



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

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President's Report

Aloha, e welina e na hoalauna

Greetings To All Our Friends,

'O Irenio Ab Kawainohoikala 'i Valencia ko 'u inoa, ka Palekikena 'o wau o ka Friends of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your new President of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. This beautiful expanse of our islands that encompasses the parklands of *Kilauea*, *Mauna Loa* and *Kahuku* is deserving of the goals of our mission statement: *To support and promote the protection, restoration, understanding and appreciation of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park*, for the enjoyment of all who come here: *ma nā wahi pana*, to these sacred places, and for future generations.

This is a new adventure for me and a continuing endeavor for the many others who recognize the need and share a willingness to serve as stewards and caretakers of the parklands, working in partnership with the National Park Service to provide community service and volunteer in myriad ways in a demonstration of *mālama 'aina*.

Though the parklands are *ma ka honua*, earthly bound, I would like to use the metaphor of the sea and the voyaging canoe, the *Hokule'a*: *o ka holo wa'a o ke kai*, as she sailed on her recent epic voyage to Satawal in Micronesia and beyond to the islands of Japan, in a friendship voyage. The *Hokule'a* traveled: *puka mai ka*

lā kahikina a me kū holo lā komohana. It traveled from where the sun rises in the east, following its path to the setting in the west.

Many of us on the Board of Directors are the newest crewmembers on this canoe we call The Friends: *Nā Hoalauna*. Working together with the experienced hands already onboard, we sail, but not to the journey's end. Like the *Hokule'a*, we are on a continuing voyage that will take us through beautiful calm seas, into dark turbulent waters; we will be drenched, sun burnt; we will feel exhilarated and triumphant. At times we will pause and marvel at the glorious beauty of life. And, we will continue our voyage. Our canoe: *Nā Hoalauna* travels the path of the sun. But the sun covers all the planet and we open our arms, minds and hearts to everyone who will hear our story of the Friends and of the parklands of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. We take up the oars and we paddle as one to move the canoe forward. At some point, as others did before us, we will give up the oars for the next stewards to continue the journey of Friends.

The journey of Friends and the New Year holds many challenges. With it comes many rewards. The simplest reward being a job well done: *no e malama 'aina*. We sail into the New Year by continuing our highly successful field seminars program, volunteering in the park, working in invasives eradication and reforestation and helping with the upcoming Cultural Festival at Kahuku in July 2008. We continue to assist the Park in the care of the buildings and grounds of 'Āinahou.

In 2008 the Friends will be studying the feasibility for the establishment of a new educational Institute here at Kilauea that will expand our existing field seminars program. We are applying to the County of Hawai'i to receive from them free access to the software program called Grants Locator that will allow the Friends to seek grant funding for programs that will benefit the Park. In partnership with the National Park Service, we hope to have an exciting and posh viewing of the Hawaiian and Volcano-subject art and artifacts collection held in trust at Kilauea. Our silent-auction benefit will be held on the 4th of July at Cooper Center and fundraising on National Public Lands Day will occur again in the Fall.

In 2008 we hope to broaden our membership and bring onboard all those who share *aloha* and reverence for the *‘āina*: our residents and visitors who have a mindful curiosity of volcanoes, of those for whom the volcano has cultural and spiritual essence, and those who simply want to care for and become Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.

Before the work begins anew, I personally would like to thank the many volunteers who continue to share their *aloha* and dedication in caring for our parklands. A heartfelt *mahalo* to the leaders of the field seminars who so willingly share their time and knowledge with our members and the public. To our partners in the Park: Cindy Orlando, Jim Gale and all the other hardworking and dedicated Park rangers and workers, *mahalo* for allowing the Friends to share in the caretaking of our Park. To my fellow Board members and Associates, thank you for being on this crew. To our hardworking and highly efficient office administrator: Rowan Hill, *mahalo*! To all our members, near and far, thank you for caring.

To all of us, in closing, I ask simply that we have passion, energy and fun in our voyage.

*E hele imua kākou e nā hoalauna.
Mahalo nui,*

*‘O wau no me ka ha‘aha‘a,
‘O Irenio Ab Kawainohoikala‘i Valencia*

President, Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Superintendent’s Message

With the New Year comes a new board and new opportunities for the Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park and the park staff to continue to craft our vision for the centennial of the park and the National Park Service in 2016. We recently learned that the President’s budget for 2008 passed with funding for park centennial positions, as well as a portion of the requested “challenge” funding for public/private partnership projects.

This challenge component is not to meet and fund basic operations of any park, but to continue an infusion of philanthropy that actually started at Hawaii Volcanoes in 1922. We have already embarked on some projects that we envision the Friends, and our other park partners, to be a part of. Most importantly, this is not just about a birthday party, but what we want our parks, resources

and visitor experience to be like for our next hundred years.

In keeping with that theme, you will notice a lot of public involvement in the coming year, as we position ourselves to build for this future. We are undergoing three major planning efforts / Environmental Impact Statements. We plan for one purpose-to ensure that the decisions we make will carry out, as effectively as possible, our mission:

“to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.”

