MISSION

The purpose of the Foundation shall be to preserve and encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, communities and sites relating to the history of Hawai‘i; to promote awareness of and respect for all that is historically significant and architecturally distinctive in our State; and through these efforts, to keep alive and intact for the enrichment of present and future generations the inherent beauty of the Hawaiian Islands and its unique historic role in the development of the Pacific Basin.

Aloha:

The significant events of 2020 will undoubtably be the subject for future historians to ponder. Together, we faced monumental challenges globally and locally, both from the Covid-19 pandemic and from the rapidly changing social norms and a volatile economy. As a community, we have been forced to accept unprecedented levels of uncertainty into our daily lives.

Amidst this climate, we hope you and your loved ones have been safe and healthy. Starting in March and continuing through 2020, we adjusted to the public health emergency orders by transitioning our staff to work from home. We cancelled all in-person events, including educational seminars and workshops, tours and lectures and the Kama‘āina of the Year Benefit.

Despite the limitations on in-person gathering, we continue the vital work of helping people save Hawaii’s historic places. The health-related restrictions on in-person gathering also provided the catalyst for creating online programming and new ways to engage with our community.

We saw record levels of attendance and participation for the virtual presentations, both as they were presented live and for on-demand viewing of the recordings. This format allowed us to connect with audiences on all islands, as well as on the continent and internationally.

We made other adjustments, as well. The annual Preservation Honor Awards were livestreamed without an audience, but continued to celebrate excellence in preservation achievements. In lieu of the annual fundraising gala, we asked members and event sponsors to consider special gifts of resilience to ensure we can continue to be a voice for the historic places that matter. The annual Membership meeting was held as a virtual gathering.

These efforts allowed us to stay engaged with our preservation community, even in the challenging and difficult times facing us all.

We thank you for your unwavering support that enabled this work. We look forward to a time when we can again gather safely, but we also will take the lessons learned during this period to keep the best outcomes and continue to connect and support one another, whether in person or from afar.

Mālama pono,

Ricky Ching
President, Board of Trustees
Aloha:

The year 2020 presented unique challenges. In March, when the coronavirus pandemic reached Hawai‘i, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation’s immediate priorities were to keep our community safe, informed and engaged.

Through the generosity of our supporters, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation hosted unique virtual presentations, including insights into some of the people and events that shaped Hawai‘i’s exceptional places and culture, and trainings into tools that can help save special places.

Member support also made it possible for HHF to continue to participate in activities to address community concerns that directly affect preservation outcomes through advocacy and technical assistance on proposals that have the potential to affect historic places.

The major activities and outcomes are outlined in the Year in Review in each of the core programmatic areas of Educate, Advocate, Assist, Protect and Sustain.

Highlights from the year include:

- Presenting nine in-person and 16 virtual programs;
- Assisting individuals with more than 650 preservation queries;
- Concurring with six formal Memoranda of Agreement to resolve adverse effects on historic properties;
- Engaging in advocacy and technical comments on legislation and public policy, successfully fending off attempts to raise taxes on historic homes on O‘ahu and to repeal the O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission;
- Establishing a pilot program for internships and student training into preservation programs through a partnership with the University of Hawai‘i Community Design Center and developing a Summer Scholar Program for an independent study project; and
- Funding 23 preservation projects with $936,750 approved for preservation grants through partnerships with preservation funders.

From connecting people to our mission through history, providing assistance to individual homeowners and grassroots efforts, to persevering through years-long negotiations, your support has helped grow a community ethic of saving places of history and heritage.

With aloha,

Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Your support helped educate, inspire and engage with communities across the Hawaiian Islands as they learned about historic places and how to save them.

EDUCATE

Build awareness, understanding and public support for historic preservation, and serve as spokesperson for the cause.

NHPA Section 106 Consultation Capacity Building

Throughout the year, HHF elevated educational opportunities to build grassroots capacity for Native Hawaiian and other community preservation organizations to be effective in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation process. The yearlong effort included:

- A new on-demand, online course “Native Hawaiian Organizations and Section 106 Consultation” was developed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation through a partnership with HHF and the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Native Hawaiian Relations (ONHR). HHF provided subject matter expertise, content development and peer review of the material.

- “NHOs and Section 106 Consultation” was an in-person training based on the ACHP course with additional case studies and panel discussion. The seminar was held on February 22 at the YWCA Laniākea in Honolulu and was attended by some 250 participants. The seminar included ACHP and ONHR, with financial support from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Kamehameha Schools.
Notable Women in Hawai‘i’s History

Inspired by the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing women the right to vote, HHF explored topics related to women leaders in the history of Hawai‘i.

