



Fall Meeting at UH College Hill to Feature Historic Houses

by Lowell Angell

Our Fall membership meeting will be held at one of the oldest historic houses in Mānoa. College Hill is the residence of University of Hawai'i presidents and not often open to the general public.

In this unique setting, Dr. Bill Chapman will present an overview of historic houses in Honolulu, including Mānoa, and their architectural significance. He will also describe the UH Historic Preservation Program and the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places, including the procedures for listing on the registry and benefits of both programs to the community.

Dr. Chapman has been professor of American Studies at UH Mānoa and Director of the UH Historic Preservation Program since 1993.



Dr. Bill Chapman will present on Dec. 3rd

Educated at Columbia and Oxford University in England, he specializes in architectural recording, the development of historic districts, and materials conservation. He currently chairs the State's Historic Places Review Board.

College Hill was built in 1902 by Frank and Eleanore Atherton,



College Hill, a unique historic home in Mānoa

members of a prominent island family, in the newly opened College Hills tract in Mānoa valley. The tract was developed by and named for O'ahu College, now known as Punahou School. At the time considered "out in the country," the 2.6 acre property was on a knoll with a sweeping view of Diamond Head and the ocean. The Athertons always had a special interest in their neighbor, the University of Hawai'i, and in 1963 their heirs donated the property to the University for use as the presidents' residence. In 2002, its centennial year, the house was listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places.

Don't miss this special opportunity to visit this unique residence and hear Dr. Chapman! The meeting is free and open to Mālama Mānoa members and their

guests. No reservations are necessary. **Parking is available on the streets surrounding the property. College Hill, 2234 Kamehameha Avenue. December 3, 2014. 6pm.**

Join the Mānoa Christmas Parade

- Saturday, December 13, 2014
- Parade starts at 5pm
- Come early to help decorate the truck!
- Wear your elfiest outfit and walk with Mālama Mānoa in the parade
- Email Thalya at malamamanoa12@gmail.com or call 808-988-6181 to let us know you'll join us!

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to promote community; celebrate our cultural diversity and heritage; and preserve, protect and enhance the special qualities of historic Mānoa Valley.

President's Corner

Aloha to all our members! We are nearing the end of another busy year for Mālama Mānoa. We began with our first General Membership Meeting on March 26, in which those attending were made aware of the very harmful invasive species of trees that have caused Mānoa to lose tons of valuable soil through erosion.



The upcoming and last General Membership Meeting for the year will be an important one – we will vote on new board members for 2015, and then be treated to a presentation by Dr. Bill Chapman

about the importance of preserving historic homes, both in Mānoa and beyond.

We held another very successful 1,000 Tree Giveaway in April that encouraged people to plant trees, flowers and various island fruits around their homes. The ever popular Mānoa Stream cleanup continues to attract a lot of volunteers to help keep debris out of our precious stream. Our Educational Grants Program proudly supported 6 organizations/projects this year.

Mālama Mānoa again participated in the Fall Fair at Mānoa Valley District Park (a fun evening of games for children, held at the new gym). We'll wrap up the year by participating in the annual Mānoa Christmas Parade on December 13.

Through both our own activities and our partnerships with other groups, Mālama Mānoa continues to carry out its mission of promoting community and preserving, protecting and enhancing the special qualities of Mānoa valley. Thank you for continuing to follow and support us via this newsletter, our e-mail blasts, our website and Facebook page. Happy Holidays!

Mahalo,
Joyce Arizumi



MĀNOA LIBRARY BOOK SALE – Volunteers from Roosevelt High School JROTC, plus Punahou staff, football players and families all came out to support Mālama Mānoa and Mānoa Library at the book sale by boxing thousands of books, CDs and DVDs. What a huge task! Carrying and carting over 150 boxes to storage was an exhausting job. But with all the help it was completed in less than 2 hours. The sale was a great success – the Friends of Mānoa Library made over \$2,000. Thanks to Pat Chung for spearheading the event.

Three of Diane Ito's favorite words:
Welcome to Mānoa.



