

# E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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**Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele**  
**Saturday, 20 October 2018, 9:00am**

**What is *Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele* (“Trail Revitalization Day”)?**

By Debbie Chang

In 2004 the Hawai'i County Council passed Resolution 161-04 which established a day in October called “Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele” to remember and honor Hawai'i's unique laws and present-day programs, which are intended to protect Hawai'i's historic trails and roads and the public's rights and abilities to safely use them. *Māmala Hoe Kanawai* (Law of the Splintered Paddle, ~1785), the Highways Act of 1892, and Article XIV, Section 10 of the State Constitution (1978) are acknowledged in the Resolution. Also acknowledged are the present day Statewide Trail and Access System known as “Nā Ala Hele” (established in 1988) and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (established in 2000). Even our nonprofit organization, E Mau Nā Ala Hele (founded in 1979), is recognized. Every year in October, E Mau commemorates this day to remind us of the trails that were built by the ancestors and how fortunate we are that tools exist today to defend our rights to keep the trails and use them. These laws and programs should not be taken for granted.

Turn the page for details of our celebration for 2018!

**Car shuttle drivers are needed for our celebration hike on 20 October! Please contact Debbie Chang by emailing [kulaiwi@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kulaiwi@hawaiiantel.net) or calling 776-1516 and plan to arrive at 8:15 at the latest to allow time for the initial shuttle.** (see details on the next page.)

**Join us in observance of *Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele* (“Trail Revitalization Day”)**

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, we will meet at the Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway entrance to Kekaha Kai State Park (between mile markers 90-91) at 9:00 am and hike along a mauka-makai historic Hawaiian trail to Mahai‘ula Beach. This is a moderately difficult walk (one-way) of about 2.5 miles across uneven lava terrain. Be prepared for hot, sunny conditions. We are pleased to have Nicole “Keaka” Lui as our cultural and historic guide that day! Keaka is descended from road building supervisors and surveyors who worked in Kona under Hawai‘i’s monarchy: notably the Kinimaka and Ka‘elemakule families. Her knowledge of this *wahi pana* is deeply rooted in family tradition. The historic trail runs close to a unique and historic family cemetery of the Ka‘elemakule ‘Ohana. This will be a special opportunity to learn more about Kona’s Hawaiian history and culture from a *keiki o ka ‘āina*.

Plan for a full day. Bring a lunch, ample water, wear shoes for hiking, and bring sunglasses, sun screen, and a hat. Our plan is to shuttle hikers out to the main highway after the hike is over. This way the hike will be just a one-way, mostly downhill stretch to the coast, without having to walk back up to the highway.

We need volunteers to help shuttle people from the park’s parking lot close to the beach and back to the highway. The road to the park’s parking lot is unpaved, rough in places, but a 4-wheel drive vehicle is not required. Shuttle volunteers should arrive at 8:15am to allow enough time to drive to the parking lot and car pool back to the start of the trail. If you can help shuttle people, please notify Debbie Chang by emailing [kulaiwi@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kulaiwi@hawaiiantel.net) or calling 776-1516.



## President's Message from Marcie Davis

Aloha All,

It is hard to believe it's been eight months since our last newsletter. Although we have not had many "boots on the ground" activities we are continuing to make our presence known around the island.

We did place boots on the ground, partnering with The Ala Kahakai Trails Association, and the National Park Service, for our annual National Trails Day event in June. We had a wonderful walk from Lapakahi State Historical Park to Kapa'a Beach County Park. Thanks to those who organized, scouted, lead, shared their knowledge, provided lunch, and joined us along the way!

We had a great turnout for last year's Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele event from Waialea Bay to Kauna'oa Beach and are in the planning stages for this year's annual event to "Give Life to the Trails" commemorating the Highways Act of 1892 and other historic and current laws and programs protecting trails and trail access.

