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Our Mission: To collect, preserve, and provide public access to Kauai and Niihau's oral, written, and pictorial history; to educate the public about the history and cultures of Kauai county; and to actively protect and visit Kauai's unique historic sites.

Leadership

MAHALO NUI TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

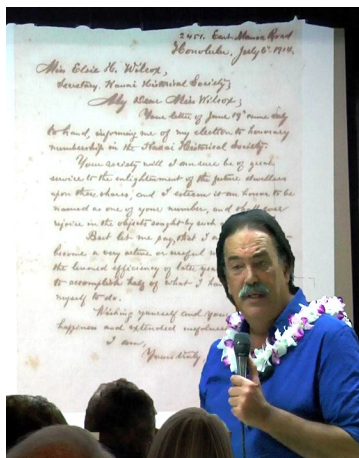


It was with much sadness and gratitude that we said “aloha” to Helen Wong Smith in January of this year. After three years of tireless dedication to improving and upgrading operations, building relationships with and outreach to the people of Kauai on behalf of the Kauai Historical Society, Helen has relocated to Oahu. She is currently the Librarian/Archivist with State of Hawaii's Historic Preservation Division of Department of Land

and Natural Resources. Tirelessly, Helen commuted twice weekly from Hilo to Oahu, or Maui, then on to Kaua'i and then back to Hilo where home is with husband Tom.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On January 27th, the Annual Membership Meeting of the Kauai Historical Society, held at Island School's main hall featured keynote speaker and Historian, Randy Wichman. Randy provided the audience with a glimpse into the early years of the Society with his talk on *The Minutes of History: A Century of the Kauai Historical Society*. Members who attended the meeting elected Directors to serve on the 2018 Board. In addition, highlights and statistics for 2017 were presented and available for viewing at the end of the video on our website. Mahalo to all members who attended. Mahalo to Randy Wichman; Mike Goto of Island School; Starbucks for donating coffee; Musician, Mark Rossi; Videographer, Jana Rothenberg-Blay; Board member Victoria Wichman for providing lei; Donna Stewart, refreshments; Heide Soto, Cyann Akaji, and Lainey Niitani, reception. Visit kauaihistoricalsociety.org to view this video.



Randy Wichman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2018 slate of nominees were unanimously elected / re-elected to the Board of Directors at our Annual Membership Meeting on January 27th. They are Beverly Gotelli; Linda Moriarty; Jana Rothenberg Blay; Wanda Shibata; Victoria Wichman; Joe Meboe; and Bob Schleck. Re-elected to the board were Stu Burley; Reg Gage; and Pua Rossi Fukino. Immediately following the meeting, the new Board convened to elect officers resulting in the following 2018 appointments: President, Bob Schleck; Vice-President, Linda Moriarty; and Secretary, Beverly Gotelli. We will be highlighting our newly elected Board of Directors in upcoming issues of the Newsletter.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Annual Membership Meeting
- Board Planning Meeting
- Volunteers
- Muumuu Month
- Tambi Larsen book

Aunty Aletha Kaohi “talking story” with an overflow crowd at the Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church.



TALES OF THE MENEHUNE

Sharing her rich lineage and ancestral places, Aunty Aletha Kaohi offered the audience a glimpse of her heritage through Kupuna Kekua, her grandmother, and Papa, Aletha’s father.

Born and raised in Waimea Valley Aunty Aletha explained how the taro fields were watered by the Menehune Ditch. She talked of the many names that it had been given over time and finally named by “tellers of myths” as Menehune Ditch.

“In reality,” Aunty states, “Menehune were ancient people from a distant time.” She spoke of the connection between Kauai and the island of Ua Huka in the Northern

Marquesas. “Historical Menehune were not small in stature”, Aunty Aletha states. “The idea of a physically small race of people was the imagination of Westerners who made them into a colorful, romantic, mysterious group of men and women who lived deep in the valleys and far up mountain slopes.”

Aunty ended the evening by inviting those in the audience “who may have a story”, to come forward and share their own stories.

Mahalo nui to Aunty Aletha, the Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church; and Videographer, Jana Rothenberg Blay. Visit kauaihistoricalsociety.com to view video.

