



Mālama Mānoa

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1,000 Tree Giveaway

April 28, 2018, 8 am - Noon, Mānoa Marketplace

By Pat Chung and Jeremy Lam

Note the new location! This year's much loved 1,000 Tree Giveaway, hosted by the Mānoa Branch of the Outdoor Circle and Mālama Mānoa, will take place at **Mānoa Marketplace**. The keiki trees will be located at the site where the Mānoa Open Market is held on Sundays. They will be near the parking lot where there are nine majestic monkeypod trees, which Alexander and Baldwin recently decided to protect and preserve.

It will be a grand community affair! The youth group from Calvary by the Sea, plus the Girl Scouts, will be available to assist in carrying trees to vehicles. Arborists and enthusiasts will be on hand to answer your plant questions. Over 1,000 trees and plants will be given away free, to everyone who stops by between 8 AM and noon/ while supply lasts.

This year, the variety of "green growing things" will include kukui nut trees, variegated hau trees, mountain apple trees, plumeria trees, papaya trees, red and green ti plants, panax, laude ferns, valentine vines, ice cream bean trees, avocado trees, false williwilli trees, monstera, monkeypod trees, naupaka, bestill trees, snow bush, kale, staghorn ferns, coconut trees, yellow ginger, and many others.

Trees offset development impacts in an urban area. Trees keep the walls and roofs of houses cooler. Neighborhoods with tree-shaded streets can be as much as ten degrees cooler in the summer than nearby neighborhoods that have no shade. Shade produced by trees will save the amount of water used for watering. A study showed that one mature tree can rid a home of heat that would have taken two air conditioners to cool. Trees help anchor soil in the ground and prevent yard erosion. So mark your calendars and plant a tree!



Calling all tree-huggers! Jeremy Lam hugging a California redwood.

Earth Day Celebration at the Mānoa Public Library

URBAN FARMER EVENT

Saturday, April 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- Meet Mālama Mānoa's Urban Farmers
- See the backyard chickens and learn about feeding and care with Scratch and Peck Feeds!
- Composting Demonstrations and Education
- Bee talks and honey tasting with the UH Honeybee Project
- Plant Giveaways from the Mānoa Library

NOTE: this event is the same day as the Tree Giveaway!

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.

The President's Corner



Thalya DeMott

*Ah, Mānoa!
How do we love thee? Let us count the ways.
Ridges reach with arms outstretched
From Ko'olau to water's edge.
We love thy rainbows and morning light
Our souls enriched at the sight.
Lush canopies where songbirds nest
From birth through life to final rest.
We share a caring, warm embrace
With friends we meet at the Marketplace.
A neighborhood we've made our own
Beloved valley, our cherished home.*

2018 marks the beginning of Mālama Mānoa's 26th year in service to our community. As a cog in the wheel of our organization's mission for over twenty years, I am honored to now serve as president. I follow in the venerated footsteps of Mālama Mānoa presidents who have each created a legacy with their vision and dedication.

There's much to look forward to this year! In celebration of Earth Day, we have the 1,000 Tree Giveaway and Urban Farmer events in April, with details in this issue. Another of our wildly popular Urban Garden tours is planned for August and will be announced at our website and other social media as more information becomes available. On October 20th, Be Ready Mānoa's Urban Survival Fair will be held at the gym in Mānoa Valley District Park. It's another exciting year ahead!

Sign up at our website to receive announcements, and join us on Facebook and Instagram to catch news of events as well as our informative General Membership meeting presentations, Stream Clean-ups, Christmas Parade participation and more.

Get in touch!

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Celebrate Earth Month: Help Clean Mānoa Stream



In conjunction with the City & County of Honolulu, Mālama Mānoa will again be celebrating Earth Month with a stream clean-up on Saturday, April 21st. We are asking that all volunteers meet us at the Woodlawn Drive Bridge across from Mānoa Longs by 10:00 a.m. The clean-up should end around noon. Covered shoes are required. For more information or questions, contact George Arizumi @ 988-5069.



