

Mālama Mānoa

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Historic Mānoa Walking Tour Visit Honolulu's First "Streetcar Subdivision"

By Lowell Angell and Linda Legrande

How would you like a piggery next to your house? A saloon? A slaughterhouse?

All were possible in late 19th century Honolulu. You never knew for sure who or what might arrive as your neighbor. That is, until College Hills was developed, Honolulu's first subdivision reachable by trolley. It opened in 1899 on land originally owned by Punahou School, known as O'ahu College at the time. Relatively close to yet removed from Honolulu's business district and in temperate Mānoa Valley, it soon became a highly desirable place to live.

The large lots offered to eager buyers, averaging 15,000 to 20,000 square feet, came with a long list of restrictive covenants to ensure the desired ambience. No hotels were permitted, nor were taverns, tenement houses, saloons, sanatoriums, asylums, poor houses, prisons, poi factories, slaughterhouses, livery stables, foundries, smithies, tin shops, tanneries, distilleries, or soap factories! Developers sought to maintain the peaceful, quiet, and genteel nature of the subdivision.

You too can enjoy the tranquility and elegance of one of Honolulu's most desirable residential areas, still containing many beautiful historic homes, on the **Historic**



This Mohala Way home, built in 1926, will be one of the houses open during the Walking Tour. Drawing by Spencer Chang.

Mānoa Walking Tour, Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON. The self-guided tour begins at Kamanele Park and meanders through College Hills. More details and a printable registration form are available on the website at malamamanoa.org/historic-manoa-walking-tour/

The tour will include walks through the interiors of at least eight historic homes, along a route of more than 60 homes of the 1920s and 30s. You'll see architectural styles including Queen Anne Victorian, Colonial Revival, Spanish Revival, and the classic Bungalow, built by notable local architects including C. W. Dickey, Mark Potter, and Ray Morris.

The Walking Tour provides support for non-profit Mālama Mānoa's various activities relating to its mission to promote community, celebrate cultural diversity and heritage, and preserve, protect and enhance the special qualities of historic Mānoa Valley.

For more information, email malamamanoa12@gmail.com or leave a message at 988-6181.

Historic Mānoa Walking Tour

Saturday, June 11, 2016

8:30 AM - 12 NOON

Begins at Kamanele Park

Check-in closes at 10:30 AM

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

As I move into my second year as Mālama Mānoa president, I look forward to an exciting calendar of events and activities.

The Historic Mānoa Walking Tour is one of Mālama Mānoa's most popular events, and this year is set to be another really wonderful tour of some of the houses and streets that give our valley such a special character. We hope many of



Eliza Lathrop

our friends and neighbors will continue to be inspired by these homes and will join us in appreciating the historic nature of this valley by supporting the restoration and protection of these special homes.

This spring, the board is working on developing a number of both formal and informal activities to invite valley residents to explore and learn about Mānoa together. We want to engage our membership in a variety of different ways, and are planning day hikes to explore the stories of these mountains, informal tours and garden walks to better understand the plants that thrive here, and look forward to partnering with our valley neighbors both long standing and new.

The partnerships and collaborations that make this valley such a wonderful neighborhood to live and work in continue to inspire us in all that we do. We hope that you will join us as we explore together. Be on the lookout for our email blasts with upcoming events, and if you are not already in our system, please send us your updated information so that we can be in touch. Much aloha and mahalo to everyone for all you do to contribute.

Much aloha,
Eliza Lathrop

Fall General Membership Meeting 2015



History, technology and preservation came together at the Mālama Mānoa Fall General Membership Meeting in November. Mike McFarlane (left), Joshlyn Sands (middle), and Myles Ritchie (right) spoke to a fascinated audience at the Mānoa District Park. Joshlyn, Chair of the City & County's Exceptional Tree Program, showed numerous photos of designated Exceptional Trees in Mānoa. Mike and Myles, of the Outdoor Circle, shared a new mapping tool available online to locate and identify Exceptional Trees on O'ahu. Check our website for information about General Membership Meetings.