Look for meeting dates in the spring to address ongoing strategies for managing non-native ungulates. Later in the year we will begin public scoping on a General Management Plan for the park. And ongoing efforts continue to develop, with the FAA, an Air Tour Management Plan for the park.

A hard-working and talented park team leads this charge, but that is not enough. We need you, your ideas and your passion to help us, so that indeed Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and its incredible resources and values will be here for the next hundred years and future generations.

Cindy Orlando, Superintendent, HVNP

Programs Committee Report

FHVNP is pleased to continue to offer diverse and exciting field seminars. Since the annual meeting in August, two Kahuku photographic expeditions led by David Boyle and Amos and Charlene Meyers offered opportunities to go to rarely explored areas of the park and enhance photography skills. A photography exhibit in November at the Educational Center in the National Park showed off work from these expeditions. In December, park ranger BG Horvat led a fun and educational Wild Cave Tour, and in January, park ranger Andrea Ka’awaloa led a very personalized field seminar to the Pu’u Loa Petroglyphs, a site she is deeply connected with through family history.

In February, FHVNP was able to offer the enormously popular Wetforest and Dryforest Birding Adventure organized through Rob Pacheco of Hawaii Forest and Trails, and on March 15th, FHVNP President, Ab

Valencia led a special hula cultural seminar in the National Park in which he taught a hula and led participants on a tour of the places in the park that are featured in the dance.

Upcoming programs include:

Friday April 18th: The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the Friends of the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo are jointly sponsoring an evening program at the Zoo, from 4 - 7:30 PM, featuring docent-led tours of the Zoo Gardens, a buffet dinner catered by Conard Eyre, and a lecture on Palms and Cycads by the always dynamic and fascinating Don Hemmes, recently retired Chair of the Natural Sciences Division at UHH. The cost is \$30. For reservations, call the Friends of the Park at 985-7373 or e-mail: ainahou2@aol.com. These evening Zoo Programs sell out, so call soon.

Saturdays May 18th and June 8th: Kahuku Photo Seminar IV, a two-part expedition to rarely visited regions of Kahuku to explore and photograph the water catchment systems used by the paniolo. Led by experienced park volunteers and photographers David Boyle and Charlene and Amos Meyers, the cost will be \$55 for one all-day seminar or \$90 for both sessions.

Desert Trails Guided Hike with park archeologist Dr. Jadelyn Moniz-Nakamura (date TBA)

In addition to these programs, seminars are being planned on bird watching and plant identification in Kahuku, restoration of the rainforest, astronomy, and geology. We are organizing several family-friendly events to encourage wider community participation in Friends' programs. We are fortunate to have so many top experts in a multitude of fields who generously provide opportunities to share their knowledge in ways that open up the magic of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. We look forward to providing Friends and the community with a wide range of learning adventures throughout the year.

Kim Miller, FHVNP Programs Chair

Forest Restoration Committee Report

Our current focus has been on alien plant removal in the park's special ecological areas (SEAs). These are areas of the park that have been identified as having ecological significance and where the park focuses resources on alien species control and native plant restoration. The park's alien control crew did major removal work in these areas a few years ago and we are doing follow-up work to eliminate new seedlings and occasional re-sprouts. This makes the work fairly easy (pulling

seedlings rather than cutting down trees) and the areas are wonderful native forest.

On Public Lands Day, Sept. 29th, we had 10 volunteers from Friends and were joined by Rhonda Loh and Paul Keliioomaluu of Resource Management. Pat Conant, past Forest Restoration chair, graciously participated, helping with forms, herbicide treatments, etc. We were originally planning to work in the Keanakakoi SEA. Because the fog was too bad in that area, Rhonda and Paul found us an alternate site in the Kipuka Ki SEA on the Mauna Loa strip road. This was a treat because this is the only area of Manele (soapberry) forest in the park and there are many rare native plants in the under story. Rhonda provided a history of the area's recovery and helped to identify the rare plants. In all, we put in 5 days of volunteer FTE time and removed or treated about 2500 invasive plants.

On November 17th we worked on faya removal in the Keanakakoi SEA. This is easy work as the ground is fairly level and open under the Ohia canopy. The soil is cinders from the Kilauea Iki eruption so the seedlings hop right out of the ground. We had seven volunteers from Friends and were again joined by Rhonda. She provided an ecological history of the area and talked about the park's SEA program. We provided 3.5 days of volunteer FTE time and removed or treated over 1600 alien plants.

We are now finishing our work in Keanakakoi SEA and doing a planting project at Kahuku with monthly work projects. Rhonda Loh almost always joins us to help and provides wonderful background on the park's natural history and resource management programs. If you have not been receiving our trip announcements, contact the Friends office to get on the volunteers email list. Come join us for some good companionship and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the park's special native forest areas while making a contribution to their restoration.