Mālama Mānoa shows ‘One Big Home’: A film about Monster Houses in Martha’s Vineyard

By Eliza Lathrop



A full house listens intently as Thomas Bena discusses his documentary film.



Mr. Bena (left) and Honolulu City Council member Trevor Ozawa field questions from the enthusiastic audience.

Mālama Mānoa hosted a packed house at the Mānoa Public Library this past February at our free screening of Thomas Bena’s movie, “One Big Home.” Set on Martha’s Vineyard, in the town of Chilmark, the movie tells the story of Bena’s own journey, first to understand—and then to limit—the very trophy homes he himself had once built.

The issue of monster houses faces many communities across O’ahu, and at its Mālama Mānoa retreat earlier this year, the board and advisors

discussed the issue at length, exploring how Mālama Mānoa might serve a role in protecting the special character of our valley and the historic quality of many of our neighborhoods. In Hawai’i, most monster house construction is driven by investors looking to maximize property value in creating multiple rental units in a single family residence; builders and owners take advantage of zoning loopholes and lax enforcement, and the issue is creating a crisis in many neighborhoods here in Mānoa and beyond.

In the Q&A with Bena that followed the screening, audience members were focused on what we can do as a community to address this issue here in Hawaii. Bena comments that “My film largely makes the point that communities must work together to determine their destiny, and that often entails difficult conversations about prickly issues...” The community of Martha’s Vineyard was able to create and pass a new bylaw limiting house size in Chilmark, hopefully a harbinger of things to come here in Hawai’i. Community residents here are ready to ensure it.

Although the screening at the library sold out quickly, Mālama Mānoa is planning future events with the filmmaker, and hopes to continue the conversation about the next steps we can take together to ensure that the special character of our neighborhoods is protected into the future.

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New Officers and Board members 2018

By Audrey Tanaka

Officers



Left to right: Gail Baron, Secretary; Thalya DeMott, President; Jim Hasselman, Treasurer; Vi Coito, 1st Vice President; Helen Taufasau, 2nd Vice President.

Board members

Neil Bond

Neil has lived in Mānoa for over 20 years and been a Mālama Mānoa member since 1998. At that time he joined to help fight against the 138kV transmission line on Wa'ahila Ridge. He recently founded the successful Mānoa Alliance to preserve the monkeypod trees in Mānoa Marketplace. Neil brings this activism experience to the Mālama Mānoa Board. He is a psychotherapist in private practice. His daughter and granddaughter also live in Mānoa, giving him extra motivation to help preserve the historic and natural beauty of the valley. Neil has already joined the Newsletter Committee. Welcome aboard!



Andrew Takuya Garrett

Andrew attended Hawai'i public schools and holds BA and MPA degrees from UH. He is currently vice president of Post Acute Care of the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i. He ensures that HAH provides high quality care for our kūpuna. He has been appointed by two governors to serve on health care boards, is a prior member of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board, and is currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce Public Health Fund committee. He enjoys walking his four dogs and coaching youth softball and volleyball in Mānoa Valley! We welcome Andrew and his energy!



Kimie Hirabayashi

Raised in Oakland, CA., Kimie was educated at UC Berkeley, Scripps Research Foundation, UC Medical School San Francisco, and completed her MD at UC Medical School at Davis. She was sent to Kaiser OB/GYN Moanalua for a 1-2 month rotation, so when offered a job there after her residency, she did not hesitate to accept. She and husband Brian Sato realize how lucky they are to live in a wonderful community in beautiful Mānoa. She retired from Kaiser in 2015 and now works as a forensic medical examiner for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Kimie is active in Be Ready Mānoa and the Autism Society of Hawai'i. She also studies Koto, and volunteers with her dog, Poppy, at the Human Animal Bond Program/Tripler. Kimie has transitioned well into Mālama Mānoa and we are delighted!



