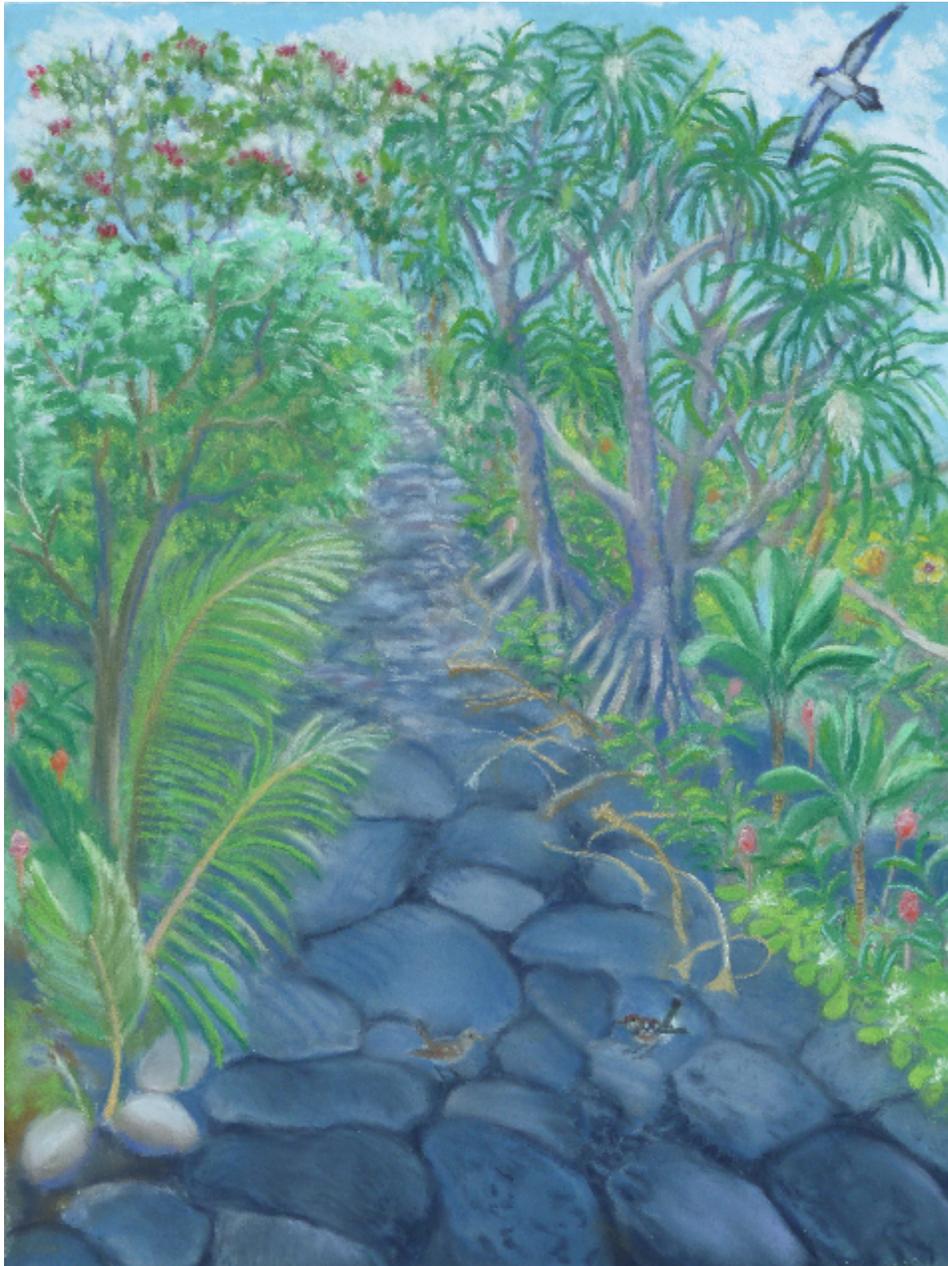
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2012 Members

Tamar Elias, Asta Miklius, Antonette Thomson

Puna Trail Project Art Work
By Christine Ahia

The painting is a depiction of what the trail may have looked like in the mid to late 1800s. I hiked the trail two times and did some research on it. Looked at the native plants & ignored the



invasives, such as autograph trees & banyan trees... Ohi'a and hala were very prevalent in the area. This hala is a male with the fragrant hinano blossoms, and hau, ti, and 'awapuhi ginger are near it. Close to the trail pōhaku are some naupaka. On the left is a kukui tree, niu, and some 'awapuhi. An 'elepaio couple are in the foreground, and an 'u'au kani (wedgetail shearwater) soars above the plants. From what I read, these birds were common in the Puna coast until their habitat was destroyed. The trail would've been more open, not enshrouded in shadows the way it is now. It gets so muddy there! I was lucky that the 'awapuhi were

sending up their flower stalks, so pink and beautiful when I went down the trail a few months ago.

Time to renew your membership for 2012! Your membership supports the projects of E Mau Nā Ala Hele and its mission to "Perpetuate The Trails."

Keeping Public Places Public Committee

By Debbie Chang

On behalf of E Mau, committee members attended the Dept. of Land & Natural Resources “Listening Session” in Kona in November to ask Director William Aila for the department’s help in surveying and marking the Judd Trail between Kuakini Highway and Ali’i Drive. The historic Judd Trail in this location has been retained by the State of Hawai’i for public benefit but has never been marked, restored and maintained. Through the years as subdivided lots have been developed and landscaped, the trail’s location has become so confused that even state officials are unable to say where it is without a land survey. Members of E Mau, the Kona Hiking Club and PATH have been interested in clearing and marking this section of the Judd Trail for years! Letters have been sent out to several divisions within DLNR asking for their follow-up plan, and we are awaiting their response.



“Keeping” Committee members trying to figure out where the 10-foot wide Judd Trail is located in the “Ho’omalua on Ali’i” Subdivision in October.

Many thanks to Debbie Chang, Clare Wilson, Christine Ahia and Jean Schaefer 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 2012?

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 2012!

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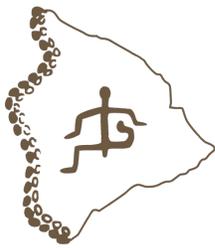
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A number of our Board members will be stepping down after the Annual Meeting in January. Is it time for you to step up? Please contact any of the current Board members if you are willing to volunteer!

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Sunday, 29 January 2012
Spencer Beach Co. Park
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