



Mālama Mānoa

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Explore the Historic College Hills Tract Walking Tour set for June 15th

by Lowell Angell

The College Hills residential area was named for a school, but not the University of Hawai'i. It's the University's neighbor, but not its namesake. How's that again? Many folks assume the College Hills tract was named for the University of Hawai'i. In fact, the subdivision predates UH-Mānoa by a decade. It was actually named for Punahou School, then known as Oahu College, which originally owned the land. The University didn't move into the valley until 1908, when its first building, Hawai'i Hall, was built.

First developed in 1899 to raise funds for Punahou School, College Hills house lots averaged 15,000 to 20,000 square feet and included many restrictive covenants. Most businesses, especially 'unsavory' or noxious ones, were prohibited. Some would-be residents bought several lots. Today's UH president's house, originally Frank and Eleanore Ather-ton's home, consists of six such lots totaling 2.4 acres. (The house became known in the 1960's as 'College Hill', so named in relation to UH.)

While Mānoa today is a very desirable area, 120 years ago it was considered 'way out in the country' — many still didn't own cars then — and College Hills sales started slowly. All that changed beginning in September 1901 when the Mānoa trolley started operating. It traveled up Punahou Street and Mānoa Road, then ran down the center of Kamehameha Avenue and looped around to Oahu Avenue (which is why those streets are so wide), ending at Anuenue Street. Before long College Hills, the city's first 'streetcar subdivision', was a sought-after residential area.

You can enjoy this quiet historic area and its many beautiful houses on Mālama Mānoa's Walking Tour, Saturday, June 15, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The



self-guided tour begins at Kamānele Park and meanders through College Hills. More details are included in this newsletter and on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search 2019 Mālama Mānoa).

The always-popular tour will include at least six house interiors along a route of more than 60 homes, mainly from the 1920's-1940's, with many on the State Historic Register. You'll see architectural styles including Queen Anne Victorian, Colonial Revival, Spanish Revival and the classic Bungalow, built by notable local architects such as C.W. Dickey, Mark Potter, Ray Morris, and others.

The triennial Walking Tour supports non-profit Mālama Mānoa's activities in 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 Linda Legrande at lindalegrande2243@gmail.com.

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

Our Spring 2019 Newsletter is packed with interesting and pertinent information of interest to Mānoa residents. In this issue you will find the exciting announcement for our triennial Historic Mānoa Walking Tour, along with a registration form. This extraordinary event won't come around again until 2022, so we hope you'll join us for the tour on June 15th!

The Mālama Mānoa board is delighted to welcome three new board members starting their terms this year; Vanessa Distajo, Aimee Grace, and JoLinda Susilo. You can get to know them in our new director bios feature page.

Harrison "Harry" Spiegelberg is a lifelong Mānoa resident who is passionate about documenting special memories of Mānoa as told by valley elders. Harry's ongoing project to collect valuable oral histories of Mānoa Valley is detailed in this issue.

The newly reopened Wai'oli Kitchen and Bake Shop is featured in a taste-tempting article by Lowell Angell, a Mālama Mānoa Adviser and recognized authority on historic preservation. Lowell highlights Wai'oli's history, architecture, and its altruistic contribution to the community.

New board member and community activist Vanessa Distajo provides background and an update on the Ala Wai Canal Project, a proposal to install floodwater detention basins which has raised many objections from mauka communities that would be impacted.

On Saturday, February 23rd, volunteers from Mālama Mānoa joined others to respectfully assist in clearing away unwanted undergrowth from the cemetery grounds at Mānoa Valley Theatre. Mānoa Valley Theatre is a precious community asset, and we are honored to participate in its preservation and maintenance.

Mahalo for staying connected with Mālama Mānoa and supporting our mission!

Thalya DeMott, President

WE ARE UPDATING OUR DATABASE

In an effort to "Go Green," we are encouraging Mālama Mānoa members to begin receiving their Newsletters through email rather than printed copy. If you are currently receiving this Newsletter in printed copy and would like to switch to email, please contact us at (808) 988-6181 or email us at malamamanoa12@gmail.com and provide your current email address. Mahalo!

Interested in Serving Your Community as a Mālama Mānoa Board Member?

Please come visit us at our monthly Board of Directors meeting which takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A light dinner is served.

Email lindalegrande2243@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

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Mālama Mānoa Board Members, past and present, came out on Saturday, Feb. 23 to help with the annual cleanup effort of the Kawaihāo Mānoa Valley Cemetery at Mānoa Valley Theatre.