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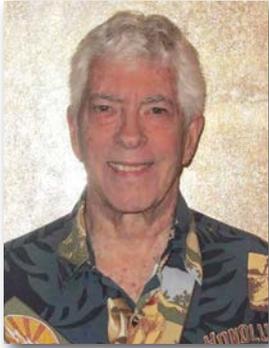
Lela Joseph

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Lela is of missionary roots. Her mom, of the Cooke/Atherton families, was born and raised in Kahuku. Lela moved to Hawai'i when she was 13. She attended and graduated from Punahou in 2007. She lived in Washington state for several years and moved back to Hawai'i 2 years ago. She and her partner Scott Lucien are parents of an 8 month old and have a home in Mānoa. Looking forward to new and young ideas, Lela!



Harry Spiegelberg

Harry is a life long resident of Mānoa beginning in 1942 and has treasured memories of growing up in the back of the valley. His home is next door to the home he grew up in. He is a retired business consultant specializing in the tourism industry with extensive travel throughout Hawai'i, Asia, and the Pacific. He and his wife Patti keep busy with pastoral activities at St. Andrew's Cathedral. He works out at the Honolulu Club and enjoys reading. Mālama Mānoa's Membership, Oral History, and "monster house" committees have sparked his interests and he has signed up for all three of them. Welcome Harry!



Kamanēle Park – Clearing Invasive Species



Partnering with the Mānoa Branch of The Outdoor Circle, Mālama Mānoa members enjoy volunteering their time to clear invasive plant species from the Hawaiian cultural site at Kamānele Park. Over two tons of green waste have been removed so archaeologists from Oceanic Archaeological Science and Educational Services (OASES) can properly map and preserve the area.

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....”

Meet Mālama Mānoa's Volunteer Coordinator

Linda Legrande wants to get to know you! Many of you know already know her. You have seen her coordinating the Mālama Mānoa Historic Walk, carrying plants at the 1,000 Tree Giveaway, and being an elf at the Mānoa Lions' Christmas parade. Whenever Mālama Mānoa is doing something as a group, Linda is there. Linda knows a lot about volunteering.

One of the outcomes of our Mālama Mānoa Board Retreat, was to engage our membership more consistently. With that in mind, Linda has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator. With 3700+ members in the organization, this may seem like a daunting task but Linda is up for the challenge, having retired from full-time employment last year.

Linda would really like to get to know you and find out if you would like to help with one or two Mālama Mānoa events. We are always looking for people to join us in our yearly events or community activities. If you would like to make a difference in our community, please reach out to Linda at her email address: lindalegrande2243@gmail.com. You can find out about our events and activities through our newsletters, Facebook, or our website: www.malamamanoa.org



Marketplace Monkeypod Trees - Saved!

By Lowell Angell and Neil Bond

Alexander & Baldwin announced on January 26 that they will retain all 17 mature monkeypod trees at Mānoa Marketplace. They had planned to remove 7 trees and relocate 2 more because the surface roots were creating a tripping hazard and they also wanted more room for parking. A&B, a kama`aina firm founded in 1869, purchased the Marketplace in 2016.

After witnessing the strong reaction to their presentation at the Mānoa Neighborhood Board meeting on December 6, the A&B Project Team agreed to delay the project and solicit community input. The Outdoor Circle played a large role and helped publicize the situation, Neil Bond and the Mānoa Alliance created an online petition which resulted in almost 20,000 signatures, and Mālama Mānoa's board of directors voted unanimously against removal of any trees. Together with these organizations, many concerned residents joined in a cooperative community effort to find a way to save the 40-year old trees. This included multiple meetings with A&B representatives.

After exploring several alternatives, A&B decided to place large planters around the trees between



A&B Mānoa Marketplace Project Manager Craig McGinnis describes the monkeypod planters. The ground is marked showing the surface roots which the large planters will cover.

