



E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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**National Trails Day
5 June 2016, 4pm
Hike to the Sunset Along the Palamanui Trail**

E Mau Na Ala Hele will celebrate National Trails Day this year on Sunday, June 5th, 2016 with a hike along the Palamanui Trail. We will meet at 4:00 PM at the bus stop in front of the Palamanui Campus, shuttle mauka and walk back down about 2 miles along the trail, finishing about sunset. Dr. Richard Stevens, historian and lecturer at UHCC Palamanui campus, will lead us, pointing out features along this historic trail. Makamae Quinn, one of our members who has worked along the Palamanui Trail may also join us if she is not on an airplane. (see about the National Historic Trails Workshop in the President's message). Participants should have sun protection, water, closed-toe shoes, with long pants recommended. Bring gloves as we will be clearing invasive fountain grass and haole koa along the way. Small picks or pruning saws may also be useful if volunteers have them and do not mind carrying them along. The hike is free and open to all, but limited to the first 35 people to register. For further information or to RSVP, email Barbara at BASchaeferPhoto@gmail.com or call (808) 640-9270.

What: National Trails Day Celebration

Where: The Palamanui Trail

When: 5 June 2016, 4pm – sunset

Who: Everyone (limited to the first 35 people to respond)

Why: To enjoy an afternoon outing, celebrate National Trails Day and malama the trail

For some National Trails Day history, check the American Hiking Society's web page. <http://nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day-history/> Note the first official National Trails Day event took place in 1993. E Mau participated with ~ 400 people covering all sections of the Ala Kahakai, inventorying features and resources along the trail. This inventory became a significant part of the Trail Study and Environmental Impact Statement leading to the Ala Kahakai gaining National Historic Trail status in 2000. For the 1993 NTD event E Mau received the "Trails for Tomorrow" Award in recognition of the hard work, enthusiasm and creativity displayed on that day.

President's Message from Barbara Schaefer

Aloha All,
Several items of note today:

National Trails Day is officially celebrated on the first Saturday of June. As in many past years we will celebrate on Sunday. Looking back at the history of the day, I realized we participated in the very first National Trails Day in 1993. This was also my personal introduction to E Mau Nā Ala Hele so the day holds a special significance for me. How many of you were out on the trail that day? If you cannot join us on June 5th, please find some time that weekend to walk along a trail wherever you are.

National Historic Trails Workshop. The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) sponsors conferences and workshops for trail advocates associated with the National Scenic and Historic Trails across the country. This year's Historic Trails Workshop will take place from June 6-10th in Kansas City, MO. It will have both indoor and outdoor components centered around capacity building, trail resources and preservation, and technology and innovation. We are very fortunate and excited to have Makamae Quinn representing E Mau at this workshop. She applied for, and received, one of six Trail Apprentice scholarships for young leaders (ages 18-26). The scholarship includes registration, transportation, meals, and lodging. Makamae will be attending UH-Manoa this fall, but will be active with E Mau whenever she is back on-island. We look forward to hearing about the workshop and ideas she gathered when she returns. Congratulations to Makamae on receiving the scholarship!

Membership & dues. Membership dues are our major source of income to support our projects and our membership in The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). The dues for PNTS rose to \$250 this year. The Board considers membership in PNTS important for all of what that organization does to support trails across the country. We have benefited here in Hawai'i because PNTS successfully petitions the federal government for support of ALL National Trails, including the Ala Kahakai NHT. We have also benefited from attending many of the Partnership's conferences and workshops. Unfortunately in recent years our membership has been declining. We also have not had a dues increase in recent years. The Board voted to slightly increase our dues for this and upcoming years (see the membership form at the end of this newsletter). At the same time we established a "student" membership level with the hope of encouraging more young people to join our efforts to "preserve and protect." We hope you will renew your membership for 2016 if you have not yet done so.

A paper newsletter is being sent to all members and former members from 2010 onward as part of our membership drive this year. The Board felt perhaps e-mail newsletters, while a good cost saving measure, are a little too impersonal, or too easily overlooked, in this era of tech-overload, so decided to send a paper newsletter this time for our 2016 membership drive.

Caring. Why do we do what we do? At a recent Hawaiian cultural class I was fortunate to hear Ku'ulei Keakealani share a poem "CARE" she had written. Her passion and thoughts touched me deeply. With her permission we reproduce the poem in this newsletter.