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To update your contact information, receive a paperless newsletter and email updates between newsletters, or to be removed from the Mālama Mānoa mailing list:

Please e-mail us at: malamamanoa12@gmail.com
or leave a message at 988-6181. MAHALO!

Apply for an Education Grant from Mālama Mānoa *by Leslie Uptain*

Deadline: June 1, 2016

Do you know of a worthy community project that would benefit from funding? Mālama Mānoa supports non-profit organizations, educational institutions and community groups through our educational grant program. If your project aligns with the mission of Mālama Mānoa, we welcome your application. Submit a proposal describing how the funds will be used to promote community, increase knowledge about Mānoa, enhance its built or natural environment, and/or educate or celebrate our diverse residents.

Since the year 2000 we have given awards for viable and worthy projects including Mānoa Valley Theatre's

Community Outreach Program, Lyon Arboretum's 'ulu garden, Scout Troop 33 Eagle Scout projects, Mānoa Elementary School's development of a sustainability garden, and more. We look forward to hearing about your project!

Awards range from \$500 to \$2000. Deadline is June 1, 2016. To obtain an application or for more information please contact Leslie Uptain at luptain@yahoo.com

David Hamada, Eagle Scout and recipient of a Mālama Mānoa Education Grant, presented to the Board on his garden project at Mānoa Elementary School, where he built four raised planter boxes, weeded a native rain water garden, and cleaned out an infected vermicomposting bin.



Mānoa Stream Cleanup 2016 *by Joyce Arizumi*

April has been designated as Earth Month by the City and County of Honolulu, and has its island-wide Adopt-A-Stream cleanups scheduled in April and May.

Mālama Mānoa's cleanup in conjunction with the City and County was held April 2; an eager team of volunteers worked



Members and friends spend time engaged with nature and community.

for several hours. This was the first cleanup of 2016. Check our Facebook page and webpage for future cleanup dates.

When volunteers gather to clean Mānoa Stream, not only do we clean our environment, but it also raises awareness and educates the community on the value of being active environmental caretakers. We welcome all volunteers and especially encourage students to join in, because students will be the next generation of conscientious stewards of Mānoa Valley.

To join Mālama Mānoa in this community event, all individuals need to do is watch for the next date on our website, then show up a little before 10:00 AM across from the Mānoa Longs at the Woodlawn Drive Bridge. Wear old sneakers or covered-toe shoes. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Groups that have questions or would like to participate should let us know ahead of time by calling George Arizumi at 988-5069. If you can spare about 2 hours of your time on a Saturday morning, we always appreciate the help. By keeping our section of Mānoa Stream clean, we are doing our part to keep our entire ahupua'a healthy.

1,000 Tree Giveaway – Mālama Mānoa and Mānoa Branch of the Outdoor Circle will co-host the 1,000 TREE GIVEAWAY on Sunday, April 24 at Mānoa District Park Pavilion from 8:00 AM to 12 NOON.

You are invited to visit Mānoa District Park and pick a tree for your yard! Planting trees offsets the effects of urban deforestation by increasing shade, improving air quality, anchoring soil and making our island more beautiful. Arborists will be on hand to answer questions and give advice on the care and planting of trees. Boy Scouts from Troop One will assist with loading.

Urban Farmer *by Eliza Lathrop*

Mālama Mānoa is excited to join the Mānoa Public Library once again for their popular Green Saturday event this Spring. There will be a native plant give-away for the first 50 visitors, composting demonstrations, and the chance to meet and learn about popular backyard pets that can be part of a sustainable lifestyle. For keiki, the library has set up a crafting activity and any guest who brings a HI-5 can or bottle will receive a lucky draw ticket.

