

# Mālama Mānoa

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## Stories from Mānoa Chinese Cemetery

**M**ānoa Chinese Cemetery, Hawai'i's oldest and largest Chinese cemetery, was founded in 1852 and its official name is Lin Yee Chung Cemetery. Containing about 10,000 individual burials, many marked with gleaming granite headstones, the cemetery covers nearly eleven acres. A defining feature of Mānoa Valley, the cemetery's peaceful beauty and precious cultural legacy serve as an anchoring influence in our community.

Have you heard some of the spooky stories of Mānoa Chinese Cemetery? The glowing orbs, haunted tree, or wailing baby?

Join us with renowned Hawai'i graveyard historian and storyteller **Nanette Napoleon** as she guides fascinating one-hour walking tours of Mānoa Chinese Cemetery! Come and get shivers up your spine while learning a bit of Hawai'i's history and what makes this place special. Robert Wong, cemetery superintendent, will also be there to answer questions about the Cemetery's history.

Meet up on Thursday, October 25th at 4:45pm for the first tour or 5:45pm for the second tour, at Lin Yee Chung Memorial Hall, 3450 E. Mānoa Road. It's the red brick building makai of the Pakanu Street cemetery entrance. Look for Mālama Mānoa volunteers in our green shirts.

Bring the kids in their Halloween costumes, and your umbrellas, flashlights, and comfortable shoes!



Mānoa Chinese Cemetery

Thursday, October 25

Nanette Napoleon Walking Tour

Tour #1, 4:45 p.m.

Tour #2, 5:45 p.m.



### 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

*Mahalo to our wonderful community partners!*

Over the 26 years of Mālama Mānoa's existence, we've forged productive alliances with numerous community groups and non-profits. The list of partners and allies grows as we expand our interests into a variety of projects for the Mānoa community.

**Mānoa Library** regularly allows us the use of their community room and spacious lanai for our general membership meetings and special events.

**Mānoa Neighborhood Board #7** holds monthly meetings to address issues of concern to our unique community.

**Mānoa Neighborhood Security Watch** is the eyes and ears of the community and a valuable tool to help HPD keep up with crime.

**Be Ready Mānoa** has developed a disaster preparedness plan to help ourselves and our neighbors through disaster by working together.

**Historic Hawai'i Foundation** shares our values in their work to encourage historic preservation and promote awareness and respect of historically significant places of Hawai'i.

**Mānoa Heritage Center** is a 3.5-acre living "classroom" that promotes the understanding of Hawai'i's natural and cultural heritage, featuring native plant gardens and the restored Kūka'ō'ō Heiau.

**The Outdoor Circle** works to protect Hawai'i's unique natural beauty for future generations. The Outdoor Circle-Mānoa Branch is tackling an archaeological research project at Kamānele Park.

**HI Good Neighbor** consists of several Kaimuki residents who are addressing the complexities of residential building permit violations and other zoning issues which impact all our neighborhoods.

**Mānoa Alliance** circulated an online petition to help save the Mānoa Marketplace monkeypod trees and collected thousands of valid signatures.

**Mānoa Lions Club** hosts their annual Mānoa Christmas Parade which includes our cheerfully decorated truck and its accompanying green-shirted "elves."

Members of **Boy Scout Troop #1** and **Girl Scout Troop** members have volunteered at our 1,000 Tree Giveaway events to help attendees carry potted plants to their vehicles.

Mālama Mānoa expresses its sincere gratitude to the organizations and individuals who reflect our values and share in our work!

## Get in touch!

To access a paperless newsletter, learn about updates between newsletters, update your contact information, be removed from our mailing list, inquire about volunteering, or let us know your thoughts on our activities and projects:

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**MAHALO!**

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# Preparing for a Natural Disaster: The Urban Survival Community Fair

**D**o you know what to do in the event of a hurricane or earthquake? If not, the Urban Survival Community Fair is where you can find out. Organized by Be Ready Mānoa and co-sponsored by the City and County Dept. of Emergency Management, the fair will feature numerous display booths, hands-on emergency response training, and lectures by speakers who are experts in the field of emergency response.

How safe and strong is your home, or the hundreds of historic homes that we admire and are so proud of in our beautiful Mānoa Valley?

Dennis Hwang, a Coastal Hazard Mitigation Specialist, will be one of four experts and eyewitnesses who will speak at the Urban Survival Community Fair. He has learned many lessons this year from visiting areas in the United States hit by hurricane, flood, erosion, wind and earthquake impacts. One of the results of this has been additions to his "Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards." This handbook is intended to help homeowners to quickly evaluate whether their homes will be safe enough to withstand strong hurricane winds.

Over 70 representatives from City, State, Federal Agencies, NGOs, churches, schools, businesses, and other community groups will have booths featuring supplies and techniques to use in a natural disaster. There will also be hands-on emergency response training provided by community groups from various parts of Oahu. Two free 55-gallon water barrels will be given away at the Board of Water Supply Water Catchment Workshop to encourage homeowners to conserve, as well as to store water for emergencies.

