

From the President's Desk

HHF Annual Report

by Mrs. Allyn Cole, Jr.

This has been a very busy and rewarding year for the Historic Hawai'i Foundation — a year that was launched in turmoil, but now has us sailing on smooth water.

We were able to find convenient, adequate and inexpensive office space at 1178 Fort Street. Our new executive director, Phyllis Fox, stepped in and has done a superb job of directing our organization, with the able assistance of our enthusiastic, cheerful and capable secretary, Julie Ziegler.

Our purpose is to perpetuate an awareness and respect for our heritage, and one way that we are fulfilling this purpose is through our educational program. During the year, three workshops have been held. These workshops were supported in part by a grant from the Hawai'i Committee for the Humanities, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. In June we organized a two day Preservation Workshop in Wailuku, which was attended by eighty persons. Coordinator for this workshop was Rhoda Hackler.

In September, a three day workshop was held in Hilo, at the invitation of the County Council, the downtown Hilo businessmen, and the Chamber of Commerce. The revitalization of downtown Hilo was the theme of this workshop, coordinated by our executive director. Over a hundred persons attended and some came as far as Kona and Kohala.

The Preservation Forum, held in February on this island, was, as the other workshops were, thought-provoking and stimulating. Laura Loftus was the coordinator.

I might add that each workshop was opened by the mayor of the county, and participants included both state and county officials.

We also conducted a Historic Sites Survey Workshop for the Junior League of Honolulu, which was also attended by other interested groups on the island who wished to learn about historic site registration. The Junior League has voted to conduct historic sites surveys as a project, and will use their members and money to prepare forms for site registration. They hope to find a historic building that they can use as a permanent location for their office as a result of making the survey.

During the year, we have organized and participated in educational programs for the Realtors Convention, the AIA convention, the ASID show at AMFAC Center, and the Tennent Art Gallery to name a few.

Historic Hawai'i News is well known throughout our state and on the mainland, and is spreading the word about preservation in our islands. Our distribution has been to ten thousand addresses, but in April we weeded out those who have not responded to our membership pleas over the past three years. We now mail our paper to over seven thousand, and are building our mailing list up again, by adding five hundred new names a month.

The newspaper is widely read, and comments have been most complimentary. Our Publications Committee is doing a splendid job of editing a newspaper of quality and of interest to all ages. Ronn Ronck is volunteer editor of the paper. I am sure you have read Ronn's articles in the Advertiser.

Of course, the newspaper costs money to print, but through the efforts of Joyce Torrey, we are now running ads, which we hope will eventually pay the cost of printing.

Membership never ceases to amaze us. In 1974, when we first put together our ideas and formed Historic Hawai'i, we were supported by thirty-five dedicated preservationists. As of the first of this month, our membership total was 2385.

(As the membership application on the last page of Historic Hawai'i News says - We Need More Friends - each of you can help tremendously by asking your friends and associates to join - carry collectolopes in your purses or pockets to give to anyone who shows the slightest interest - and of course, you can help by renewing promptly.)

This year, through the efforts of John Siemer and Alan Beall, letters were sent to corporations, and as a result, we already have twenty-four corporate memberships, in just three months, and each week we add to the growing list.

We are also perpetuating an awareness of our heritage by our efforts to preserve and protect tangible evidence of our past. The R. W. Meyer Sugar Mill on Moloka'i is the only mill of its era with all mechanical equipment on site. Massive deterioration of the wooden structure which protects the mill has taken place.

The preservation of the mill has been of particular concern to the trustees of Historic Hawai'i because of the importance of this unique site to the history of the sugar industry in Hawai'i. We are now in the process of helping the Meyer family with arrangements for the survey of the mill and its machinery.

A field team from the Historic American Engineering Record will be on Moloka'i in July to survey and document the mill, and we have contacted trusts and foundations to help with the cost, which will total approximately \$13,000.

The project will be funded by the Historic American Engineering Record, the State Historic Preservation Office, and Historic Hawai'i's share will be about \$5,000. We have already received \$3,000 from trusts and hope to obtain the remainder within the next two months.