Head librarian Christel Collins has organized this event for several years, and Mālama Mānoa is honored to be invited to participate in the education and fun. In the past, members of Mālama Mānoa have brought various styles of compost and worm systems, beekeeping set-ups, honey made by our very own valley bees, and the ever popular backyard chickens.



Author's daughter, Maeve, collects fresh eggs from their home chicken coop.

This year, along with events at the library, posters from the Lexicon of Sustainability will be displayed in the lobby throughout the month of April. Featuring images and the words that define various practices of sustainability, these information artworks describe the new practices, people and habits of a sustainable world. Many of the images were gathered here in Hawai'i as well as across the US, and feature terms both familiar and unfamiliar.

Green Saturday will run from 10 AM to 12 NOON on Saturday, April 23rd, and is just one of many events the library will be hosting to promote a more sustainable lifestyle for valley residents and our friends across the island.

Let us know!

Where would you like to see Mālama Mānoa focus our energies in the coming years? Leave us a voicemail with your thoughts at 988-6181 or email to malamamanoa12@gmail.com

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The Future of Waioli Tea Room *by Lowell Angell*

Those who love Waioli Tea Room may not wait much longer to enjoy it once again. Closed for more than a year, the historic restaurant hopes to reopen near the end of this year. A Salvation Army divisional headquarters spokesman said that, following lengthy negotiations with a new operator, a signed agreement should be in place soon. It then must be approved by mainland officials.

The new operator will make much-needed renovations and improvements, mainly in the kitchen, but will not alter the historic character of the public areas. The 94-year-old Tea Room is listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and was designed by local architects Emory & Webb, who also designed the Hawai'i Theatre and Mānoa's C.M. Cooke residence, Kualii'i.

Generations of residents have enjoyed this unique facility since it first opened in 1922. It quickly became a popular place to gather for afternoon tea and freshly baked pastries. Countless thousands of tourists have also enjoyed its unique tropical ambience.



Mānoa's historic Waioli Tea Room, much loved by generations of islanders, may soon reopen.

Waioli Tea Room, however, was much more than a restaurant and bakery. It was established as a training facility for young ladies at Salvation Army's residential home nearby, who were either orphaned or whose families couldn't take care of them. They worked in the kitchen and bakery or as waitresses to gain valuable job skills and experience.

With its cozy dining room and open lanai surrounded by lush vegetation, the Tea Room harkens back to an earlier era. There's no other place on O'ahu like it. Many Mānoa residents, however, recall some anxious moments back in the 1980s. The restaurant had been closed for a very long time and when new operators sought to reopen it, the City said that its grandfathered status had expired and such operations were no longer allowed in a residential area. Valley residents obtained hundreds of signatures on a petition urging its reopening. The City relented. Waioli Tea Room now operates under a conditional use permit.

Be patient a bit longer! We'll keep you updated on the reopening we are all awaiting!



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Lyon Arboretum & the Historic Cottages *by Bernice Fielding*

The Lyon Arboretum has played an integral part in the history of Mānoa Valley and has undergone substantial changes in the last 100 years. Originally called Haukulu, the area where Lyon Arboretum is currently located once belonged to Charles Kana'ina, father of King William Lunalilo. Later owner and land developer Fred Harrison built his country home and stables here, which were razed in the early 1930s. In 1919, Mr. Harrison sold 124 acres of the land to the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association (HSPA) to create a demonstration area for watershed restoration, reforestation and trial plots for sugar cane.



During the cane experimentation days of the 1920s, eight worker cottages were built on the property. The cottages were labeled, beginning with "A" as one drives up the road and ending with "H" at the top of the hill. The first built, "B," was constructed in 1920, and the last two, "E" and "F," were completed in 1928.

Among the many individuals who worked for the HSPA and lived in the cottages was Dr. Tomizo Katsunuma. Head of cultivation for the HSPA, he was the first man of Japanese ancestry to graduate from the University of Hawai'i. In 1940,

Dr. Harold H. Lyon, plant pathologist for HSPA, requested that "G" be rented to HSPA worker Hugh Brodie and his wife Myrtle, who lived there for 25 years. "H" was originally the home of Edward L. Caum, forester for HSPA. He lived there with his wife until he passed in 1952; Mrs. Caum remained in the home until 1956. The Caums added to the cottage over the years, and in its expanded condition, it is now the Lyon Arboretum's visitor center.