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Tree Giveaway: Greening our Community

by Jeremy Lam

Mālama Mānoa hosted its 6th 1,000 Tree Giveaway on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Mānoa Valley District Park. Preparation began one year ago, gathering materials and propagating plants and trees. Publicity was provided pro bono, and Punahou School contributed several hundred trees to this spectacular community event.

Early that morning, volunteers transported more than 1,300 plants and trees of almost 50 varieties to the park. Boy Scouts from Troop 1 helped to unload, organize and alphabetize the offerings. Over 200 people waited patiently in line for the chance to have first choice.

Volunteers from the Outdoor Circle and Sunrise Rotary Club assisted in registration, crowd control, and distributing information. Environmental education focused on fire ants, rhinoceros beetles and invasive plant species. Woodturners shared their skills and arborists answered questions.

Boy scouts and Mālama Mānoa members helped carry trees to cars. Past and present Mālama Mānoa Directors monitored the entrance and exit, collected donations, put up signs and directed traffic. About 1 o'clock, the last tree recipients



Scouts from Troop #1 were out in force to transport trees

left and more volunteers disposed of rubbish, took down the tent, removed the signs, and cleaned up the pavilion.

Efforts like the Tree Giveaway help to make homes across the island greener and more fruitful. With the help of so many participants our air will be cleaner; there will be less soil erosion and less runoff into storm drains. There will be more shade, less glare, and cooler ambient temperatures. Property values will increase and electricity bills may decrease. Mānoa will maintain its reputation as a lush, green valley. We are taking a step forward to preserve the balance of nature and show our respect for the 'aina.

Along the Avenue *by Jan Tucker*

Take a stroll down O'ahu Avenue and enjoy the lawns, plants, hedges and trees that still define so many of the properties. Rather than walls and fences, there are croton, gardenia, mock orange and panax hedges framing the homes behind.

One classic Mānoa bungalow has a cloud-pruned mock orange hedge greeting passers-by that cause one to pause and notice the gentle shadows cast by its sculpted branches. In Japanese this style of pruning trees and shrubs into cloud shapes is known as "Niwaki," meaning "garden tree."

Although there is a learning curve to perfect this technique, once established, it is a low maintenance pruning choice. The homeowner, who was a ceramicist, took great pleasure in this artistic outlet. He now has help, and the hedge is well maintained. Tucked just inside the hedge is a pine tree brought from Japan that complements the hedge with textural contrast and stateliness. It too is in the cloud-pruned manner.

So...on a nice sunny day, enjoy the "clouds" of O'ahu Avenue.



The hedge and the pine share pruning style but contrast in foliage to create an eye-catching definition to the property.

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MAHALO!

Mānoa Meets the Disaster Blaster Challenge

by Tom Heinrich

Be Ready Mānoa (BRM), a non-profit community organization incorporated in April this year, accomplished its first mission this fall. The goal was to bring the community together to learn how to "prepare, survive and thrive". BRM met with great success by educating over 1,800 participants at its disaster preparedness fair in September at Mānoa Valley District Park.

As part of BRM's outreach, a luncheon was held for the leadership of nine faith-based groups to encourage them to work together in disaster preparedness and response efforts. Also, the "Disaster Blaster Challenge" educational program was conducted, which involved 600 students and their families from seven area schools including Mānoa, Noelani, Stevenson, Roosevelt, Maryknoll,

Saint Francis, and UH Laboratory School.

Perfect weather blessed the day of the fair! Booths and outdoor demonstrations were sponsored by over 70 governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, local businesses, churches, schools, and other community organizations. A Roosevelt High JROTC member said it best: "multiple organizations coming together, all different, with the same purpose."

Be Ready Mānoa Fair co-chair Helen Nakano said, "The BRM team was able to organize this major community event in record time thanks to the financial support of our corporate sponsors First Hawaiian Bank and Central Pacific Bank.



Janice Marsters, Jan Tucker, Linda LeGrande, Thalya DeMott, George Arizumi, Joyce Arizumi at the Mālama Mānoa booth.

Mālama Mānoa's educational endowment grant of \$1,000, awarded in July, helped us to increase outreach and participation!" Visit www.bereadyManoa.org for more information and opportunities to help make Mānoa a disaster resilient community.