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“MENEHUNE WERE ANCIENT PEOPLE FROM A DISTANT TIME.”**

PLANNING MEETING HELD AT GAYLORD’S

The newly elected Board of Directors and Staff of the Kauai Historical Society, gathered for a planning meeting on March 24th in the private dining room of Gaylord’s Restaurant at Kilohana.

After introductions were made by all, President Bob Schleck reviewed board members responsibilities and priorities for the coming year.

Standing Committees are: Board Governance; Finance; Programs; Collections & Site Preservation; and Publications. Descriptions were reviewed and voluntary assignments made with great enthusiasm. Committees, chaired by Board members, will be comprised of board members as well as others from our membership. *If you are interested in participating in one of the committees mentioned, please contact our office.*

Mahalo to the staff at Gaylord’s who provided us with excellent service. A big Mahalo nui to Fred Atkins for allowing us to meet in the restaurant’s historic private dining room.

HONORING A PRINCE

The sun emerged on Saturday, March 24th at the Prince Kuhio Memorial Park in Kukuia to welcome the celebration of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole.

Representing the Kauai Historical Society were Linda Moriarty, Reg Gage, Jana Rothenberg Blay, Victoria Wichman, and Donna Stewart. Our Hookupu of a *yellow ohia lehua* plant donated by Victoria Wichman, and a *ko uahi-a-Pele* plant donated by Pua and Josh Fukino, were made to honor the Prince during the presentation ceremony.

Board of Directors’ Vice President Linda Moriarty, emphasized to over 200 attendees, that our role is to preserve and perpetuate the history and culture of Kauai and Niihau. To that end, we schedule various events, lectures, and exhibits for member and public participation at venues around the island.

Linda marveled at the amount of historical information within our collections which includes photos, letters, out-of-print publications, and maps. Those wishing to access our archival collections are welcomed to call our office for an appointment.

If you are interested in deeding a gift to the Society where it can be made accessible to the public or for safe-keeping, call our office for an appointment. Linda ended by encouraging attendees to join with the Society in membership and utilize its resources.



Donna Stewart and chanter Lopaka Bukoski presented a traditional hula kahiko, “‘Ula Noweo”, evoking the natural sights, flowers, & rain of Hanalei.
Garden Island Newspaper photo

VOLUNTEER AT THE KAUAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAHALO TO OUR VOLUNTEERS IN OPERATIONS: (Photos in next issue)

Chris Cook; Harry Duronslet; Eric Nordmeier; Jana Rothenberg Blay

In this edition of our newsletter, we're introducing you, by way of photographs, to some on our team assisting in various ways with Operations. In future editions, we'll be able to share a little more about each of them and have photos of those we missed.

Volunteers are an important component in the success of every non-profit and it is next to impossible to manage without their support and commitment, much like our valued members. Help with programs and fundraisers will be needed and made known as they occur, however, needs in a few key areas of Operations described below, are immediate:

Do you possess the kind of skills and experience required to help us process our deeded gifts into the archives of the Society? If you do and are willing to take on this task as a volunteer, we need you! Or, if you are an **Archivist** who would be willing to train other volunteers to process and archive gifts deeded to the Society, please call our office.

Another area of need we have is in the area of fulfilling **Research Requests** received from the general public. Requests for documents, maps, images range from the media to families tracing their roots on Kaua'i, to students. We will train, but experience is helpful.

Are you familiar with **Portfolio** software? We are also looking for someone who has knowledge of, or experience with this photo scanning software. Since the passing of our faithful friend, member, and volunteer Keith Holdeman in 2017, we now need help in this area. Volunteer, Laraine Moriguchi, has faithfully scanned photos into Portfolio since 2008. She and other volunteers throughout the years have scanned over 15,000 images.

If you have possess skills working with **Information Technology** and would like to help look after our computers resolve technical issues, please give our office a call.

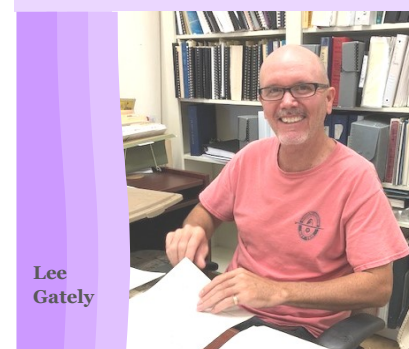
Are there any **Website Designers** out there? If you have experience working with Word-Press hosted by Bluehost, we want you! Ideally we'd like to create a more user-friendly, interactive website that captures the attention of the viewer. Or, if there's another website design software that you think would work well for us, we'd like to hear from you.