By the 1940s, sugar cane cultivation was being phased out of Mānoa. HSPA had achieved its goals and no longer needed the land. On July 1, 1953, the Arboretum, with 124 acres, was gifted to the University by the HSPA. Over the years these cottages have had various uses, including housing visiting professors and researchers. The charming historic cottages are now used as a library, research laboratory, storage facility and an herbarium.

Above and left: Cottage "C," one of the remaining historic cottages still standing, now houses the plant protection lab.

Hali'a Aloha



Patricia Ames Avery, 1932 - 2016

Pat Avery played a major role in Mālama Mānoa for ten years. She joined the Board of Directors in 2000, served as corresponding secretary until 2005, then as an advisor from 2006 to 2010, at which point she moved to Maui to be near her family.

Her efforts as corresponding secretary and chairperson for Mālama Mānoa's annual fundraising drive brought in generous donations. Pat also served as chairperson for Mālama Mānoa's participation in Foodland's Give Aloha Campaign, an annual community matching gifts program that has continued to bring support well after her tenure ended.

Pat's cheerful good nature, proficiency in communications and administration, and willingness to help made her an essential resource both to the organization and to the entire Mānoa community. She will be missed.



Samuel Alexander Cooke, 1937 - 2015

Much has already been written about Samuel A. Cooke, the well-known Hawai'i philanthropist, businessman, and environmentalist, who served his community so well in so many ways.

But for those of us who frequented the Cooke residence in the early days of Mālama Mānoa, when Mary served as our founding President, Sam was just Mary's husband. He was Sam with the friendly smile who answered the telephone when we called, or Sam who opened the door to let us in when we came over to stuff envelopes. He practiced his pidgin on us, told us stories, walked around in the kitchen in his bare feet. To us, Sam was simply a warm and funny guy, a regular kind of guy.

Aloha, Sam.

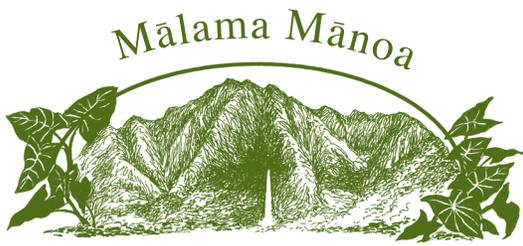
A look ahead... Foodland Give Aloha Program

From September 1 through September 30, when you make a purchase at Foodland you may also donate to Mālama Mānoa. Foodland will forward us your donation plus a percentage of Foodland and Western Union Foundation's matching donation program.

Simply show your Maika'i Card and ask to make a donation to Mālama Mānoa by giving our code number #77651. Donations up to \$249 per person can be made at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms.

Mail or email your receipt to us for a tax deductible contribution letter (see page 2 for contact information). Foodland gives us the donation, date, and store, but not your name. Making your annual contributions in September will maximize your dollars with the matching funds. Thank you for your support!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mālama Mānoa Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the public is welcome. Most meetings are at the Mānoa Valley Church, 2728 Huapala Street. Please call 988-6181 to confirm location.

Mānoa Neighborhood Board Number 7 usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, at Noelani Elementary School. To confirm, please contact K. Russell Ho at The Neighborhood Board Commission Office, kho4@honolulu.gov or 768-3715.

Be Ready Mānoa Preparedness Workshops will be held monthly from March through September from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Mānoa Public Library. The workshops are free. Upcoming topics include: *Tsunami, Tropical Cyclone/Hurricane and Personal Preparedness*. For more info: bereadymanoa.org or info@bereadyMānoa.org or (808)-927-0993

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