

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

Perpetuate Hawai'i's Trails For Hawai'i's People

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Board of Directors Meeting & Trail Maintenance, 24 May 2015

The E Mau Board of Directors will hold their quarterly meeting on 24 May 2015 beginning at 9am at Kalōpā State Park. After a short Board meeting we will do some trail maintenance and hiking at the Park. All members are invited and urged to attend. Join us for a productive, cool day in this wonderful rainforest environment! Come prepared for rain or shine. Bring a brown bag trail lunch, water, gloves, closed-toe shoes. Contact Linda Gallano (775-7494, lindagallano808@gmail.com) for further details.

National Trails Day, 6 June 2015

The American Hiking Society began celebrating National Trails Day in 1993. Since then, the first Saturday of June has been set aside as a day to highlight the importance of the National Trails System and advocate for increased trail use and volunteer stewardship. In 2012 it is estimated 157,000 people participated in over 2000 events nationwide. This year we will celebrate on **Sunday**, 7 June. Whether or not you are able to join us on Sunday, take some time that weekend to HIKE and celebrate, too!

National Trails Day Celebration, Sunday, 7 June 2015

E Mau Nā Ala Hele, the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff, the Hawaii State Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access System, the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, and the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel will celebrate National Trails Day on Sunday, June 7th. The Mauna Kea Beach Hotel is also celebrating their 50th anniversary throughout the year with 50 Acts of Aloha including hosting and participating in this trail maintenance and celebration. We will walk the National Historic Trail between Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel doing maintenance on the trail as needed. We will walk and work through the morning, have a potluck lunch, and talk story of the history of the area after lunch. Bring gloves, small trimming tools if you have them, hats, sun protection, water bottle, closed-toe footwear, and a dish to pass for lunch. The event is free and open to the public, but limited to 30 participants. RSVPs are required. Follow directions for access and parking from Mauna Kea Resort security gate. Registration is at 8:00am. As parking is limited, car pooling is a must. RSVP to Barbara at e-mail: BASchaeferPhoto@gmail.com or phone: (808) 640-9270.

President's Message from Barbara Schaefer

Aloha to all,

A huge MAHALO to Keith Wallis, our 2014 President, for his leadership and service during the past year. Keith was active in leadership roles when I first learned of E Mau back in the 1990s and continues his trail and access advocacy into the future. Mahalo, Keith for your continued work and leadership.

Having recently retired from my full time job and in the process of figuring out my new lifestyle, I was a little hesitant to take up the reins as President again. I'm trying not to over-commit my time, concentrating on things for which I am truly passionate. Trail preservation and the preservation of the history and culture along trails definitely makes the list, so, with your help, I look forward to our year ahead. Several members have stepped up to augment our Board of Directors for the coming year. Linda Gallano joined the Board in late 2014. She serves as our liaison with the Ala Kahakai Trail Association and will be our Vice President for the coming year. Sonja Walawender and Lei Kihoi-Dunne join the returning 2014 Board members to complete the 2015 Board. Keith and I have been in conversations with the Ala Kahakai Park Service folks and are looking at projects we may be able help them with. Stay tuned for opportunities to help out along the trail. We also plan several other outings during the year. Thank you to those who again have agreed to play a leadership role and to you, the members, for your help, dedication, and support as we move forward. ~ Barbara

2015 Annual Meeting Report

15 February 2015

The E Mau Nā Ala Hele annual meeting was held on Sunday, 15 February 2015 at Kapa'a Park in North Kohala. While whales splashed just off shore, we reviewed the past year, elected officers for the next year and made plans to celebrate National Trails Day on Sunday, 7 June 2015. The short business meeting was followed by an informative and inspiring talk by Toni Withington. Active in the Citizens to Protect the Kohala Coastline and the North Kohala Community Access Group, Toni is a core member in the efforts to protect the Kohala shoreline from development, as well as preserve costal access and the abundant cultural and historic treasures. The North Kohala coastline has the greatest number of intact pre-contact historical and cultural sites anywhere in the state. She reviewed for us more than forty years of efforts of conserving the shoreline and public access along the Kohala Coast. The community cooperation among a number of North Kohala groups is something we all can strive to emulate as our preservation and protection work goes forward in other areas around the island. After Toni's talk we adjourned for lunch and a hike in the Kaiholena area a little south on the coast. Mahalo nui loa to Toni for sharing her knowledge and inspiration. Mahalo also to outgoing President Keith Wallis, and to those members who have agreed to lead us through the next year and into the future (see p. 3 for a list).

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Community Management Plan

Published in 2014, The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Community Management Plan is now available to the public in a "reader-friendly" 32 page booklet filled with beautiful photos, excellent background information, stories, explanations, and lots of Q&A to answer questions you may have about the national trail and its management. Copies of this booklet are available from the National Park Service. Contact us if you would like a copy and we will see one finds its path to you. A wonderful "must read" for all those concerned with our living national historic trail.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2015

Wow! How did it get to be almost June already?! Now is the time to continue your support of E Mau's programs by renewing your membership for another year. Thanks to those 20 members who have already renewed! We look forward to hearing from the rest of you in the near future. Mahalo for your support.

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Are You a Member for 2015?

Membership dues for *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Members are important for supporting the many worthwhile projects we undertake, helping to preserve and protect our wonderful trails and natural and cultural resources. Membership *numbers* are also important for the advocacy work we undertake. Please consider renewing your membership if you have not yet done so for 2015. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations in addition to your dues are always welcomed! **Check your mailing label for the year your membership expires** or contact Treasurer Clare Wilson via e-mail: clarewilson@huahuaafarm.com

One dollar of your dues goes to support the Partnership for the National Trails System, a non-profit organization supporting the National Scenic and Historic Trails across the country including our Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. One dollar of your dues also supports the American Hiking Society, a non-profit organization promoting and protecting foot trails and the hiking experience across the country. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a member organization of both the Partnership and the American Hiking Society.

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2015!

(E Mau Nā Ala Hele is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)

Please mail to E Mau Nā Ala Hele, PO Box 6384, Kamuela, HI 96743.

Please use this form for your membership renewal and duplicate the form or attach a list with the information for each gift membership that you wish to give.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones (home) _____ (work) _____ (Fax) _____

e-mail _____

Number of people included in this membership _____

_____(check if desired) DO NOT SEND PAPER NEWSLETTER – ELECTRONIC VERSION ONLY

(The basic membership level is \$15. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____ \$15 Regular

_____ \$20 Couple

_____ \$25 Family

_____ \$35 Supporting

_____ \$50 Sustaining

_____ \$100 Contributing

_____ \$15 each, Gift memberships

\$ _____ Other Donation

Board Meeting & Trail Maintenance, Hike

All Welcomed!

May 24, 2015, 9am

Kalōpā State Park

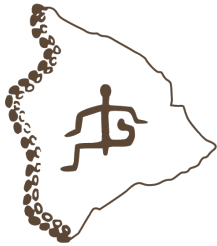
National Trails Day Celebration!

RSVPs needed!

June 7, 2015, 8am

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel

See inside for details of these two events.



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