

# PRESERVATION

## Annual Meeting and Exhibit Pay

Over 2,520 people visited HHF's preservation display at the Amfac Center Exhibition Hall presented during National Historic Preservation Week. The exhibit depicted nearly two dozen organizations and preservation projects throughout the islands.

Governor George Ariyoshi untied the Maile Leis to officially open the exhibit on May 10 and the next day in his chambers signed the document proclaiming Historic Preservation Week in Hawaii. "The exhibit brought the second largest number of visitors to the Amfac Exhibition Hall since it was opened to the public several years ago," said Maggie Robinson, plaza director.



*This 6 x 6 foot model of Honolulu and the waterfront, circa 1850, courtesy of Amfac, was one of the displays featured for visitors.*



*Of interest to the distaff side was this quilt produced by women associated with the Richards Street YWCA. The quilt depicts 14 historic buildings.*



*Attending the signing of the Historic Preservation Week in Hawaii Proclamation are, left to right, Helen Cole, HHF's vice president and National Trust Advisor; Senator Jean King; State Historic Preservation Officer Jane Silverman; Governor George Ariyoshi; National Trust Advisor Robert Fox; Representative Richard Ho and Ronald Paik, HHF preservation planning committee member.*

An overflow crowd of 209 Historic Hawaii Foundation members and guests toured and dined and danced in the partly-restored old Yokohama Specie Bank building at the Foundation's second annual meeting and awards presentation in May.

The building's owner, Alan Beall, new HHF trustee and a 1976 award winner, let the Foundation take over the mostly-empty structure and volunteers gave it "Cinderella" treatment. They turned the first floor into a handsome banquet room and with lights, plants, and decorations transformed the raw courtyard into an attractive patio for pre-dinner cocktails and the basement into an after-dinner discotheque.

Party-goers first toured the restored second-floor offices, then went down to the basement and stepped into a former bank vault to get their table assignment. The Aloha Airlines Serenaders entertained in the court during the cocktail hour and the Na Hoapili trio from Kamehameha Boys School played and sang during dinner.

During the last-day rush to complete the decorating, Ron Kats, decorations chairman, inadvertently (was it real Ron???) locked the old vault where several reports for the meeting had been placed for safe-keeping and no one on site had a key. The result was a unique business meeting with no formal speeches by president, secretary, treasurer, or executive director. The goof turned out to be fortunate also as program-cutting was needed for President Charles Black and Award-recipient Eduardo Malapit to catch planes for the Mainland.

Trustees and officers were elected and new Board members present were introduced and given a lei. Members adopted By-Laws drafted by a committee headed by Agnes Conrad (these were printed in the April issue). Mrs. Allyn Cole, Jr., vice president and membership chairman, gave an encouraging report on membership growth. President Black and Awards Committee Chairman Nancy Bannick presented the 1976 preservation awards.

Members sat at round tables for ten for a catered dinner of Chicken Kiev and Merchant Street Mud Pies and could take home—for only \$8 each,



*Unoccupied, unfinished main floor is turned into glamorous banquet hall. Walls display photographic enlargements of Mary Leinweber drawings donated by Rick Golt and sign made by Sidnie Miller of Jan Campbell's commercial real estate firm, now in refurbished offices upstairs.*



*Award-winner Agnes Conrad enjoys a joke with Allyn Cole, Jr., while Mrs. Cole, HHF vice president, and HHF Trustee Sidney Snyder talk serious business for a moment.*