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Welcome to Our New Directors

VANESSA DISTAJO

Vanessa graduated Punahou School and studied education at the University of Pennsylvania. She is the 6th generation of her family to live in the Punahou area where she lives with her husband and two children. Her ancestors arrived from Madeira and became



citizens of the Kingdom of Hawai'i in the 1860's. She has travelled the world, taught kindergarten and 1st grade, and now has her own business as a literacy specialist. Vanessa is currently serving as Vice President of the Mānoa Branch of The Outdoor Circle, and is an active community member with the Democratic Party and the Blue Zones Schools Committee. She has been spearheading the restoration project at Kamānele Park since 2017, and in 2018 she negotiated with Alexander & Baldwin for the monkeypod trees in the Mānoa Marketplace. She was involved in resolving concerns about the Mānoa Stream Dredging project with the DLNR and the University of Hawai'i. Vanessa currently testifies in opposition of monster houses in our residential neighborhoods, and her community service was recently publicly recognized by Council Member Ann Kobayashi.

AIMEE GRACE

Aimee graduated Punahou School, attended Stanford and UH JABSOM to become a pediatrician, and went on to complete her Masters of Public Health degree at Harvard University. She served as Senator Brian Schatz's health policy advisor in Washington DC from 2015-2018, and is currently the Director of Health Science



Policy for the University of Hawai'i system. Aimee is the 4th generation of her family to live in Mānoa, where she resides with

her husband and new daughter, Malia. With an extensive curriculum vitae and as author of many publications, we welcome Aimee as a valuable resource to our organization.

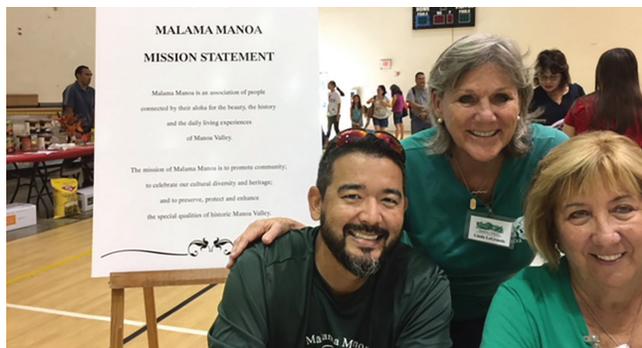
JOLINDA SUSILO

JoLinda has had the joy of living in Mānoa Valley and working as a music teacher at Punahou School for the past 32 years. JoLinda is committed personally, and is proud of Punahou's aim in holding sustainability as a



core value in educating students to reduce, reuse and recycle. Now a grandmother, JoLinda feels an added responsibility to live a coherent life and encourage

her grandchildren to avoid a life of consumerism. Problems facing this next generation with global climate change, fossil fuel depletion, and over population can be overwhelming. Focusing on moderation, justice, love and service for the common good are values which she hope to encourage for them to become resilient problem solvers who can create a more sustainable future.



Urban Survival – Disaster Preparedness Fair Board members Andrew Garrett and Helen Taufa'asau with Adviser Linda Legrande (center) at Mālama Mānoa's booth on Oct. 20, 2018.

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2019 All New Historic Mānoa Walking Tour

Saturday, June 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Cost

\$40 early registration (received by May 27, 2019)

\$45 regular registration (received after May 27, including day of tour)

Payment

Online: eventbrite.com

(Search 2019 Mālama Mānoa)

By Mail: Please complete form on following page, include check, and mail to Mālama Mānoa. Tickets may be picked up at check-in table on tour day. We cannot offer refunds.

Walk Day Details

Join us in our Historic Walking Tour of the College

Hills area of Mānoa. **Check-in and the Walk start at Kamānele Park** (at University Avenue and Ka'ala Street). **Check-in closes at 10:30 a.m.** **Limited parking** will be available at MidPac School. Carpooling is encouraged. The full tour will include at least six historic home interior visits along a two-mile route of more than 60 homes of the 1920's - 1940's. At check-in, you will receive a brochure containing a map and description of the homes. You'll see a variety of styles by many notable local architects. The tour is self-guided and you can do as much or as little as you like. Houses will not be open after 12:00 noon. Please note this tour includes uneven surfaces and stairs, and these private homes may not be accessible to all. In Valley tradition, this Walking Tour will take place rain or shine!



We want you to enjoy the event safely and comfortably.

Walkers are encouraged to carry water, an umbrella, and a small bag for your shoes while in the homes.

