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Aloha O'ahu lei ka 'ilima
Kohu manu 'ōō hulu
melemele.

*Beloved is O'ahu with the 'ilima lei
Like the 'ōō it's golden plumage.*

-Clarence Kinney

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SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER



The Obama Foundation

The More We Work Together, The More We Can Achieve

We have certainly found this to be true during the last few years. Partnering with organizations, groups and agencies of all sizes, has made it possible for Mānoa Heritage Center to be part of local, national and global efforts to build vibrant communities connected to land, culture and place. We could never do this work alone and thank our partners from the bottom of our hearts.

142. **'A'ohe hana nuike alu 'ia.**
No task is too big when done together by all.

‘Ōlelo Noe’au, Mary Kawena Pukui

MHC Receives A Transformative Gift From The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

Mānoa Heritage Center received a \$1 million challenge grant from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation supporting our Sam Cooke Endowed Fund. This pledge, which needs to be matched dollar per dollar, will transform the level of community impact we are able to have for years to come.

Not only is it a vote of confidence from one of Hawai'i's largest private foundations, this leadership grant makes it possible for MHC to become an even stronger resource for educators and to continue to teach children to be thoughtful stewards of their heritage, places and communities. Our world needs this right now!

Founder Mary Cooke shared that, "We have already received the first gift of \$100,000, and have until the end of 2019 to match it. I will be working hard on this as you can imagine!"

Building the Sam Cooke Endowed Fund is a crucial part of MHC's strategic plan to ensure our longterm sustainability so that future generations can be inspired to become environmental and cultural heroes in their own communities. Mahalo nunui to the Harold K.L Castle Foundation for investing in MHC and bringing us closer to our goal of raising an initial \$5 million within the next three years.



Ala Wai Elementary School students play the Ahupua'a Resource Game with MHC Director of Education Jenny Engle.

Carmela Tafoya: Docent Since 2011



"I was invited to a MHC Century Circle event at Kūali'i, and met Mary Cooke. I told her I had just moved here and she said "you should be a docent so you can learn about Hawai'i!" A month later, I ran into Mary at Safeway and she remembered my name and asked "Carmela, why aren't you a docent yet?"

Originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Carmela moved to Hawai'i after falling in love... first with a human who lived here, and then with the islands themselves. Luckily for Mānoa Heritage Center, Carmela signed on for docent training and she has charmed visiting school groups with her smile and positive outlook since 2011.

Docents play an important role in sharing MHCs culture-based educational programs with school children throughout the year. Join our summer 2019 Docent Training cohort to expand and share your knowledge with others, enjoy special docent enrichment lectures and huaka'i, and make great friends for life!

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Visit us at www.manoaheritagecenter.org



Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Workshops Continue in 2019

Thanks in part to funding from Hawai'i Tourism's Kūkulu Ola Program, MHC will present community workshops with cultural practitioners on the last Saturday of each month throughout 2019. Each *Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Workshop* is designed to connect audiences at a deeper level with Hawai'i's living culture and provides cultural practitioners with an opportunity to share their knowledge. See list below for upcoming workshops and visit www.manoaheritagecenter.org for registration information.

- April 27, 2019 9a.m.-12:30p.m.** Lauhala Weaving with Kumu Loko'olu Quintero - Weave a hīna'i 'ōmole, a lauhala bottle cover.
- May 25, 2019 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.** 'Ohe Kāpala with Ka'iulani de Silva - Design and carve an 'ohe kāpala (a bamboo stamp used in Hawaiian kapa printing).
- June 29, 2019 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m.** Botanical Lip Balm with Moani Hibbard - Make your own natural lip balms.



Participants in January's *Palm Bark Basketry Workshop* with Tamsen Fox show off their creations.



The sun came out for February's *Kuka'a Lauhala Workshop* (rolled lauhala prepared for weaving) with Kumu Loko'ulu Quintero.