(l-r) Susan Remoaldo; Marianne Buley; Donna Stewart; Kuulei Ho; Stephanie Frazier



Moke & Pua Renti Cruz; Laraine Moriguchi



Lee Gately

ISLAND SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT

Co-ordinated by Peter King for Island School, thirty-five middle-school aged students and two instructors were welcomed for a tour of our archives on January 23rd.

In conjunction with the students' visit to the Kauai Museum, while half of the students visited the Museum, the other seventeen students were taken through our collections with the help of volunteers Kuulei Ho, Laraine Moriguchi, Donna Stewart, and Randy Wichman.

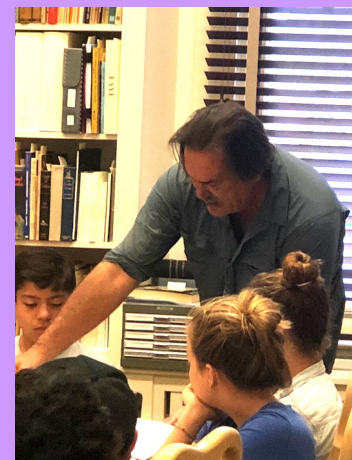
With Randy's familiarity and extensive knowledge of the Society's collections, the students were introduced to valuable publications and manuscripts available to them at the Society. Laraine Moriguchi provided students with an overview of how the collection of over 15,000 images which were gifted to the Society, were scanned and saved as digital images in our Portfolio database.

Donna Stewart highlighted subject files of newspaper clippings and other loose copies on various subjects as well as the collection of extensive Kekaha and Lihue sugar plantation field maps.

The Kauai Historical Society welcomes the opportunity to share the Society's valuable resources with all sectors of our community. To arrange a tour of our archives for an organization, educational institution, or other group, please contact our office.

We depend on you, our Members and our Community to help further the *Mission of the Kauai Historical Society*:

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Randy Wichman with students of Island School.



MACHINE MACHINE'S 'MUUMUU MONTH' EVENT

KHS member Shannon Hiramoto, Designer and Owner of Machine Machine, made a donation of \$1,360 to the Kaua'i Historical Society from proceeds of her January, 'Muumuu Month'.

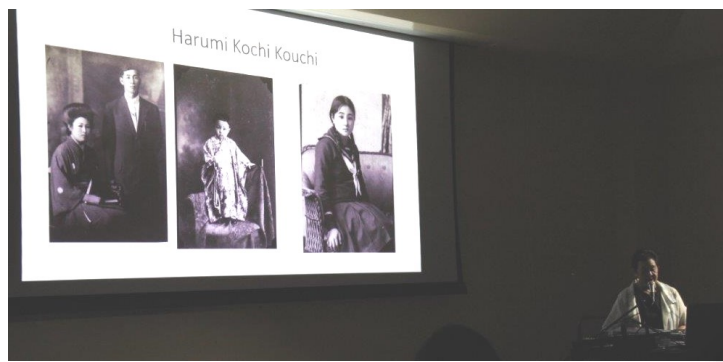
This event, initiated by Shannon herself on behalf of the Kaua'i Historical Society, speaks to her commitment to keeping the grace and beauty of the muumuu relevant for women today as it was in years past.

Look for more from Shannon in her quest to collect and archive the Hawaiian muumuu for future generations.

MAHALO NUI SHANNON



Shannon Hiramoto



LIFE BEHIND THE BLACKOUT CURTAINS

Carol Kouchi Yotsuda took us on a journey through her eyes and through the years in December of 2017. Co-sponsored by the Garden Island Arts Council and the History Department of the Kaua'i Community College, the Fine Arts Auditorium held an overflow crowd of those who had come to hear Carol speak and view her art.

Carol shared her families' history beginning with her father, Tadao Kouchi and mother, Harumi Kochi (*maiden name*). She shared of her parents arranged marriage in Japan, their move to Hawaii to share in Tadao's ministry as an ordained Buddhist minister, and her memories of growing up in Hawaii with her siblings for the first three years of her life, before being sent to an internment camp.

It was in 1942, at the tender age of 3, that Carol and her family were sent to Rohwer, Arkansas where they remained until 1945.