The fair will also feature activities designed for children. They can visit selected display booths, where they will learn disaster preparedness skills. Then they will test their knowledge in a contest, complete with prizes.

Through a generous grant by Mālama Mānoa and contributions by Alexander and Baldwin, HECO, Board of Water Supply, Bank of Hawai'i, and City Council member Ann Kobayashi, Be Ready Mānoa is able to host this fair as well as conducting a disaster preparedness program for 1500 children in and outside Mānoa Valley.

## URBAN SURVIVAL COMMUNITY FAIR

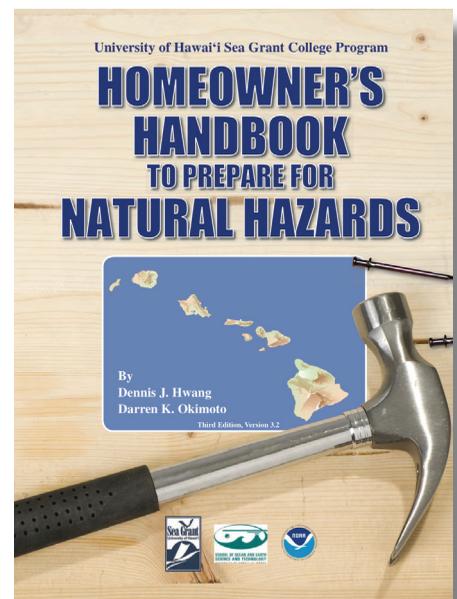
Mānoa Valley District Park Gym

Saturday, October 20, 2018  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Ready-To-Go-Bags

Prizes & Giveaways



Dennis Hwang will be one of four specialists in disaster response who will be speaking at the Fair. Those attending his lecture will have a chance to receive a free copy of his book.

## MĀNOA FALL FAIR

A Honolulu Parks &  
Recreation Event

- Friday, November 2, 2018
- 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- Mānoa Valley District Park Gym
- Family fun with children's games & prizes

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# Friends of Kamānele Park

By Vanessa Distajo

In the Spring of 2017, the Mānoa Branch of The Outdoor Circle requested assistance from Mālama Mānoa as they worked to restore Kamānele Park. The greatest concern was the historical preservation of the cultural site which had been hidden for decades behind a thick curtain of green vines. Mālama Mānoa members helped with researching primary source documents, including newspaper articles and photos from 1915, when the park was dedicated by Queen Lili'uokalani and Mayor Lane. Old maps were discovered in the City's records, which were stamped with the seal and signed by multiple officials. These maps identified a "heiau" on the grounds of Kamānele Park. However, it was never registered with the State because no proper archaeological survey had ever been conducted.

Oceanic Archaeological Science and Educational Services (OASES) offered to supervise the removal of the invasive vegetation and map the site. Since October 2017, 153 community volunteers, including The Outdoor Circle and Mālama Mānoa members, as well as students from Punahou School and Mid-Pacific Institute, have cleared approximately three tons of green waste. The archaeologists identified twelve features at the site, most notably a heiau, rock shelter, and terraces. Their preliminary field report concludes that the pre-contact area was used for ceremonial, habitation and agricultural purposes.

Over the next few months, the final draft of the archaeological report will be registered with the State, and OASES will collaborate with leaders in Mānoa to devise a historic preservation plan for the heiau site.



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

Decisions will be made regarding signage, pathways and maintenance. The Mānoa Branch of The Outdoor Circle will proceed with the restoration project, facilitating service learning, and collecting donations for the new playground. Lastly, there is even more cause for friends of Kamānele Park to celebrate as City Council Member Ann Kobayashi championed funding for the project, and Executive Bill 16 was passed, with an allocation of \$150,000 for the playground improvements. Imua!

**ENJOY THE MĀNOA CHRISTMAS PARADE!**

- Saturday, December 8, 2018
- Parade starts at 5 PM
- From Noelani School to Mānoa Valley District Park
- Wear your holiday outfit and find a good viewing spot

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# A Tour of Three Wonderful Gardens

An Urban Garden Tour has many facets to coordinate and manage and the tour organizers, Pat Chung and Meg Lin, were tested by the “garden gods”! Reservations, tickets, garden descriptions, signs, etc., etc., etc. AND THEN a hurricane threatens!

But Pat and Meg were not deterred. On Sunday, August 26th the hurricane veered west, the skies cleared (somewhat), and the two ladies plus their visitors went forward with what turned out to be a great tour of three interesting gardens.

At the Mānoa Chinese Cemetery, the Living Life Foundation taught our guests about Hawaiian medicinal plants as well as fruit trees and staple foods that can grow in our gardens.

The residential garden on Ka’aipu St. inspired homeowners to try their hand at growing food and herbs in small spaces. There were beehives that were hard to see in the lush garden, but some guests spotted them.