MHC Hosts Obama Foundation Asia-Pacific Leaders Huaka'i

How does being grounded in who we are and where we are empower us to make a difference in the world?

How do we share the story of our place? How do we bring back what was once lost?



MHC Cultural Steward, Ke'ala Wong, shares Kūka'ō'ō Heiau with the Asia-Pacific Leaders.

These were the questions posed to the 21 emerging leaders from 16 countries and territories in the Asia-Pacific region selected by the Obama Foundation to design the Foundation's new leadership program for the region. Gathered at MHC under clear skies, they sat with Polynesian Voyaging Society Navigator Nainoa Thompson. His message to them: "You are all navigators" and you are guided by the hundreds of people who came before you.

Spearheaded by Maya Soetoro-Ng and Patricia Espiritu Halagao, the huaka'i engaged participants in experiential learning stations that demonstrated how one might infuse leadership abilities with the wisdom, culture and identity of their own places. Our appreciation goes to the Learning Station leaders Olin Lagon (Purple Mai'a) and Nohealani Hirahara (Purple Prize winner); 'Āina Aloha artist Meleanna Meyer; and MHC educators Jenny Engle and Ke'ala Wong. Special mahalo to the middle and high school student leaders from around O'ahu who acted as guides and hosts to all of the guests to MHC.



The Hanahau'oli Plant Team after removing plants and shrubbery at the site of MHC's future propagation shed.

Project-Based Learning Works

Since 1996, Mānoa Heritage Center has shared its collection of endemic and indigenous plants with students, educators and visitors from around the world. All this time, however, MHC never had a dedicated propagation area to conscientiously preserve these plants for future generations. Enter Po'e Ka'ahele, the fourth and fifth grade class at Hanahau'oli School. While giving children the responsibility of designing and building a propagation structure might seem like a precarious undertaking, not so for these students. A leader in progressive education, Hanahau'oli embodies "learning by doing" everyday in their classrooms. By empowering students to learn more about their community through collaborative, meaningful work - in this case, filling a need at MHC - the venture is a win-win for everyone.

Six teams including Designers, Builders, Materials, Plants, Documentarians, and Budget, kicked off the project in August 2018. Small group teams have returned to MHC as necessary, including the Plant team that spent four hours removing and potting existing native plants from the propagation site. MHC Caretaker Kevin Prior drew up a cohesive design incorporating the Design Team's work. With Kevin's help and expertise, the Builders have their work cut out for them. Slated for completion in Spring 2019, the project has demonstrated that this next generation has what it takes to mālama i ka honua.

MHC Caretaker, Kevin Prior, makes the Design Team's ideas a reality.



SAVE THE DATES!

Docent Training

Join our smart, funny, and adventurous corps of docents! The 2019 Docent Training cohort will be held July-August for 7 weeks, with training classes occurring Monday mornings from 8:30a.m.-12 noon.

Visit www.manoaheritagecenter.org/volunteer/ or email contact@manoaheritagecenter.org for more information.

Hula Camp

From October 7-11, 2019, MHC will host a week long Hula Camp for fourth and fifth graders. Taught by Kumu Hula Michael Pili Pang, the all-day camp occurs during DOE Fall Intersession. Space is limited. More information to come - sign up for MHC's eNewsletter to be notified about registration. This program is made possible in part with funding provided by Hawai'i Tourism through the Kūkulu Ola Program.

Join MHC's Maile Legacy Circle

Maile, a native shrub that greets you in the forest, is often used as a lei celebrating important Life events. It is emblematic of the deep connection Hawaiians had with their natural environment. By honoring donors who have listed MHC as a beneficiary in their Will, Trust or IRA, the Maile Legacy Circle ensures that we are able to promote an understanding of Hawai'i's cultural and natural heritage for generations to come.

Making an estate gift to Mānoa Heritage Center is an investment in preserving Hawai'i's unique culture and inspires others to do the same. For more information, please contact Jessica Welch: (808) 988-1287; jessica@manoaheritagecenter.org