Grants Support the Mission *by Leslie Uptain*

In July, Mālama Mānoa's board had the pleasure and honor of supporting worthy organizations via the Mālama Mānoa Educational Grant program. The grant program started in the year 2000 with the purpose of supporting projects that positively affect Mānoa Valley and its residents by enhancing natural beauty and environment or promoting community. Grants are typically in the \$1,000 - \$2,000 range.

This was an especially exciting year, with six grant applications being received. After careful review, the board was able to grant all six applicants with

outright gifts or pledges of matching support. Recipients this year include UH Foundation on behalf of Lyon Arboretum, Be Ready Mānoa, Boy Scout Troop 33, Mānoa Public Library, Lyon Arboretum's children's garden, and Mānoa Elementary. The projects include advancement of Lyon Arboretum's *Ulu* garden, Be Ready Mānoa's community fair, Eagle Scout David Hamada's plan to create a sustainable garden at Mānoa Elementary, drapes for the meeting

room at Mānoa Public Library, signage for Lyon Arboretum's children's garden, and acquiring plants and planters to teach children about plant life cycles at Mānoa Elementary.

Mālama Mānoa is proud to partner with these community organizations and looks forward to the positive results of their worthwhile projects. It is our hope that these projects will be greatly enjoyed by Mānoa residents and visitors.

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Melting Mānoa

Of course there's no snow in Mānoa. But thousands of tons of soil are lost every year because of invasive species. That was the take-home message from Karen Ah Mai, Executive Director of the Ala Wai Watershed Association (AWWA), at Mālama Mānoa's general membership meeting last March.

Ms. Ah Mai explained that there are two invasive species that are particularly plentiful and damaging in Mānoa: macaranga, also known as parasol leaf tree, and albizia. Both trees grow prolifically in stream areas, increasing soil loss and inhibiting the growth of species that retain soil.

A combination of characteristics make albizia dangerous. Primarily, they grow at the rapid rate of twenty feet per year and to a height of more than 120 feet. Albizia have weak root systems and thin, fragile branches. This structure



Macaranga – This invasive species grows rapidly throughout our valley

makes them extremely susceptible to being blown down, lifting root systems and the surrounding soil with them. This loose soil is then washed out of the valley by our frequent rain and active streams.

Native species have hardy root systems that anchor soil near the stream and keep it from eroding away. But albizia's large, dense canopies block the sun which all plants need, thus eliminating the opportunity for native species to grow.

By contrast, Palolo valley does not have albizias, and Ms. Ah Mai showed a vivid picture of the confluence of Mānoa and Palolo Streams where they meet near UH. Mānoa Stream water is brown; Palolo Stream's water is much clearer, visual proof that Mānoa is eroding rapidly, and urgent measures must be taken.

AWWA has received a grant to restore stream banks in Mānoa and will soon host a community meeting to inform and engage residents on the improvement of the watershed. E-mail ahmai@hawaii.rr.com for more information.

Urban Farmers: Earth Day and Everyday by Eliza Lathrop

Neighbors from across the valley and even neighbors from the further reaches of our island once again flooded the Mānoa Library on Earth Day this past spring at what is becoming a popular annual Urban Farming event. Christel Collins, head librarian, organized a number of different events in April. Mālama Mānoa volunteers introduced residents to the joys of backyard chickens, compost and worm systems, beekeeping and garden strategies. Interested in exploring how they might turn a typical backyard into a more productive, sustainable landscape, library visitors spent the morning visiting the various exhibits and were happy to take home a free native plant along with their newfound knowledge.

There is so much you can do in even the smallest of spaces, and Mālama Mānoa has many members who are happy to

share what they have discovered. Board member Meg Lin, who was recognized this summer in the Star-Advertiser as an inspiring "Accidental Gardener," shared some of her happy accidents with many library guests that day. Meg was joined by Velma Akinaka, an enthusiastic wormer as well, and they guided both kūpuna and keiki through the do's and don'ts of raising worms and the benefits of composting in the backyard.