- **Hawai‘i Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commemoration**
  In recognition of this significant historical event, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation convened a round-table of nonprofit, governmental and educational organizations in January 2020 to discuss how best to recognize and honor this momentous anniversary. The consensus was to weave the theme through events during the year, encourage voter education and share stories of women in Hawaiian history.

  The Hawai‘i Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commemoration website was launched as a result of these discussions. It is a collaborative effort and public groups shared relevant events, opportunities to advocate for civic education and profiles of notable women in Hawaiian history as well as those today who continue to impact our community in a positive way.

- **Experts at the Cathedral**
  The 33rd annual lecture series continued through partnership with the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Historic Preservation Graduate Certificate Program. The presentations were held weekly at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu, January – March. Lectures and their expert presenters were:
    - “Queen Ka‘ahumanu” by Elizabeth Lentz-Hill
    - “Emma Kaili Metcalf Beckley Nakuina and the Preservation of Hawaiian Culture” by Uluwehi Hopkins
    - “Rosalie Enos Lyons Keliinoi” by Jeff Lyons
    - “Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Widemann Dowsett” by Ralph Thomas Kam
    - “19th Amendment Symbolic Ratification Star” by Malia Van Heukelem and Mele Kahalepuna Chun.
    - “U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Mink” by Ami S. Mulligan

- **Virtual Presentation: Notable Women in Hawai‘i’s History**
  HHF sponsored guest lectures as online, livestreamed events to share additional presentations and information about women in Hawai‘i’s history, both as encore appearances from the in-person Experts series and as supplemental presentations.
    - April 15: “Wilhelmine Dowsett: Hawai‘i Suffrage Pioneer” presented by Ralph Kam and co-sponsored by the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center.
    - May 21: “Emma Nakuina and the Preservation of Hawaiian Culture” by Uluwehi Hopkins
    - June 18: “U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Mink and Her Signature Legislation, Title IX” by Ami Mulligan

**Explorations of Place**

The virtual presentations to explore historic places, identification processes, preservation efforts and contemporary interpretations of meaning continued with a variety of guest speakers, film screenings and panel discussions.

- July 30: “Shipwrecks & Seafaring Stories of Hawai‘i’s Past” by Hans Van Tilburg
- September 10: “Return to Pā‘u‘ula‘ula /Fort Elizabeth” by Peter Mills
- September 23: “How Do We Share Memorials, Monuments and Sites of Difficult Histories?” Panel Discussion with Maenette Benham, Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Melanie Ide and Konrad Ng.
• October 22: “Wailua: Ke Awāwa o Nā Ali‘i – Valley of The Kings” Film Screening and panel discussion with Nāʻālehu Anthony and Ken Tatsuguchi
• December 17: “Decorative Elements of the Dillingham Transportation Building” by Nayun Hong and Arnold McCaleb

Students and Lifelong Learners

HHF participated in outreach and educational activities throughout the year.

• **Historic Preservation Self-Directed Study:** Nayun Hong, a third year architecture student at Notre Dame University, participated in the 5-week exploration of historic preservation principles and practices, including four “talk story” events with practicing preservation professionals, culminating in a public presentation of her project to document the ornamental elements of the Dillingham Transportation Building.

• **University of Hawai‘i Community Design Center:** In May 2020, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation entered into an agreement with UHCDC to jointly develop a Summer Scholar Internship Program. UHCDC hired first-year architecture student Nicole Bowman as the Summer Scholar to work under the direction of Campus Architect Daniel Friedman on a special project to develop a formal evaluation of the Charlot House with a framework for future management.

• **Community Presentations:** HHF were guest presenters at several partner organization programs during the year:
  • Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation is a national network of preservationists, historians, planners, and advocates focused on historic and cultural preservation in Asian & Pacific Islander American communities. APIAHiP held its national biennial conference in Honolulu in February. Faulkner was a guest speaker on a panel discussing “Partners in Preservation.”
  • Hawai‘i Board of Realtors Windward Regional Meeting in August featured Faulkner as a guest speaker on “The Story of Architecture in Hawai‘i.”
  • University of Hawai‘i School of Architecture invited Faulkner to be a guest lecturer to a Masters of Landscape Architecture class in September.
  • Hawai‘i History Day: Mālama Our History Community Speaker Series welcomed Education Program Manager Andrea Nandoskar in October to share HHF’s virtual programs and online resources with teachers engaged in remote instruction.
State Legislature

Our policy team engaged in review and comment on proposed legislation and bills, with testimony on 13 bills before the State Legislature suspended the session on March 16 due to the pandemic.