In preparation for the arrival of the field team, six of our trustees visited the site and made recommendations. On April 8, a group of volunteers cut back trees and shrubs, jacked up the roof, stabilized walls, and took many photographs of objects which were moved to a secure storage area. The mill is now considered in safe condition for the visiting team to do its work. We hope that the next step after the recording will be placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Then federal grant-in-aid money may be requested for stabilization of the mill and machinery.

The Lishman building has been placed on the State Register and has been nominated for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

A reader of our newspaper on Maui saw the article on the Niimi Store in our April edition, and is now hoping to find a vacant lot near Pupukea, so that he can move the store and convert it into an art gallery. We hope he succeeds.

The Special Events Committee, chaired by Granville Abbott, has planned several events for our members and guests during the year. The Blaisdell Hotel Celebration, honoring downtown Honolulu preservationists, drew dozens of interested persons.

The Chinatown Walking Tour drew seventy-five walkers who showed great interest in the noodle factories, fish and meat markets, old theatres, living quarters of present residents, and old buildings that make up the historic district.

Planned for coming months are a heiau tour, more walking tours, and building tours. Details of these events will be publicized in the newspaper.

The Legislative Committee had a busy time during the legislative session, and submitted written testimony on nine bills. Oral testimony was also given on these bills. The committee monitored all bills.

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Pre-historic and
Historic Sites
Tour

**Saturday,
August 5, 1978
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
with
Joseph David Unauna Kelihiolokai

GATHER

We will meet at St. Andrew's Cathedral parking lot to distribute maps for the tour and to make up car pools. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and leave promptly at 9 a.m. The lot is at the corner of Beretania and Alaiea Streets.

KEA'IWA HEIAU
in Aiea

This heiau, was named for Kakuhihewa, high priest of O'ahu who was said to have mysterious healing powers.

KUKANILOKO
BIRTHSTONES

These precious stones were the birthplace of royalty beginning in the twelfth century.

LILIUOKALANI CHURCH
in Haleiwa

The history of this church dates back to April 1833 when it was first established by the Reverend John S. Emerson.

LUNCH AND LEGENDS

We will stop in Haleiwa Beach Park for a bring-your-own lunch. Joseph Kelihiolokai will share personal stories and legends.

PUUOMAHUKA HEIAU
in Pupukea

This heiau, named "hill of escape," is said to have been built by menehunes.

Joseph Kelihiolokai grew up in Kahuku, served in the United States Air Force and is now a senior at Chaminade College.

If you would like more information about the tour, please call Historic Hawai'i Foundation at 537-9564.

In case of rain, we will postpone the tour.
(There is no charge for the tour.)

To make reservations, please clip and mail to Historic Hawai'i Foundation, P.O. Box 1658, Honolulu, Hawaii 96806.

Please reserve ——— reservations for me on the tour.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

I will need transportation _____ yes, _____ no.

I can take _____ people in my car.

Hale Pa'i:

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annex Hawaii Nei. Now many of the senators tell him that he must agree to help Cuba, perhaps annex it, before they will vote on Hawaiian annexation."

In the January 1898 issue, it was announced that President McKinley had reported men were surveying the land for the Nicaraguan canal "and will report to Congress soon." While in December 1898, the children learned women were given the right to vote in Minnesota but the woman suffrage amendment on the South Dakota polls was defeated.

In March 1897, an item reported "a flying machine has finally been made that will fly. It starts by running along the ground on a track. It consists mainly of a number of horizontal boards and a steam engine."

At the time of the first issue, the Islands had a total population of 109,020 an article stated. The Hawaiians formed the greatest number, 31,019; the Japanese second, 24,407; and the Chinese third, 21,606.

And other news in the Hawaii Nei column in that period:

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani "had the grip."

The villagers of Kokomo, Makawao, were much excited over a hail storm which continued 20 to 25 minutes, covering the ground with hail stones the size of a marble. Many of the people had never seen hail before, it was noted.

"Some very fine oranges are being grown in Hawaii. They have the California size and the Hawaiian flavor, and are very delicious."

"Lahainaluna got a small dynamo lighting fourteen lamps and the boys study hall was lighted by electricity."