The UH Energy House and Garden was a pleasant surprise to everyone! Few people knew that there is an example of world agriculture traditions displayed beautifully at this upper campus venue. The garden has multiple sections, each highlighting something different: aquaponic veggies, a wall garden, canoe plants, composting and gardens of the world. The Energy House is a working space, office, display site and an example of energy conservation. The College of Tropical Agriculture has gradu-



Hawaiian Medicinal Garden



University of Hawai’i Energy House Garden



University of Hawai’i Energy House Garden



Ka’aipu Street Home Garden

ate students who manage the gardens, and the Fetch Program enables high school students to get their hands dirty and learn agriculture. Several students acted as docents for the tour.

We truly appreciate the hard work and enthusiasm of all the garden “owners and managers.” They made it possible for all of us to learn and be inspired by their great gardens.

# Mānoa Stream Dredging Plans Stir Up Community Concerns

By Vanessa Distajo

Most long time residents of Mānoa recall the terrible destruction caused by the flood of 2004. The area of Mānoa Stream by the Woodlawn Drive bridge was the location where cars were perilously perched in the trees. It was determined that mounds of accumulated silt and debris prevented water from flowing properly, causing the stream to flood its banks. For many years, the Department of Land and Natural Resources worked on engineering plans to prevent this from occurring in the future.

DLNR obtained the necessary permits from the Army Corps to begin a dredging project in May. Unfortunately, the plans entailed storing the dredged sludge a few feet away from the UH Faculty Housing, and cutting down more than forty trees, possibly containing native hoary bats. Once they awoke to construction equipment on the lawn in front of their homes, residents realized the magnitude of the project, and reached out to community leaders for help.

A small working group, consisting of passionate UH Faculty Housing residents, dedicated members of The Outdoor Circle, the Mānoa Neighbor-



Staging for DNLN's Mānoa Stream Dredging Project at the Woodlawn Drive Bridge near UH Faculty Housing.

hood Board, and Mālama Mānoa, was formed to advocate for acceptable options and negotiate with DLNR. After a series of meetings over the course of three weeks, some of which were featured by the TV news stations and Civil Beat, a favorable compromise was reached. DLNR agreed to relocate the sludge basins over 200 yards away from the UH Faculty Housing, consult an arborist and bat specialist, and replant native trees upon the completion of the project. This

was a great relief to the residents, as exemplified by the resounding applause and cheers at the Mānoa Neighborhood Board meeting in June when DLNR revealed the modifications to their plans. Reflecting on the controversy over the plans to dredge the stream, it stirred up valid environmental concerns. And, it served a greater purpose because it unified our community to create a better option for the necessary flood mitigation work.

## “MAKE A DIFFERENCE” IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Help Clean the Stream

The City & County of Honolulu has proclaimed October as “Make a Difference Month” for their Adopt-a-Stream program around the island. Mālama Mānoa is welcoming all volunteers to come out on Saturday, October 13, 2018, to clean up their section of Mānoa Stream. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Woodlawn Drive Bridge across from Longs Drugs just before 10:00 AM for instructions, and the cleanup ends around noon. Covered-toe shoes are required. For more information or questions, please contact George Arizumi @ 988-5069.

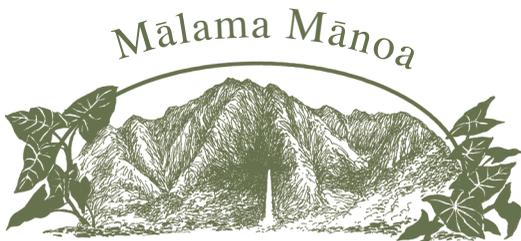




# Save the Date!

June 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon / Historic Mānoa Walking Tour!

One of the reasons Mānoa is such a special place is its wonderful historic houses. And, the chance to tour some of these houses is always a special treat. So be sure to mark your calendars! Mālama Mānoa will present its historic walking tour featuring five unique and charming houses. Presented only once every three years, the tour is always very popular. Next year's tour starts at Kamānele Park and focuses on the historic College Hills tract, first developed in 1899. The houses are mainly Craftsman style. Some are modest bungalows; others are larger and grander, but all are delightful. We look forward to seeing you and your friends on June 15! Please look for more details and information in our spring 2019 newsletter. After the first of the year you can also check out our website: [www.malamamanoa.org](http://www.malamamanoa.org).



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*Don't miss these upcoming events!*

**Stream Cleanup**

■ Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Woodlawn Drive Bridge

**Urban Survival Community Fair**

■ Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mānoa Valley District Park Gym

**Spooky Cemetery Tours**

■ Thursday, October 25, 4:45 and 5:45 p.m. Mānoa Chinese Cemetery

**Mānoa Fall Fair**

■ Friday, November 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Manoa Valley District Park Gym

**Mālama Mānoa Annual General Membership Meeting**

■ Wednesday, November 14, 6 p.m. Mānoa Innovation Center, Presentation Room

**Mānoa Christmas Parade**

■ Saturday, December 8, 5 p.m. Parade starts at Noelani School

**Mālama Mānoa Historic Walking Tour**

■ Saturday, June 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon Begins at Kamānele Park

*Community Calendar*

**Mālama Mānoa Board meetings** are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. The public is welcomed. 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** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Noelani School, 7 p.m. Contact K. Russell Ho, [kho4@honolulu.gov](mailto:kho4@honolulu.gov) or 768-3715 to confirm location.