

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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Annual Meeting: February 23, 2013

E Mau Nā Ala Hele will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, 23 February 2013. We will meet at 8:30-am at the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Trail Kiosk just inside the ranch gate near mile 21.5 on Mamalahoa Highway, the upper road between Waimea and Kailua-Kona. The Trail Kiosk was one of *E Mau's* projects working in partnership with the State with grants from both the American Hiking Society and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. We'll do a little cleanup around the kiosk and then proceed to the Meeting House near the reservoir for our annual business meeting. The meeting will include election of officers and planning for the coming year. Following the business meeting we will have a potluck lunch before heading uphill to Waihou where we will help plant trees as part of the Global ReLeaf project. We will need some 4-wheel drive vehicles for the afternoon car pool. Please be prepared to drive if possible. This will also be a good opportunity to make use of the watering backpacks we purchased with a grant from Young Brothers. We look forward to seeing many of you as we kick off another year of service toward preserving Hawaiian trails and their natural and cultural surroundings. Come experience and help restore an area not often visited!

From the volunteer announcement: The area we will be restoring is called Waihou, which translates to spring, or literally "new water". Waihou Forest is a transitional woodland that once connected the moist montane and lowland dry forests of Pu'uwa'awa'a. Largely inaccessible to the public, this forest contains many rare and endangered species such as 'io, pueo and Hawaiian honeycreepers. This restoration project was made possible by a Global ReLeaf grant through American Forests.

What to bring:

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| - Potluck lunch/snacks | - Water |
| - Sunscreen | - Boots/shoes (terrain has 'a'a lava and grass) |
| - Hat/jacket/raingear | - Camera (optional) |
| - Gloves | - Binoculars (optional) |

President's Message from Frank Dickinson

Aloha,

As 2013 gets under way we will continue to make every effort to do our part as a group to help benefit the trails and environment of our Home Island. To me as an individual, I see bringing new members, young and not so young, into our group is an important part of making us a group of dedicated 'trail blazers' when it comes to maintenance and preservation of trails and limited access areas on our island.

In my humble opinion, we are a unique batch of people with varied skills and interests that make us who we are. The new year brings challenges, one of which is MONEY! We've been doing well with physical support (boots on the ground) but need more access to funds to help support the causes we want to focus on. Any and all ideas for raising funds should be brought to the board at our annual meeting. We have new brochures that we will be passing out to members who want to help us recruit. I have NO specific goal but would love to see each member/couple bring at least one guest to our meeting.

Here's hoping 2013 brings us a year of accomplishments.

Mahalo, Frank

Mahalo A Nui Loa

We send many thanks to:

- Debbie Chang, outgoing Board member. Debbie, one of the founders of *E Mau Na Ala Hele*, has remained active in many different efforts to preserve and protect the natural and cultural environments of Hawai'i. Most recently with *E Mau* she has chaired the "Keeping Public Places Public" committee and the Puna Trail Project. She plans to continue with these efforts after stepping down from Board responsibilities.
- Mike Donoho, outgoing *E Mau* web master. Mike is another of the tireless community volunteers who has a hard time saying the word "no." Among many other contributions, Mike got our web page up and running in great form, contributing hours and hours toward the effort.
- The Hawai'i Tourism Authority for a grant helping make the Puna Trail Project possible!
- Young Brothers for a grant to purchase watering backpacks. The backpacks are being used in projects at Pu'u Wa'awa'a and will also be used in other reforestation projects in West Hawai'i in the near future.
- Newsletter contributors: Debbie Chang, Clare Wilson, Frank Dickinson, M. Kalani Souza, Carrie Wills, and Jim Mackay.
- The W. M. Keck Observatory for the printing of the paper newsletter copies.
- Members who have already paid their dues for 2013!

Puna Trail Project

Editor's note: Brokering an agreement and cooperative project between State, County, private, and non-profit groups and working through the necessary permitting processes can be a huge challenge. Debbie Chang knows the process and also feels the frustration as she works tirelessly to bring the Puna Trail Project to a successful completion.

From Debbie:

How difficult (and time-consuming) can it be to get sign permits? Let's just say before being able to install 2 informational and interpretive signs for trail users, we have had to apply for a SMA Minor Permit, which we now have. However, we also need building permits to get the "ground mount structure" installed, and an engineer needs to review the specifications. The State, County, and *E Mau* have been communicating back and forth about this since April of last year. Very recently *E Mau's* inquiry as to the status of our sign permit resulted in a new Plan Examiner being assigned. He was given no background information and wants a new application to be submitted. Will there be a reward in heaven for patience in this matter? Stay tuned . . .

To help or send encouragement:

e-mail or call Deborah Chang at: hkulaiwi@yahoo.com; 776-1516

But there are some signs of progress:

Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele, October 20, 2012



On October 20th, 2012, *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* celebrated *Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele* by gathering at the Puna Trail parking area, painting the gate, walking the trail, and collecting bags and bags of rubbish. Lunch at the beach gave time to enjoy the wildlife (a monk seal and group of honu) and learn a bit of history and culture of this special place. Read about it and see more photos at our web site <http://emaunaalahahele.org>

Photo by Ronal Kerbo

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"

Wanted: Newsletter Editor. After more than a dozen years of editing the newsletter, I would like to pass the duties to another. We usually do three newsletters per year. The editor encourages others to send information and then formats it into a newsletter style. I will happily help the new editor learn the ropes! Please contact me to volunteer!