Please review the information on the following page before **signing the liability waiver.**

2019 HISTORIC MĀNOA WALKING TOUR

Complete registration form and waiver release below.
Return with payment to: Mālama Mānoa, P.O. Box 61961, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96839

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

attending: _____ x \$40 received by May 27, 2019 = \$ _____

_____ x \$45 received after May 27, 2019 = \$ _____

Names of additional attendees: _____

\$ _____ I cannot attend but would like to make a donation to Mālama Mānoa. **THANK YOU!!**

Please tell us how you heard about this Walk: () Newspaper () Mālama Newsletter () Mālama Member
() Other (please specify): _____

Acknowledgement of Participant Responsibility and Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in the Historic Mānoa Walking Tour ("Event") sponsored by Mālama Mānoa on Saturday, June 15, 2019, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, that are inherent to such an event and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Event. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage and death ("Injuries and Damages"). I understand that the trip involves walking approximately two (2) miles over areas that may be unpaved and of rough terrain, which may contain tree roots, potholes, uneven or slippery walking surfaces, steep inclines, other obstacles and traffic hazards, and I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for my own safety. The Event does not include carpooling or transportation, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with travel and with walking as part of the Event.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant in this Event, I (please print name(s) legibly),

_____,
acknowledge the conditions of the Walking Tour as described above and assume all risks and liabilities associated or related to the Event. I agree to **waive, discharge claims, and release from liability** Mālama Mānoa, its officers, directors and volunteers, and the tour home owners, **from any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Mālama Mānoa, its officers, directors and volunteers, and the tour home owners in any way connected with the Event. I further agree to **indemnify and hold harmless** Mālama Mānoa, its officers, directors and volunteers, and the tour home owners from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant in the Event. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me in the Event. I have read this document in its entirety, and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and, notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Event.

SIGNED: _____ DATED: _____

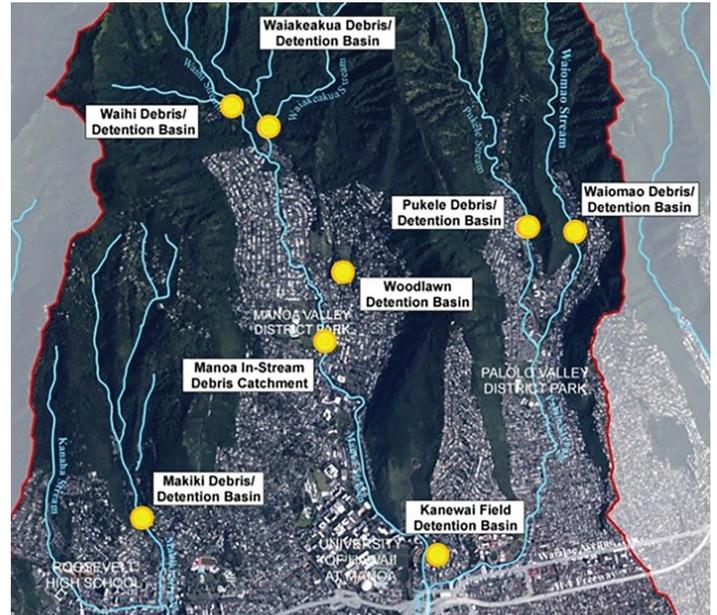
The Ala Wai Canal Project

By Vanessa Distajo

Whenever Mānoa is inundated by spring showers, residents begin worrying about flooding and the risk of damage to life and property. To address these concerns, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) worked for over a decade to develop a flood mitigation plan for the entire ahupua'a of Waikiki. An Environmental Impact Study was conducted in 2015, and the report was completed in 2017.

The Ala Wai Canal Project outlines 11 different construction components in the areas of Mānoa, Pālolo and Makiki, all of which have streams leading into the Ala Wai Canal. Aside from a debris catchment system in the Mānoa Stream, four detention basins are slated to be built in Mānoa: two in the back of the valley at Waihi and Waiakeakua, one at Woodlawn below the Mānoa Chinese Cemetery, and another at Kanewai Field above Hokulani Elementary School. Unfortunately, the private property of 24 landowners will need to be claimed by eminent domain.

Congress has already appropriated \$212 million, so the state of Hawai'i must fund the remainder of the estimated \$345 million project. Governor David Ige has incorporated this in the budget that he has proposed to the Legislature. However, controversy surrounding the project has made it a media focus after some residents, who will be directly affected, appealed to the Mānoa



Neighborhood Board in December of 2018. Their concerns were echoed by Council Member Ann Kobayashi in a letter to USACE dated January 4, 2019. Then, on February 6th, 2019, Mānoa Neighborhood Board members unanimously passed a resolution, written by Elton Fukumoto and Ellen Watson, to implore the State Legislature to defer approving the funds this year to allow the stakeholders time to negotiate with the government authorities and explore plausible, less invasive alternatives.