Mark Johnson, Forest Restoration Committee Chair



Volunteers assisting with Forest Restoration on Public Lands Day

Volunteer Report

Mahalo to all of the new helpers who have stepped up to help with the Friends' many projects in support of the park. On Public Lands Day, we had the volunteers willing and able to work the gate, sell t-shirts and participate in the reforestation projects that were going on that day. We sold a record number of t-shirts; the new long-sleeved dark green shirts were very popular. Mahalo also to the many volunteers who have worked this year on the Cultural Demonstrations. Unfortunately, we did not receive the HTA grant funds to continue the program in 2008. We now have only two lists for volunteering: members who have agreed to be on our volunteer call list and members who support the Friends but do not wish to be included on the call list at this time. If you wish to have your name moved from one list to the other at any time please notify ainahou2@aol.com.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Offers a Collaborative Model to Build Interpretive and Educational Success

Over time, the Park has nurtured a diverse team of experts, including geologists, botanists, ecologists, archeologists, artists and Park Rangers to plan, write and design interpretive messages and a variety of exhibits. Orientation messages such as *View Lava with Respect and Knowledge* and *Where is the Lava?* help visitors get answers to commonly asked questions. Information on trail length and conditions helps visitors choose an easy experience or one that is more challenging. *Stay Out of the Fumes* is an exhibit to interpret health hazards to visitors. The volcanic eruption is driven by gases which expel between 3,000-4,000 tons of SO₂ (sulfur dioxide) per day.

Live interpretive programs are available for visitors who have time for a customized personal experience with a ranger. This is ideally the most important way of communicating with visitors. The Park offers 10 -14 guided walks or talks per day given by Park rangers and volunteer staff. We are working to find ways to align private tour talks and walks with the mission of the park and the messages we want to convey.

Jim Gale, Chief of Interpretation, HVNP

'Āinahou Ranch Update

In mid-December our two "resident" nēnē who live on our lawns decided to nest this year. So, after a summer and fall of hard, productive work, all gardening around the 'Āinahou Ranch house came to a halt per our

agreement with the Park. Although the birds did not nest this past year, they hatched two goslings at 'Āinahou during 2005. Our team was able to return to work in March and is now busy each Thursday getting the house and grounds ready for tours, which should resume by early summer.

One of our newest volunteers at the ranch is Carol Bebb, a very experienced botanical arborist who has extensive knowledge of both native and mainland trees and plants. We learned that all oaks, especially the cork oaks that 'Āinahou is so famous for, will rot at the base of their trunks if not cleared of grass, bushes and extra unneeded soil. As a result, our diligent team has been clearing around each cork oak and around the one California live oak that is close to the house. The huge cork oak that covers the back garden has been especially taken care of. Many of these cork oaks planted along the road are already dying. However, we are happy to report that the one remaining wili-wili tree bloomed beautifully during September.

Our wonderful team consists of Linda Jane Irwin (who has been my committee assistant for some time), Marta Lepes, knowledgeable strong-arm Richard Deily and his photographer/nēnē-expert wife, Lanaya Deily. Also aboard are Marilyn Nicholson and Barbara Heavens who volunteer with Interpretation and Resources Management and help lead our ranch Visitor Tours (stopped until after nesting season). Others are Juanita Allen, Caroline Garrett, Carol Bebb, Leslie Laird, Priscilla Lang, Kendall Sharpless, Frank Box, (the late) Doc McKinney and this writer. Each brings his/her own special expertise to 'Āinahou. If you would like to help out, please let us know.

Alana McKinney, 'Āinahou Ranch Chairperson



'Āinahou volunteers clear an area behind the Lua

Board Vacancies – Do You Want to Serve?

We currently have several vacancies on the Board of Directors. We need at least one person to Chair our Development Committee to help develop long and short-

range fundraising plans and oversee one major fundraiser this year. A second area of need is public relations: website management, newsletter (both print and electronic), and media outreach. We also need someone to help coordinate our volunteer program. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please email us at ainahou2@aol.com or call the Friends' office (985-7373) and leave a name and number and a member of the Executive Committee will get in touch with you.

Our current board members are:

Ab Valencia, President
Casey Jarman, Vice-President
Barbara Dunn, Treasurer
Marilyn Nicholson, Secretary
Marta Lepas, 'Āinahou Committee
Mark Johnson, Native Forest Restoration Committee
Kim Miller, Program Committee

Membership

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a not for profit 501(c)(3) membership organization whose mission is to support and promote restoration, protection, understanding, and appreciation of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting this effort to enhance the living history and the educational potential of the Park. Membership benefits include: invitations and discounts for the field seminars, the newsletter, and special receptions at 'Āinahou Ranch. Membership contributions are deductible under state and federal income tax provisions. If every member recruits just one person, we can double our membership!! So pass on the form in this newsletter or refer a friend to our website (www.fhvn.org) to sign up. Have them put your name down as the person who recruited them so we can acknowledge your help.

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Yes I am interested in volunteering with the Friends;
please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

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