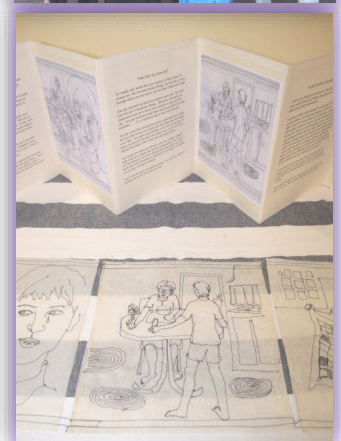
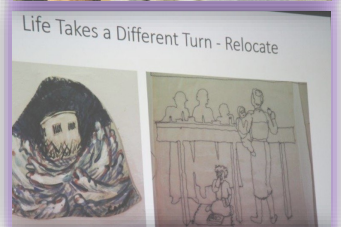
Her very personal account and memories of growing up in Rohwer internment camp have produced extraordinary depictions in her stitch-artwork. Carol's life-long dedication to the expression of art in its various forms is truly impressive.

At the age of 20, Carol traveled from Hawaii to Japan with her father as an 'assistant tour director'. It was there, meeting many family members that she had never met before, that Carol's interest in her family's history began.

This was a turning point in her life, as Carol states, *"...for the first time, met a whole family of people. That made such a difference in my life, because prior to that, I just never felt connected to anybody and suddenly... I had a sense of belonging to a line of people that I never had before."*

Call our office to purchase a copy of Carol's presentation on DVD produced by Wildwood Studios.

"You need a sense of history in order to understand your place today, in this world."



TENACITY FOR PRESERVATION

It was only six months ago that Phyllis Kunimura sat alongside Bob Schleck in the library of the Kauai Historical Society located in the Historic County Building, speaking of the renovation she spearheaded along with Bob. As Honorees of our annual fundraising event in October 2017, *"The Threads of Kauai's History"*, Phyllis and Bob reminisced about the twenty-two year journey of restoring the Historic County Building, with Helen Wong Smith, then Executive Director.

A group of concerned individuals formed the Historic County Building Restoration Committee in the mid-1980's and sought to return it to its original, cultural, and governmental relevance with the help of private companies, community members, and visitors.

It was decided to restore the building, instead of "just fixing it up", as Phyllis stated. And, as with any project, funding would be an issue. Then Mayor and Phyllis' husband, Tony Kunimura, "was a master fundraiser" who convinced land developers of that time, to donate toward this project. Phyllis stated, "I don't think that there is anybody who knows this building as thoroughly as Bob because he was under it, he was on top of it...". Visit our website to view the *"Tenacity for Preservation"* video.

Mahalo to Videographer, Jana Rothenberg Blay.



left: Phyllis & Bob removing records from basement of the County building in the 1980's.

right: Phyllis & Bob's interview for "Tenacity for Preservation" video, 2017.



Mahalo Phyllis
1933—2017

"It wouldn't have happened without Mrs. Kunimura. ... Also, it was such an honor to work with Phyllis because she was a dedicated Restorationist."
Bob Schleck
Aloha

THREADS OF KAUAI'S HISTORY

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Portuguese



Filipino



Japanese



Paniolo

Mahalo nui:

Paul Toner and the Marriott Kaua'i Resort & Beach Club for their generosity and excellent service provided by Georgine Deason & her Banquet Staff; Musicians Kelii Kaneali'i & Garrett Santos; Musician & Music Co-ordinator Mark Rossi; KCC Hawaiian Studies Students of MC Pua Rossi Fukino; Jose Bulatao Jr & Filipino dance troupe; Audio Visual Technologies; Diversified Awards & Engraving-plaques; Haunani Rossi, Joyce Miranda, Donna Stewart-decorations; Reception-Cyann Akaji, Lilly Nishibata, Heide Soto; Hostesses-Tracy Davidson & Dale Rosenfeld; Kay Koike-photos; Carrie Newcomb-lei. *Business Donors for our Door Prize Drawings are listed on page 8 of this newsletter.*



Holulu
from the
Maile Jean
Amorin
Collection



Lei Ilima Quilt

These quilts were on display at our 'Thread's' event. Once owned by Queen Liliuokalani, they were part of the Coco Palms Hotel's Museum collection which were donated to the Society by Grace Guslander.