Historic Wai'oli Tea Room Reopens

By Lowell Angell

The historic Wai'oli Tea Room, now Wai'oli Kitchen and Bake Shop, has reopened – to the delight of multitudes of Mānoa residents. After being closed for several years, the nearly century-old restaurant has a new life under operators Ross and Stephanie Anderson. With his 30 years in the restaurant business, they view this as a way to give back to the community in a meaningful way. “It’s about ‘found treasures and second chances,’” he explained, “Wai’oli is a ‘found treasure’, and ‘second chances’ refers to the staff members who are rebuilding their lives.

Opened in 1922 by The Salvation Army, Wai'oli Tea Room was a training facility in domestic and vocational arts for young women from its adjacent Girls' Home, and soon became a popular gathering place for kama'aina and visitors. Treats from its bakery were a regular delight in many Mānoa homes, and this tasty excellence happily continues.

“We may add full afternoon high

tea every so often if there's interest and demand,” Stephanie noted. “We want to be responsive to the community. We'd like Wai'oli to be a gathering place where neighbors can visit and enjoy one another's company and the quiet ambience.”

Going there is like stepping back in time; little has changed. The open lanai faces the tropical garden, and the cozy main room features a wood-beamed ceiling and lava rock fireplace. Designed by local architects Emory and Webb (who did Hawai'i Theatre that same year), the building harmonizes with neighboring houses and is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. This unique Mānoa landmark is truly a treasure. And, thanks to the Anderson's vision and dedication, its original mission has been renewed — facilitating vocational training and life skills for those in need or recovery.

Open Tuesday through Sunday for breakfast and lunch, 7:30am to 2:00pm; 2950 Mānoa Road; 808-744-1619; waiolikitchen.com.



Wai'oli's lanai facing the garden is the perfect place to enjoy breakfast or lunch.



Does Your Community Project Need Funding?

Deadline: October 1, 2019

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 funding for a preservation plan for Kamānele Park, 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 \$2000. Deadline is October 1, 2019. To obtain an application or for more information, please contact Leslie Uptain at luptain@yahoo.com.

Oral Histories A Window to the Past and a Road to the Future

In the past, Mālama Mānoa actively collected oral histories of individuals with connections to Mānoa Valley. These efforts have languished for some time, but we have realized the importance of capturing the thoughts and experiences of residents in the valley and have revitalized our oral history effort.

We have gathered the oral histories that were recorded in years past and have posted approximately 37 oral histories to date on our website {malamamanoa.org}. We invite you to read these interesting tales at your leisure.

For new oral history interviews, we developed a carefully worded set of questions. We are interested in the individual's history in the islands and in Mānoa Valley. We want to know their earliest memories of the valley, any unique or memorable experiences they have had, things that they have cherished that may no longer exist, and what they hope to see preserved or improved for future genera-

tions. Since our charge is to mālama or care for the valley, we very much seek these thoughts from those who have called Mānoa home.

To assist us in this effort, we have acquired a small yet efficient digital recorder along with computer software to translate the spoken word into written form. Once the interview is completed, the interviewee is invited to review the transcript and, after approval, is asked to sign a Release and Copyright Assignment allowing us to post the document on our website and perhaps print excerpts in our newsletter.

If you are interested in contributing your own history to this important effort or know someone who would be a good subject, please contact us at malamaoralhistory@mail.com. We sincerely welcome and appreciate your koku!



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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

Earth Month Stream Cleanup

- Saturday, April 13
- 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
- Woodlawn Drive Bridge across from Long's Drugs

Kamānele Park Cleanup

- Saturdays, April 20,
- August 17, November 16
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Historic Mānoa Walking Tour

- Saturday, June 15
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon



Mānoa Adopt-A-Stream Volunteers



Board Member Andrew Garrett volunteered at Kamānele Park in June with his daughter, Ellie.

Community Calendar

Mālama Mānoa Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at Mānoa Innovation Center, 2800 Woodlawn Drive, 6 p.m. The public is welcomed. Call or leave a message at 988-6181 to confirm location.

The Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Noelani School, 7 p.m. Contact K. Russell Ho, kho4@honolulu.gov or 768-3715, to confirm location.