Mahalo, Barbara Schaefer, bschaefer@hawaii.rr.com or phone: 808-640-9270

Hiking the Hill

Editor's note: The E Mau Board of Directors welcomes M. Kalani Souza to the Board. Kalani replaces Debbie Chang on the Board and will be our liaison between our Board and the Board of the Ala Kahakai Trail Association. We look forward to an exciting year of collaboration between the two groups, the communities along the Ala Kahakai, and the National Park Service. As this newsletter goes to press Kalani is in Washington D.C. representing E Mau and the ATA at the annual Hike The Hill, trails advocacy week. From Kalani:

I am more than pleased by the invitation to join *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* at such an auspicious time. I am equally delighted to have the opportunity to represent *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* in Washington DC at the annual Hike the Hill event for the Partnership for National Trails Systems.

With the recent changes to leadership regarding the State of Hawai'i and our freshman Senators we need to reconnect with our congressional teams and reaffirm their long support for our traditional, scenic and historic trails. I am happy to accompany our partners in the National Park Services National Historic Trails system, trail superintendent Aric Arakaki and trail staff person Nahaku Kalei to meet both with our congressional leaders and also our support agencies and partnerships in Washington DC.

I look forward to the next *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* board and membership meets to further update everyone on our trip and to connect in a real and lasting way the work we do that supports community, each other and the trails we all cherish. These very trails give us access to a much deeper relationship with the earth mother and of our place in the natural world. We hold these trust and lands sacred and continue our efforts to preserve, protect and keep them available for generations to come.

Mahalo nui e aloha no, Rev. M. Kalani Souza.

Are You a Member for 2013?

Dues are due!

(at a very slightly increased rate)

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, 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 2013. Membership levels have remained constant for as long as anyone on the Board of Directors can remember (since *E Mau* formation in 1979 perhaps?) At the December Board meeting, the Directors voted to increase dues by \$5 for individual and couple memberships. Family memberships remain at the \$25 level. The small increase will help support our island-wide projects. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations in addition to your dues are always welcomed!

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.

Mahalo to those who have contributed in the past and renewed memberships for 2013!

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Membership

2013 Membership: Deborah Chang, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Kathy Frost & Lloyd Lowry, Cathy M. Lowder, Antonette Thomson, Gary Turner, Keith & Doreen Wallis

2012 Membership: Christine Ahia, Alex Alcantar, Alina Alvarado, Gloria Amaral, Joan Bowden, Bonnie Burke, Deborah Chang, Cindy & Jake Chong, Michael & Debera Crosson, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Bill Dixon, Tamar Elias, Steven & Sandra Foster, Linda & Eddie Gallano, Steven Gonzales, Maxine "Mickey" Hamilton, Susan Hicks, Alice Hutchinson, Daisy L Ikeuchi, Ruth Iwata, John & Alice Jenkins, Tee & Kathy Jimenez, Kathleen Johnson, William F & Rowena E Jones, Roland Kleger & Linda Tellington - Jones Kleger, Dr. Ted Leaf, Caryl Lindamood & Buddy Toyama, Fred & Kathy Lindsey, Cathy M. Lowder, Donna & Joey Mah, Jon & Marianne Marshall, Alison Martyn, Asta Miklius, Jack & Leila Nessen, Lois Pollock, Eugene Reynolds, Connie Ritchey, Roger & Vivian Rittenhouse, Roy & Kay Lynne Santana, Barbara Schaefer, Dale & Sandee Sebring, Michael Shewmaker, Bill Simpson, Lloyd & Julia Soehren, Priscilla Studholme, Ron & Arlene Terry, Antonette Thomson, Gary Turner, Madeleine Turner, George & Gretchen Van Der Heyden, Rich & Wai Ling Vogler, Keith & Doreen Wallis, Hal & Mary Ann Ward, Marge White, Clare & Phil Wilson, Leona Wishard, Jacqueline Wright, Ellen Yamada-Regidor

Please let us know if you believe there is an error in the above list. If you are not a member for 2013, please consider renewing. Your membership is important for helping carry out our programs. (check your mailing label for your "year last renewed" or, for our "e-mail only" members, contact Treasurer Clare Wilson)

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2013!

(*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.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones (home) _____ (work) _____ (Fax) _____

e-mail _____

Number of people included in this membership _____

_____ (check if desired) DO NOT SEND PAPER NEWSLETTER – ELECTRONIC VERSION ONLY

(The basic membership level is \$15. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____ \$15 Regular

_____ \$20 Couple

_____ \$25 Family

_____ \$35 Supporting

_____ \$50 Sustaining

_____ \$100 Contributing

_____ \$15 each, Gift memberships

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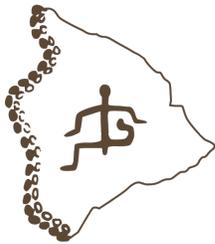
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We are looking for one or two more Board members. Are you interested in contributing a little extra? Volunteer at the annual meeting!

**Annual Meeting
And
Planting Day
At
Pu'u Wa'awa'a
8:30am, 23 February 2013**



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