Besides our popular chicken visit, we added another backyard farm animal to our list this past spring with the introduction of Urban Beekeeping, inviting visitors to explore a typical beekeeper's gear and taste honey from hives right here in Mānoa.

We are looking forward to the event again this coming spring, and hope to see our friends and neighbors sharing the stories and excitement of living

closer to the land, and connecting with the special place our valley is in so many different ways.



Eliza Lathrop shares her chicken stories at the Mānoa Public Library.

Mānoa Memories *An occasional feature by Lowell Angell*



Waioli Tea Room circa 1950's

Our valley has long had an active commercial area along East Mānoa Road. Over the years there have been several gas stations, grocery stores, barber shops, beauty salons, drug stores with soda fountains (including one that offered car service), dry cleaners, and a dry goods store. Here are three favorite old-time eating places, including one that's still here!

Mānoa Grill, where Central Pacific Bank is now, was a typical, simple saimin stand and lunch counter. It had wooden booths, red-covered swivel stools, and no air-conditioning. You entered double swinging screen doors from the few parking stalls right outside.

Mānoa Chop Suey, where Starbuck's is now, was originally operated by Clara and Buck Goo as Mānoa Market in the 1930 building. They closed that and opened the restaurant named Mānoa Chop Suey. It later became a Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlor, then became a Bank of America branch before Starbuck's moved in.

Waioli Tea Room and Bakery, located at the 'five corners' intersection above Lowrey Avenue, was opened in 1922 by the Salvation Army. It served as a training facility for young women from their adjacent Girls Home. Enjoyed for decades by residents and visitors alike, this charming, lush haven is still in operation and little changed after 92 years! Mānoa almost lost it some years ago, because of zoning regulations. At that time it had been closed for several years, but a valley-wide petition signed by thousands of residents convinced the City that we wanted it to reopen. If you haven't been there lately, do go. The Salvation Army is now running it and, besides good food, its historic ambience is like stepping back in time.

Stream Cleanup – Our 15th Year!

Yes, it has now been 15 years since Mālama Mānoa and community volunteers have been clearing discarded items that should not be in our stream. The most recent cleanup was November 1, and was held in conjunction with the City and County's observance of 'Make a Difference Day'. Stay tuned for the next date!



Volunteers await their gear and assignments

You're invited to contribute your own Mānoa Memories or comments to Lowell at angell@hawaii.edu.

Bioswales and Rain Gardens: Filtering Runoff and Providing Flood Control

by Bernice Fielding

Although Hawai'i is generally not thought of as a rainy state, certain areas such as Mānoa Valley average nearly 170 inches of rain a year. This abundant rainfall intermittently causes storm water management problems, such as excessive runoff and flooding. The flood of October 30, 2004, serves as a vivid example. This devastating flood caused millions of dollars of damage to Mānoa homeowners and the University of Hawai'i. If every homeowner in Mānoa Valley could properly contain and re-use rain water and reduce storm water runoff, a re-occurrence of such an event may be avoided in the future.

Swales and gullies are low depressions of land that transport and collect water and occur naturally in the environment. Following Mother Nature's lead, bioswales and rain gardens are designed and created landscape elements that mimic these natural depressions. Not only do bioswales and rain gardens improve water quality by filtering runoff; they provide localized flood control. Bioswales are also well suited for interesting gardening opportunities such as use of native plants, which do not require fertilizer and are more tolerant of the local climate, soil, and wa-

ter conditions. These microclimates attract local fauna such as native birds, bees, beneficial insects and butterflies.

Bioswales and rain gardens provide a way to use and optimize any rain that falls, reducing or avoiding the need for irrigation. By implementing these design features into a landscape, an aesthetically pleasing garden can be created that also encourages wildlife and biodiversity in an attractive and environmentally advantageous way.



Naturally occurring gully.



Designed bioswale.

New Board Members 2014

Bernice Fielding



Born in Singapore and raised around the world, Bernice settled in Canada for most of her career. She has taught horticulture

at the university level, owned her own landscape design company, has managed estate gardens, has been the Executive Director of a Botanical Garden and a Director of Horticulture for an exclusive landscape architecture firm.