Safeway and Longs. One monkeypod tree fronting Longs is obstructing a storm drain and will be moved to the grassy area along Mānoa stream. A White Tecoma tree will replace it. A companion monkeypod tree will be planted along the stream bank, bringing the total number of Marketplace monkeypods to 18. The trees will be carefully pruned for optimum balance and growth and the parking lot will be restriped and more parking spaces added.

The Mānoa Neighborhood Board, The Outdoor Circle, Mālama Mānoa, Mānoa Alliance, our Mānoa elected officials and the many people who attended the neighborhood board meetings or signed the petition are sincerely grateful to the Marketplace Project Team and A&B President and CEO Christopher Benjamin for their willingness to work with the community and find a mutually beneficial solution that preserves these beautiful trees for generations to come.

Does Your Community Project Need Funding?

Application Deadline: October 1, 2018

By Leslie Uptain

Do you know of a worthy Mānoa community effort that would benefit from financial support? Mālama Mānoa helps 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 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 worthy community projects including Mānoa Japanese Language School's cultural programs, Lyon Arboretum's inclusive educational initiatives, Scout Troop 33 Eagle Scout projects, Mānoa School's collaborative mural design, and more. We look forward to hearing about your project! Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000. The application deadline is October 1, 2018. To obtain an application or for more information please contact Leslie Uptain at luptain@yahoo.com

Fall General Membership Meeting: A Photo Celebration of Our Valley

By Eliza Lathrop

Our 25th anniversary photo contest, Ku'u Mānoa, was the focus of our fall General Membership meeting this past November at the Mānoa Public Library. A lively event, the afternoon celebrated the variety of ways people captured our valley in their photographs, and the submissions remained on display at the library throughout November and December.



So much of what makes our valley special is captured in this winning image by Maya Legrande.

The afternoon started with a short business meeting, in which Mālama Mānoa voted in our 2018 officers as well as approving one new member to the Board of Directors.

The contest attracted forty-three entries to be considered by our judges, with categories inspired by the mission and work of Mālama Mānoa: Historic, Cultural and Social Diversity, Natural Environment, and Kūpuna. We also recognized entries by Young Photographers and images perfect for our Instagram account (@malamamanoa). Mahalo to Christel Collins of Mānoa Public Library along with artist Allyn Bromley, Jill Johnson who serves as the head of the art department at Mid-Pacific, Kim Brown from A&B Hawai'i, and Gail Baron representing the board of Mālama Mānoa who all served as judges to select our winning entries. The judges reviewed all the entries in a blind judging process, selecting both category winners and the overall stand-outs for Grand Prize and Runner-up.

Although the contest was open to anyone,



Patricia Ancheta's, "Manoa Light At The Five-Way Stop."

two valley residents ended up winning top recognition and awards, Maya Legrande for her "Untitled" work capturing a rainbow arching across the mountains that frame our valley and Patricia Ancheta for her image of "Mānoa Light at the Five Way Stop." Runners up in each category received gift certificates, with Fendu Boulangerie and Andy's Sandwiches each donating a gift certificate to the contest.

For a complete list of our contest winners and the winning photos, please visit our website, www.malamamanoa.org.

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- 1st Vice President – Vi Coito
- 2nd Vice President – Helen Taufaaasau
- Secretary – Gail Baron
- Treasurer – James Hasselman

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Don’t miss these upcoming events!

Stream Cleanup

- Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
- Woodlawn Drive Bridge across from Longs Drugs

1,000 Tree Giveaway

- Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- Mānoa Marketplace, where the Sunday Open Market is held

Urban Farmer Earth Day Event

- Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
- Mānoa Public Library

Second Annual Urban Garden Tour

- Sunday, August 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- Location to be announced – check Mālama Mānoa website and Facebook for location and updates

Community Calendar

Mālama Mānoa Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and the public is welcome. Most meetings are held at Mānoa Innovation Center, 2800 Woodlawn Drive. Call or leave a message at 988-6181 to confirm location.

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