City & County Ordinances

In May, Honolulu City Council considered a bill (CB 12) to raise the annual minimum property tax on historic homes. HHF opposed the bill and provided action alerts and information to historic home owners and supporters. The current property tax exemption supports preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation of significant buildings, neighborhoods and districts throughout Honolulu. The partial relief from the property tax burden allows owners to continue the historic character and scale of many neighborhoods even in the face of continuing pressure from monster homes and other over-building in residential areas. HHF feels that raising taxes during the current health and economic crisis would place yet another burden on already stressed families and communities. After hearing public testimony, Council deferred the bill.

In August, Honolulu City Council heard a proposal from the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting to repeal the O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission. HHF testified against the measure and provided expert analysis of the federal, state and local frameworks that support locally-based preservation efforts. Council deferred the bill until after the November elections. In January 2021, the newly elected Council members rejected the proposed repeal and established a working group to review the ordinance. HHF is a member of the working group.

Hawai‘i Legacy Day at the Capitol

On February 14, HHF hosted a booth at the Hawai‘i Legacy Day exhibit at the Capitol, presented by the Hawaiian Caucus. The event celebrated the 15th anniversary of the State Legacy Land Conservation Program, which protects lands with important cultural, natural and agricultural resources. HHF shared ways the program has helped save important archaeological resources at Kuamo‘o Battlefield, Lapakahi State Historical Park, Kanewai Spring and other historically significant places.

ADVOCATE

Support public policies, legislative and regulatory frameworks that provide incentives and regulations for preservation outcomes.

Michelle Kiczek, Beth Iwata and Andrea Nandoskar talk with attendees at Hawai‘i Legacy Day.
Preservation Easements

HHF managed its portfolio of significant buildings protected in perpetuity by preservation easements. The program includes three properties: Dearborn Building (Kaka‘ako, O‘ahu); Jean & Zohmah Charlot House (Kāhala, O‘ahu); and Fred C. Baldwin Memorial Home (Makawao, Maui).

A partnership with the University of Hawai‘i resulted in an innovative management and operations plan for the Charlot House that proposes a new path forward. Work on a new framework plan for Charlot House began over the summer of 2020 through a pilot partnership between HHF and the UH Community Design Center (UHDCO). The proposal includes novel, revenue-generating programming scenarios with steps for incremental implementation over the next five years.

Preservation Grants

Freeman Foundation

Through a partnership with the Freeman Foundation, HHF provided grants to support the rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of historic properties that are managed by nonprofit organizations for community benefit.

The 2020 grantees were:

• Hawai‘i Theatre Center, Chinatown, O‘ahu
• Five Projects in the Lahaina National Historic Landmark, Lahaina, Maui
• Frame House at Hawaiian Mission Houses National Historic Landmark, Honolulu, O‘ahu
• First Chinese Christian Church of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, O‘ahu
• Jolani Palace National Historic Landmark, Honolulu, O‘ahu
• Queen Emma Summer Palace, Nu‘uanu, O‘ahu
• Moanalua Community Church, Pearl Harbor, O‘ahu
• Kohala Koboji Mission Church, Kea‘au, Hawai‘i Island
• Niuli‘i Hala Groves, Kohala, Hawai‘i Island
Hilo Preservation Program

Through a partnership with preservation funders, HHF manages a grant program to support preservation and beautification projects in historic Downtown Hilo on Hawai’i Island.

The 2020 grantees were:
- Lau Building
- HELCO Building
- Takei Building
- Hilo Plaza Building
- Kalākaua Park
- East Hawai’i Cultural Center
- Pacific Building

Sam & Mary Cook Preservation Fund for Hawai’i

The Cooke Preservation Fund for Hawai’i provides grants for historic properties through a partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Grants awarded in 2020 went to support:
- Queen Emma Summer Palace (Nu’uanu, O’ahu) and Hulihe’e Palace (Kailua-Kona, Hawai’i Island)
- Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center (‘Āina Haina, O’ahu)
- Baldwin Home Museum (Lahaina, Maui)

Field Services, Technical Assistance & Circuit Rider Visits

HHF provides technical assistance, including consultation and comment on plans, projects, participating in public meeting and hearings, submitting official testimony and response to inquiries from the public. Our staff engaged in 651 interventions at over 200 historic properties during the year.