Committed to sustainability and environmental preservation on O'ahu, Bernice moved to Hawai'i four years ago. She worked at the University of Hawaii's Lyon Arboretum in Mānoa to design and project manage *Ulu*, one of Hawaii's first educational sustainable gardens, and has recently become the Director of Project and Design Services for Ki Concepts, a local, sustainable landscape architecture firm.

During her off time Bernice blends her passion for people, design and nature, spending the majority of her time enjoying the outdoors with her husband and dog. She hikes, swims, surfs, stand up paddleboards, bikes, practices yoga and watches sunsets.

Morgan Nixon



Morgan was born and raised in the rural seaside community of Amagansett on the Eastern tip of Long Island, NY. He first

moved to Hawai'i to study Hawaiian music three years ago. He fell in love

and now lives in Mānoa with his wife, Koalani, and his two step-children, Kanoa and Hoku.

Morgan has extensive experience as an independent contractor in the San Francisco area as a designer, web developer and consultant. His experience with the Bay Area Video Coalition activated his desire to spread knowledge of web design to community-based non-profit organizations.

Morgan is currently working with the Pacific New Media Center to develop and teach web-related classes. He continues to do freelance work, and looks forward to working with more clients in the Honolulu area.

This past year he volunteered his time to create Mālama Mānoa's new, modern website. Morgan enjoys bodysurfing, fishing, hiking Pu'u Pia trail, and working in his garden.

Helen Taufaasau



Born and raised in California, Helen graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Anthropology. She moved to Mānoa in 1970, after

receiving her 5th year elementary teaching credential. Her husband Hugh was a long-time Mānoa resident and after living in Mililani for 11 years, they purchased their Woodlawn home in 1986. Both their children were raised in Mānoa and attended Punahou.

Helen worked for 20 years as an educational evaluator and student services coordinator in the Department of Education. She retired in 2005 and became involved with Hawai'i Meals on Wheels, Hospice Hawai'i, Hawai'i Literacy, and Assistance League Hawai'i. In 2012

she did research for Mālama Mānoa's Historic Homes Tour and served as a docent.

Living in Mānoa is important to Helen. She has great respect for the history of the valley, its sense of community, and its amazing beauty. Helen also plays tennis, and she is learning to play Mahjong.

Amy Tyson



Amy was born in Atlanta, GA and moved back to Durham, NC, where her family was originally from, at twelve years old. After

attending high school in Durham, she attended college at Appalachian State University, in Boone, NC, receiving a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology, formerly known as Industrial Arts.

After college she ran a little store featuring handmade clothing she'd designed and created. She then shifted gears and spent a few years helping to run a residential construction firm back in Durham. Her love of building and design led her back to school to study architecture, which brought her to Mānoa. After five years of intense studies she earned her Doctor of Architecture degree in 2009 from UH School of Architecture.

She currently works as an independent draftsperson while preparing to take the architecture registration exams for licensure. Hopefully next year we can all congratulate her on passing those exams.



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Fall General Membership Meeting

- Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Program – *Historic Houses: Windows into the Past*
- College Hill, 2234 Kamehameha Ave.

Mānoa Christmas Parade

- Saturday, December 13, 5:00 PM
- Noelani School Parking Lot

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For an updated calendar of community events, visit our website at www.malamamanoa.org.

Mālama Mānoa Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, and the public is welcome. Most meetings are held at Mānoa Valley Church, 2728 Huapala St., Multipurpose Room on the second floor. To confirm location leave a message at 988-6181.

The Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Noelani Elementary School. To confirm, please contact K. Russell Ho at the Neighborhood Commission Office, kho4@honolulu.gov or 768-3715.

November 12, Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM
Mālama Mānoa Board Meeting (Please confirm location)

December 3, Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM
Mālama Mānoa Fall Membership Meeting
Program: *Historic Houses: Windows into the Past*
College Hill, 2234 Kamehameha Avenue

December 13, Saturday, 5:00 PM
Mānoa Christmas Parade
Noelani School to Mānoa Valley District Park

January 14, Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM
Mālama Mānoa Board Meeting (Please confirm location)

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