Red Hibiscus Quilt



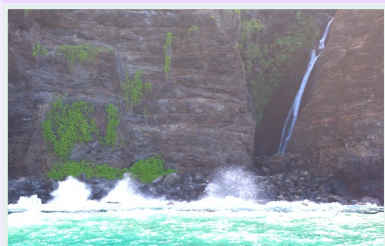
Start of the journey



Sailing the Na Pali coastline



Simply breathtaking



An unexpected surprise



Looking forward to an adventure



Nualolo Kai's famous "X" marks the spot

NARRATED NA PALI DINNER CRUISE



Narrators:

(l-r) Keao NeSmith; Victoria Wichman; Canen Hookano;
Randy Wichman and Chuck Blay

Mahalo nui to Captain Andy's of *Captain Andy's Sailing Adventures* and his crew aboard the 55' Gold Coast Catamaran who set sail on the Narrated Na Pali Dinner Cruise fundraiser benefiting the Kauai Historical Society in September 2017.

Mahalo nui also to our Narrators who volunteered their knowledge and their time, making this fundraiser a huge success. A little about our Narrators:

Randy Wichman

President of Na Pali Coast Ohana and member since 1998, Randy focused on the historical aspects along the coastal tour as well as Na Pali Coast State Wilderness Park.

Victoria Wichman

Interpretive Specialist and Archaeologist for the Division of State Parks, Kauai District and member of Na Pali Coast 'Ohana since 1998, Victoria spoke on the history of Na Pali archaeology and the role of Hawai'i State Parks.

Canen Hookano

Land Manager for Knudsen Trust and also a Na Pali Coast Ohana member, Canen has extensive land-based knowledge as a life-long hunter and spoke about place names found along this coast.

Keao NeSmith

Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa teaching Hawaiian and Tahitian languages and Na Pali Coast Ohana member, Keao focused on the stories and place names of Na Pali.

Chuck Blay, Ph.D.

Geologist and owner and principal investigator of TEOK (The Edge of Kauai) Investigations, Chuck spoke on the character and origin of the island's coastal zone. He has co-authored several editions of *Kauai's Geologic History: A Simplified Overview*.

Visit kauaihistoricalsociety.org for more photos of the Na Pali dinner cruise.

Koloa Plantation Days Parade



Guadalupe's in Kekaha



THE ART OF TAMBI LARSEN

The **S. W. Wilcox Trust** granted The Kauai Historical Society **\$20,000** to publish a uniquely sophisticated history book of original Prismacolor drawings that combines artistic views of Kauai with layers of Kauai legends and histories.

This project was prompted by Society member, Tambi Larsen's *One Hundred Entertainments*; art pieces of Kauai that he created over a ten year period from 1982 to 1991 that have since been scattered around the United States. The Society was gifted the complete collection of Tambi's 35mm photos of the artworks by his widow, Barbara Alexander Larsen.

Over the past fifteen years, the Publications Committee continued to identify owners of the art to obtain publication-quality digital scans. Committee members plan to combine the images with interpretations of Tambi's clever inclusion of sites, legends and histories within each piece. All one hundred images will be included in the publication that is hoped to be available by the end of the year.

HOOMANAO O HAENA (RECOLLECTIONS OF HAENA)

Held at the Princeville Community Center in August of 2017, Chipper Wichman shared personal memories as well as stories of indigenous families and original place names of Haena as they appeared in times past.

Summers spent in Haena with "Tutu Grandma", Juliet Rice Wichman, influenced Chipper's life and made a huge impact on his future.

The topic of land divisions and distribution during the mid-1800's and conquests and warfare affecting the distribution of land were explained in depth by Chipper.

Slides with accompanying narration by Chipper, along with his in-depth knowledge and storytelling abilities, captured the audience's attention as they traveled back in time with Chipper.

Mahalo to Princeville Community Center and Videographer, Jana Rothenberg Blay.

To view the video of Chipper's talk, visit kauaihistoricalsociety.org.

"LAND IS THE CHIEF; WE ARE ITS STEWARDS"



Chipper Wichman, President and CEO of the National Tropical Botanical Garden with Mount Makana in background, describes its shape and explains how the name of the cliff called Kapali oahi o Makana or, "the fire throwing cliff of Makana", came to be.



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Carol Hasegawa	Randy & Victoria Wichman
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