Miss Helen Wilder, as president of the Humane Society, was given a commission as a police officer so that she could, if necessary, arrest those who ill-used their horses.

"Cent pieces were brought into Honolulu as an advertising scheme by an enterprising firm. Our boys and girls will soon know what ten cents equals."

Local and world news were only a small part of the over-all coverage. The contents included poetry leaning to heavy sentimentality and moralizing, history, geography, science, literature ... a wide variety. Modern girls and boys would find quaint and humorous (or corny and square) some of the reading material meant to be entertaining and enlightening ... and deadly serious in the 1890's.

For instance, these rules for good health:

"Take to the open air, the more you take the better,

Follow nature's laws to the very letter.

Let the doctors go to the Bay of Biscay,

Let alone the gin, the brandy and the whiskey,

Freely exercise; keep your spirits cheerful;

Let no dread of sickness make you ever fearful.

Eat the simplest food; drink the pure cold water.

Then you will be well. Or at least you ought to."

And, finally ... this plea for boys lib:

"Now if any has an easy time in this world of push and pull, it is not the boy of the family, for his hands are always full, I'd like to ask, who fills the stove; where is the girl who could?

Who brings in water, who lights the fire, and splits the kindling wood?

And who is it that cleans the walks after hours of snowing;

In summer, who keeps down the weeds by diligently hoeing?

And who must harness the faithful horse when the girls would ride about?

And who must clean the carriage off? The boy, you'll own, no doubt.

And when a boy has been working his level best for days,

It does him good, I tell you, to have some hearty praise!

He is not merely a combination of muddy boots and noise,

And he likes to be looked upon as one of the family joys."



Halekulani Redevelopment EIS Invites Comment

The Halekulani Hotel, a site listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places, is undergoing preliminary planning for redevelopment of the site on Kalia Road in Waikiki.

Part of this preliminary planning includes the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. An EIS is a detailed report discussing the probable effects of a project on the environment. This report is required by Chapter 343 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

In the preparation of an EIS, various public agencies, private organizations, and individuals are allowed to express their concerns and to comment on issues they wish to see addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation has requested to be a consulted party for the Halekulani Hotel EIS. An "EIS Preparation Notice" has been prepared which gives the following basic information about the redevelopment of the existing Halekulani Hotel:

Technical Considerations

Structures to be demolished may be none or may be all of the existing facilities. The most likely plan would retain the main structure and the House Without a Key. The numerous wood frame bungalow cottages would be demolished and new hotel units constructed in their place. The mauka parcel across

Kalia Road would be the probable location of a parking garage and support facilities.

Preliminary studies call for an increase in guest units from the existing 189 rooms to between 400 and 500 rooms. These would be contained in one or several medium rise structures.

Major Impacts

Socio-Economic

Effect on tax base; increase in government expenditures and services to maintain and serve the development; creation of additional employment opportunities; effects on resort industry; impacts on a historic site.

Physical Environment

Increase vehicular traffic and construction activity with consequent impacts on air quality and noise levels; possible effects on offshore water quality; effects on views and visual landscape, particularly as related to historic structures and shoreline vistas; existence of tsunami hazard; increased usage of utility systems.

A copy of the EIS Preparation Notice is in the office of HHF on Fort Street. It is essential that HHF members make known questions, issues, and topics that they wish to have adequately addressed in the EIS process. Give the office a call at 537-9564 or drop by for further information. Comments must be made within 30 days.

Volunteer Help Needed

Office Receptionist - Mornings-first two weeks in July and the last two weeks in August. We need someone to answer the phone and assist people when they come in to the office. Please call 537-9564 and volunteer!

Exhibit Committee - We need members who would like to work beginning in August on our annual exhibit. Please call 537-9564 and volunteer now!

Restoration Funds Needed

Virginia Wirtz reports from Maui that work is about to start on the restoration of the annex building at Hale Hoikele.

Thirty-five thousand dollars has been raised to finance the work. More money is needed. Virginia is asking our readers to help. Please mail your tax deductible contributions to the Maui Historical Society, P. O. Box 1018, Wailuku, Maui 96793.