Preservation Resource Center staff completed four neighbor island visits to Lāna‘i, Maui and Hawai’i Island prior to the travel ban that went into effect in March. The field services include community meetings and site visits, technical advice and consultation meetings. These included circuit rider visits to:
- Hawai’i Island: Feb 7-9 and March 13
- Lāna‘i: March 6
- Maui: March 7-8
Preservation Honor Awards

The 46th Annual Preservation Honor Awards were held as a live-stream event at the historic Hawai‘i Theatre Center in Honolulu’s Chinatown on July 22. Restrictions on public gathering due to the Covid-19 pandemic limited the number of people who could be present in person. Instead, the event was broadcast live and recorded for later viewing. Master of ceremonies Grace Lee of Hawai‘i News Now hosted the event and presented 23 projects in four categories with 15 anniversary recognitions and the Frank Haines Award for Lifetime Achievement.

12th Annual Frank Haines Award
• David Franzen, photographer, was recognized for his outstanding contributions to historic preservation through documentation of the architecture, interior design, and landscapes of the Hawaiian Islands

Achievements In Interpretive Media
• Ford Island Interpretive Trail, Ford Island, O‘ahu
• Francis Haar: Disappearing Honolulu exhibit, A‘ala & Chinatown, O‘ahu
• Rearview Mirror newspaper column by Bob Sigall, Honolulu Star Advertiser
• Voices Behind Barbed Wire: Stories of Hawai‘i documentary, Statewide
• Wailua: Ke Awawa o Na Ali‘i video, Wailua, Kaua‘i

Individual Achievement
• Sharon Hayden, Volunteer, King Kamehameha I Statue, North Kohala, Hawai‘i Island
• Ka‘āina Shayne Hull, Director, Department of Planning, County of Kaua‘i
• Maile Melrose, Historian and Author, Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden and Kona Historical Society, Hawai‘i Island
• Nanette Napoleon, Cemetery Historian and Author, O‘ahu and Moloka‘i
• Peter T. Young, Historian and Planner, Statewide

Intervene and support preservation of sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts of historic significance, and intangible heritage that brings life to those properties.
Presented annually since 1975, the Preservation Honor Awards program offers the local community an opportunity to share, recognize and applaud excellence in historic preservation in the Hawaiian Islands. The event brings together professionals and academia in the preservation field and community volunteers who believe in the power of preserving historic places for the common good.

“Since 1974 Historic Hawai‘i Foundation has committed itself to the preservation of places that help tell Hawai‘i’s unique, multifaceted and fascinating story. One happy pleasure in fulfilling that mission is our annual celebration of others’ success in completing exemplary preservation projects.”

— Pat Griffin, Chair, Preservation Honor Awards Selection Committee
## Anniversary Recognitions

### 200 Years
- **Bicentennial**
  - Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site & Archive/Hawai‘i Missionary Children’s Society, Honolulu, O‘ahu
  - Mokuakaua Church, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i Island
  - The Waimea Mission Church, Waimea, Kaua‘i
  - Kawainaha‘o Church, Capitol District, O‘ahu

### 175 Years
- **Dodransbicentennial**
  - Kaniakapūpū, Summer Residence of King Kamehameha III and Queen Kalama, Nu‘uanu, O‘ahu

### 150 Years
- **Sesquicentennial**
  - Alexander & Baldwin, O‘ahu, Maui and Kaua‘i

### 125 Years
- **Quasquicentennial**
  - Pacific Hall at Bishop Museum, Kalihi, O‘ahu
  - Charles Gay Residence, Waimea, Kaua‘i

### 100 Years
- **Centennial**
  - Cooke Foundation, Ltd.
  - Hawaiian Mission Academy
  - Honolulu Community College
  - Ishiharaya
  - Kamehameha Highway
  - Kamehameha Schools Song Contest
  - Straub Medical Center

## Achievements In New Construction
- Diamond Head State Monument Rockfall Mitigation, Diamond Head, O‘ahu
- Lua Kupapa‘u O Nohili crypt at U.S. Navy Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kaua‘i