Thanks to Christine Ahia we will have a booth at the 'Ōhi'a festival in Hilo later this month. We also are partnering with the Ala Kahakai Trail Association to have an informational booth at the annual Run for the Dry Forest.

There will be more opportunities for involvement on the lands and trails this coming year so please read each memo you receive from E Mau and plan to attend our annual meeting tentatively scheduled for Feb 23, 2019. Location and details to follow.

Don't forget if you have not recently paid your yearly dues you can still do so and be paid up through 2019.

## Upcoming Events

- 20 October 2018, Saturday – Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele ("Trail Revitalization" Day)
- 21 October 2018, Sunday – 'Ōhi'a Love Fest
- 27 October 2018, Saturday – Run for the Dry Forrest
- 6 January 2019, Sunday – Board of Directors' meeting & strategic planning session
- 23 February 2019, Saturday – 2019 Annual meeting

## 'Ōhi'a Love Fest

The Second Annual 'Ōhi'a Love Fest, scheduled for earlier this year and postponed because of the hurricane, has been rescheduled for Sunday, 21 October 2018, 9am-4pm, at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo. The family fun-filled day includes presentations, demonstrations, Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death info, educational displays, crafts, games, photo booth, food, entertainment, face painting, a keiki scavenger hunt, adult photo scavenger hunt, and more. E Mau Board member Christine Ahia will once again have a booth representing E Mau with information and fun activities for the keiki. Christine is looking for one or two others to help her in the booth during part or all of the day. **Please contact Christine at [cahia@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:cahia@hawaiiintel.net) or 959-9396, if you can help.**

## Run for the Dry Forrest

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Run for the Dry Forest is taking place on Saturday, October 27, 2018. E Mau Board member Kamuela Plunkett will partner with The Ala Kahakai Trail Association to have an informational booth at the event. Board member Christine Ahia will be volunteering to help with the race. Others who are interested in volunteering to help with the race should contact PATH, the race organizer, at [volunteer@pathhawaii.org](mailto:volunteer@pathhawaii.org). Volunteers are still needed.

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 on the web: <http://www.emaunaalahele.org/index.html>***

### **Are You an E Mau Member? Time to Renew Your Membership!**

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. 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 the "DO NOT SEND PAPER NEWSLETTER – ELECTRONIC VERSION ONLY" line on the membership form if you would prefer to NOT receive a paper version, but only receive the email version. This will save money and trees! We are happy to send paper versions to those who still would like this option.

Why are you getting a paper version this time if you have signed up for electronic version only? This means you have not renewed your membership for a year or two and we would like you back among our active members. Please take time to send your renewal now in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope. Your membership and participation are important to us and the advocacy work we do. Please join us! If you would prefer to be taken off our mailing list altogether, please just drop us an email or note in the envelope. Suggestions for future E Mau activities, ways we can better serve your interests, wanting to get more actively involved or volunteer? Drop us a note about that, too. Looking forward to hearing from many of you!

The Board of Directors is extending 2019 membership to all members who renew at this time.

E Mau Nā Ala Hele is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. As 2018 comes to a close, please also consider making an additional donation to help with the programs of E Mau.

**If you are not a member for 2018, please consider renewing your membership. Your membership is important for helping us carry out our programs. (check your mailing label for your membership year or, for our "email only" members, contact Treasurer Sonja Walawender)**

## E Mau Nā Ala Hele Current Members

2019: Marti & Edward Henrickson, Joan & Peter Kinchla, J K Spielman

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Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2018 & 2019!

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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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| _____ \$20 Regular    | _____ \$20 each, Gift    |
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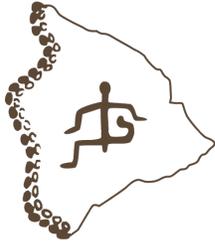
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**E Mau Nā Ala Hele  
Celebrates  
Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele  
October 20, 2018, 9:00am  
Kekaha Kai State Park  
(see inside for details)**