



HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

Sam and Mary Cooke to be honored as Kama‘āina of the Year

Historic Hawaii Foundation will honor Sam and Mary Cooke as the 2006 “Kama‘āina of the Year” at the annual winter benefit on December 2.

“Mr. and Mrs. Cooke have exemplified a passion for preserving and sharing Hawai‘i’s treasured historic, cultural and natural resources,” said HHF President Peter Apo. “Their commitment to a Hawaiian sense of place has been demonstrated through many contributions to the community over the years.”

The specific project for which they are being honored is their role in establishing the Mānoa Heritage Center in 1996, whose mission is to “promote the thoughtful stewardship of the natural and cultural heritage of Hawaii.” The Heritage Center interprets its historic property that consists of Kūka‘ō‘ō Heiau, a Native Hawaiian Garden and the historic home Kualī‘i. The Center also preserves and interprets the history of Mānoa Valley. The heiau and historic home are listed



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on the National Register of Historic Places.

Kūka‘ō‘ō Heiau is considered to be an agricultural temple and is the only heiau remaining in Mānoa Valley. It is

said to have been built by menehunes. Kualī‘i was built in 1911 by Charles Montague Cooke, Jr. in the Tudor style. Currently Mr. and Mrs. Cooke’s home, the house will open to the

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HHF Advocates for Preservation of Koke’e Recreation Cabins on Kaua‘i

The HHF Board of Trustees has adopted a preservation policy that calls for the protection of the historic camp lots in Koke’e and Waimea Canyon State Parks on Kaua‘i. These state parks are home to about 114 recreation cabins, some of them almost a century old. A dispute over leases, ownership and property rights between the State and cabin owners has placed this historic resource in jeopardy.

The residential lots are owned by the State and leased to private interests. The cabins are privately owned. The land leases expire December 31, 2006, triggering a clause in the contract that says the improvements may be removed, demolished or be left for the State.

The issuing of new leases in this case is subject to historic preservation review because approximately 92 of these buildings were built over 50 years ago and their continued use under new lease agreements could affect significant historic properties. An inventory and historical analysis of the recreation cabins found that the recreation residences are collectively significant as a historic district, with over 75 of the cabins considered contributing structures.

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources has jurisdiction over the matter through its Division of

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From the Director's Chair

Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director

This is an exciting time for Historic Hawaii Foundation. Recent HHF activities have spanned the preservation gamut from discussions of public policies related to preservation regulations and tax credits, providing a tour of a historic army post, convening a panel discussion of heritage tourism for Olelo television, and advocating for protecting historic recreation cabins on Kaua'i, to name



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just a few. The television program was seen by some 100,000 people, while the effects of programmatic agreements with the Air Force, Navy and Marines Corps will be felt for 50 years. These activities have involved members, trustees, staff, our preservation coalition partners and many others.

All of these activities have in common a respect for the various strands of history that have shaped Hawai'i's present. There is an ever-increasing awareness of the ways that our past is embodied in old buildings, mature trees and gardens, historic trails, archeological structures and many other places. Hawai'i's historic

places are a delight of discovery. They are living memory of the people, events, values and decisions that have made Hawai'i the place it is today.

I am also happy to preview some other upcoming activities:

- An exploration of just a few of the state's historic places will be the subject of a new HHF book to be published next spring. Thanks to a generous grant from the Strong Foundation, Historic Hawaii Foundation has the opportunity to explore the concepts and examples of heritage sites and corridors throughout the Islands and to share them with others.
- We are thrilled to announce that Sam and Mary Cooke will be honored as the 2006 Kama'aina of the Year. They are stalwart supporters of preservation, conservation and artistic endeavors not only in Hawai'i, but nationally as well. Although the Cookes have been lifelong contributors to philanthropic efforts in the community, they often shun public acclaim. Historic Hawaii Foundation's Board felt strongly that recognition of their contributions was overdue and persuaded them to accept an evening in the limelight. We thank them for their work and congratulate them on their selection as Kama'aina of the Year.
- In preparation for the 2007 Legislative Session, HHF is working with the Heritage Caucus, the State

Historic Preservation Division and our preservation coalition members to develop a preservation agenda. The identification of our common issues began last spring with the HHF/National Trust for Historic Preservation Roundtable and continued with the Neighborhood Revitalization Forum in June. The issues have also been informed by SHPD's work groups held over the summer, as well as its Preservation Symposium in August. We intend to draw on all these sources to craft a legislative package to further public policies that support preservation.

- In November, the list of Hawai'i's Most Endangered Places will be announced in *Honolulu* magazine. Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations for the buildings, sites, communities and objects that contribute to our beautiful state but are in danger of being lost. Watch for the final list in *Honolulu's* holiday issue.

In addition to these exciting opportunities, HHF faces a critical challenge as well. The Foundation is fighting a lawsuit related to a construction project on Maui that commenced in 1998 and ran into problems in late 2003. The project chairman later filed a lawsuit, which is scheduled to be heard in U.S. District Court this fall.

There is much work to be done. I believe that despite the sobering reality of fighting this legal challenge, the importance of our cause makes it paramount that we meet the challenge and emerge stronger, better and wiser.

SAVE THE DATE: **November 11** **11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Kona Joe Coffee 2nd Annual Signature Cup Coffee Competition
(Benefiting Historic Hawaii Foundation)

Kona Joe's Farm, Kona, Big Island

Interested in volunteering at the event?

Please contact member@historichawaii.org or call 523-2900.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR

Hawaii Capital Cultural District Community Forums
RSVP to info@hawaicapitalculture.org
Additional Information: <http://www.hawaicapitalculture.org>

Thursday, September 7, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
Hosted by Hawai'i State Art Museum; 250 South Hotel Street

Thursday, September 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Arts at Marks Garage; 1159 Nuuanu Avenue

Saturday, September 9, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Hosted by Children's Discovery Center; 111 Ohe Street

Wednesday, September 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Hosted by Aloha Tower Marketplace; 2nd Floor Mauka Lanai

Thursday, September 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Hosted by Waikiki Improvement Association
Pacific Beach Hotel – Venus Room

September 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Conservation: Do it Yourself vs. the Pros
Old Archives Building, 'Iolani Palace grounds
364 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i

\$55 registration fee \$50 for Hawaii Museums Association members, Museum Studies Students, and active volunteers or members of The Friends of 'Iolani Palace. Sponsored by the Hawaii Museums Association and The Friends of 'Iolani Palace.

September 16

Due Date for Proposals for 2007 Hawaiian Culture Program,
Natural Resources Program
For additional information: <http://www.hawaiiourismauthority.org/>

October 19-20

Preserve America Summit, New Orleans
In cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States and Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative, will lead a national Preserve America Summit in October 2006 to mark the 40th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. (<http://www.preserveamerica.gov/06summitfacts.html>)

October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Arts! Benefit
Hawaii Theatre Center
Hawaii Arts Alliance 25th Anniversary Benefit Event Honoring Nancy Bannick, Alfred Preis Honoree 2006 and Arts Excellence Schools 2006

October 31- November 5

National Preservation Conference 2006
Pittsburgh, PA

November 11, 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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December 2, 6:00 pm

Historic Hawaii Foundation's 2006 Winter Benefit and Kama'aina of the Year Celebration
Royal Hawaiian Hotel

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