A hui hou, until we meet out on the trail,

Barbara

Care
by
R. Ku'ulei Keakealani

CARE

Why should you care? If not you, then who, who will care?
Should you **DEPEND** on him, her or on me? Why should you care?
If not you, then who, who will care?
Should you **EXPECT** that she who comes from California or Michigan or he from Ohio or Africa to care?
Again I ask you, why should you care? If not you, then who?
I'll give you an answer- she from California or Michigan or he from Ohio or Africa is who will care- already happening, they are caring! Mahalo for that, but really...those of us who are of Hawai'i, the call out is for us.
Why should you care? If not you, then who, who will care?
The oceans of Hawai'i need us to care- yes~ you, me, us
The forests of Hawai'i need us to care- yes~ you, me, us
The vines that crawl, the stories and the trees, the 'opihi, the lava so black, the navigators, the streams, the fish that swim, the kumu hula, the flowers, the rocks, the beaches and corals, the winds, the weaver and the trails, the hills, the sand and 'ili'ili, the language and the loko i'a....**ALL** that is Hawai'i needs you to care. Hawai'i needs me to care. Hawai'i needs us all to care!
Let us not rely on any other than us, there is a danger in that, realize it or not, if we rely on someone else and **NO ONE** cares, what then will happen? Loss, suffering, identity loss, sadness, endemic none, pau, non-existent, forever done, gone, no longer to be, extinct. Sit in that reality for a while... Who allowed that to happen? You? Me? Us?
How can that be? Don't tell me that's true. It just can't be, please, wake me from this terrible dream...Wanna know how we keep **THAT** from happening...
CARE!

Composed by R. Ku'ulei Keakealani in hopes of igniting a spark in those who may not be active in any malama 'aina effort and to **mahalo** those who do... care!

The E Mau Nā Ala Hele Mission:

"To preserve and protect the ancient and historic trails of Hawai'i including their natural and cultural surroundings"

Upcoming Events

5 June 2016 National Trails Day Celebration, hike and trail maintenance, Palamanui Trail
17 July 2016 Board of Directors meeting, membership welcomed to attend
15 Oct. 2016 La Ho‘ala Ala Hele, Trail Revitalization Day
13 Nov. 2016 Board of Directors meeting, membership welcomed to attend

In addition to the above events, we are exploring possibilities for a trail workday at Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a and another historic trail walk in the Kona area. Suggestions and volunteers for other events are encouraged and welcomed. Contact your Board of Directors.

2016 Membership

Many thanks to the following members for renewing their membership for 2016. If your name is not on the list, please renew today! If you think your name was omitted in error, please contact us.

Christine Ahia, Deborah Chang, Karen Clarkson, Sam & Rebecca Dewhurst, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Sandy & Dick Ednie, Tamar Elias, Rick Gmirkin, John & Alice Jenkins, Joan & Peter Kinchla, Fred & Kathy Lindsey, Donna Mah (J & D Farm)[2017], Janie, John & Janelle Quinn, Barbara Schaefer, Antonette Thomson, Ruby & Tz Tzimeas, Sonja Walawender, Lucia Wang, Clare & Phil Wilson

2016 Membership Drive

Our advocacy work and effectiveness in preserving the ancient and historic trails on Hawai‘i Island depend on a full and active membership. In recent years our costs have risen and our membership has declined. The Board is making a special effort to reach out to those of you who have been members in the past (reaching back to 2010) asking you to renew your commitment to our mission by renewing your membership at this time. If you have suggestions for how we may better accomplish our goals or engage you for a more satisfying and rewarding experience, please send your suggestions. If you no longer wish to receive communications from us, please drop a line in the enclosed envelope and let us know.

In advocacy work, numbers count. YOU count!

Please join us to help revitalize our organization and accomplish even more!

Please use the enclosed stamped envelope to reply today!

New Board Members

Karen Clarkson and Marcie Davis recently became new Board of Directors members. Keeping an organization vital relies on new and refreshed leadership bringing new ideas. Mahalo Karen and Marcie, for being willing to serve!

Congratulations Toni Thomson!

Long-time E Mau member and Director Toni Thomson recently completed her 93rd trip around the sun. Join us in wishing Toni “Hau‘oli lā hānau” and many more to come!

Are You a Member for 2016?

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Your mailing label indicates the last year that you renewed your membership. Membership dues help offset the cost of our newsletter published two or three times per year as well as support other E Mau Nā Ala Hele projects. A portion 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. E Mau Nā Ala Hele is a member organization of the Partnership.

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2016!

(*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 \$20. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____ \$15 Student

_____ \$20 Regular

_____ \$25 Couple

_____ \$30 Family

_____ \$50 Supporting

_____ \$100 Contributing

_____ \$20 each, Gift memberships

\$ _____ Other Donation

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**If you are not a member for 2016, please renew.
Your membership is important for helping us carry
out our programs. (check your mailing label)**

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**Hike to the Sunset
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(details inside)**

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