Information Needed about Sts. Peter and Paul Mission

Do you have any information about the history of Saints Peter and Paul Mission at Waimea Bay, Oahu?

Reverend Lowell Fischer and Mary Leineweber are compiling facts and photographs and need help.

"In doing research on the Mission," Mary writes, "We find a very important link missing. The first owner (operator, manager) of the stone quarry on the mauka side of the property was a C. W. Winsted, followed by H. C. & C. then McCandless."

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the C. W. Winsted family, would you please contact me at 254-4697 or Father Lowell Fischer at 438-7449?"

They are also looking for photographs, letters, pay receipts, oral accounts of working or living conditions, and any other historical information which our readers may have. Mahalo!

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that concerned historic and pre-historic preservation.

Historic Hawai'i representatives sat on City Council task forces for Thomas Square and the Kakaako districts, and testimony was given at the City Council for Thomas Square.

Historic Hawai'i coordinated a tour of our state by members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Our office staff and volunteers worked many hours to make this tour one of the finest to visit our islands. The Hawai'i Visitors Bureau worked with us, and Bobbee, Mills, head of the Visitors Satisfaction department of HVB accompanied the tour group to all the islands and delighted everyone with her knowledge and good humor.

Funds are always a major concern with any organization, and until a few months ago our sole source of funds was membership. But thanks to talented Ramsey Berman and her husband, Herbert, we are selling a portfolio of Ramsey's detailed pen and inks of historic buildings. Ninety-four have already been sold. The revenue from the sales will help to establish a revolving fund.

To observe Preservation Week we are sponsoring an art show in cooperation with the Roving Rembrandts, and a plant show, in the AMFAC Center. Historic Hawai'i is receiving a percentage of all sales, and we hope you will all attend the show next week between the hours of 6:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Puuloa Hawaiian Civic Club will be giving demonstrations in Hawaiian arts and crafts during the lunch hour on Tuesday and Thursday, and the exhibiting artists will give demonstrations on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. And this evening, Preservation Parade will raise a few thousand to help us in our efforts to preserve the best of our past for future generations to enjoy.

The Awards Committee has deliberated many hours to select the persons and sites deserving of Historic Hawai'i awards of distinction. This is the third year that we have presented awards.

And Historic Hawai'i has been the recipient of an award. On April 24, we were presented with the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge Honor Certificate Award for historical publications in the Community Programs category. An honor, indeed!

Our organization could not possibly exist without the back bone of all non-profit organizations - our VOLUNTEERS. We have many dedicated people who are giving hours of their time to make all these activities work. We can't thank them enough, but they know how much we appreciate them.

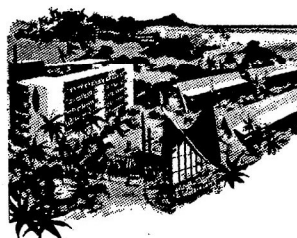
We have come a long way for an organization just four years old, and we are really just beginning. During the coming year we will continue our determination to educate our citizenry to preserve historically significant sites and structures for re-use and re-cycling; to serve as a resource to help developers,

government agencies, non-profit groups, and private individuals; to assist the Hawai'i State Preservation Office with registration of sites, and with surveys, research, and inventories; to establish a field service program of resource professionals to provide consultation and guidance to individuals and organizations; and to establish a liaison with County and State Planning Departments to insure proper considerations for historic sites, objects and structures in the early stages of the planning process.

With the concern and dedication of our trustees, members and staff we can truly say that the Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a statewide trust safeguarding Hawai'i's heritage.

This report was delivered on May 6, 1978, at the HHF Annual Meeting by Mrs. Cole.

Waikiki can still be Hawaiian



Tucked away from the maddening crowd, the Waikikian Hotel nestles beneath giant palms next to an azure Waikiki Beach lagoon. Though the excitement of Waikiki is a few steps down a garden path, guests remain enfolded in a Polynesian retreat. Extensive grounds, tropical furnishings and distinguished service make the 135 rooms and suites a special paradise.

Reservations call 949-5331

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