## Programmatic Award
- Burbank Street Neighborhood, Liliha, O‘ahu
- Hale Pili Construction and Training Program, Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives, Honolulu, O‘ahu
- Ho‘opai Archaeology Apprenticeship, Mākena, Maui
- My Name is ‘Opūkaha‘i’a with Moses Goods, Statewide and Continental United States
- Mural Wall at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, Kahului, Maui

## Project Award
- Ala Moana Pumping Station Screen House and Pump Station Rehabilitation, Kaka‘ako, O‘ahu
- Battleship USS Missouri Memorial Aft Superstructure Preservation, Ford Island, O‘ahu
- F. Garcia Building Rehabilitation, Paia, Maui
- Lāna‘i City Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Lāna‘i City, Lāna‘i
- McKinley High School Building W Rehabilitation, Honolulu, O‘ahu
- Palm Circle Rehabilitation of Two Residences, Ft. Shafter, O‘ahu

## National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation

HHF participated in discussions as a party with an interest in the effect of projects on historic properties, including as a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as well as through the National and Hawai‘i Environmental Policy Acts.

Historic Hawai‘i Foundation signed as a concurring party to six Memoranda of Agreement:

1. Federal Highway Administration and Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, Leeward Bikeway Construction MOA Amendment
2. Federal Highway Administration and Hawai‘i Department of Transportation Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway Widening MOA Amendment
3. Federal Highway Administration and Hawai‘i Department of Transportation Kahananui Bridge Replacement
4. City & County of Honolulu Halewaiolu Senior Affordable Housing Development
5. Navy Region Hawai‘i Navy Fleet Boathouse Replacement and Quonset Hut Rehabilitation
6. Immigration and Customs Enforcement U.S. Immigration Station Perimeter Security

Other significant advocacy and consultation activities included:

- As a consequence of the MOA addressing new security measures at the historic Immigration Station in Honolulu, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement developed a preservation and maintenance plan for the management and treatment of the historic property. The complex was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, and consists of four buildings constructed in 1934 as the U.S. Immigration Office. HHF provided review and concurrence with the Preservation Plan’s treatment recommendations and the terms of the implementing agreement.
Covid-19 Pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic presented monumental challenges to our global and local community. When the State enacted stay-at-home emergency orders in March, HHF cancelled in-person gathering, including both fundraising and program events. The staff moved to full-time tele-working.

In the face of uncertainty, HHF members responded with aloha and generosity. Many donors supported the organization through both membership dues and donations to the Spring, Fall and year-end appeals. These individual gifts provided both needed financial resources and reassurance that the HHF preservation ‘ohana is strong and committed.

Community Resilience Campaign & Preservation Honor Award Sponsors

In compliance with State and local orders and to help keep our community safe, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation cancelled the 2020 Kama‘aina of the Year Benefit, which typically provides a significant portion of the organization’s annual operating budget. It was the first time since 1975 that the annual Winter Benefit was suspended.

In response to a special appeal for support, many of the event sponsors continued their annual gift in behalf of the organization’s mission and programs. This “Community Resilience Campaign,” along with sponsors from the Preservation Honor Awards, provided generous financial contributions and steadfast support that allowed HHF to retain all staff and avoid the layoffs and furloughs that were threatened by the global health and economic crises.

46th Annual Meeting & Elections

Historic Hawai‘i Foundation held its Annual Membership Meeting on August 12 as a virtual, online meeting. Members elected new trustees Linda Chiu, Juliette Cooke, Allen Hoe and Barbara Shideler. The members elected renewing trustees Maenette Benham, Will Crowley, Pat Griffin, Lehua Kauhane, Wendie McAllaster and Roy Murai for a second term. Outgoing trustees Greg Chun, Natalia Lagmay and Joanna Oshiro were recognized for their years of service. Ricky Ching was elected President.
Covid Relief Support

HHF was the recipient of several grants and government programs designed to provide Covid relief, including the Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loan from the Small Business Administration; Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities Covid Relief Grant for the Arts & Humanities; City & County of Honolulu Small Business Covid Relief Program and the State of Hawai‘i Business Pivot Grant. The Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency provided in-kind support with a donation of personal protection equipment.

Our Heritage, Your Impact

In the face of the challenges of 2020, the members and partners of Historic Hawai‘i Foundation rallied in a show of commitment to preserving places of honor, hope and remembrance. Support from each member of our ‘ohana helps to ensure that historic places serve as meaningful touchstones of our communities today and in the future.

Thank you for your support.
NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS, DONORS AND CONTRIBUTORS
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2020

Mahalo to all for your support to keep historic places a vital part of our communities.

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