

Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Annual Meeting at Ka'u Coffee Mill



Mural by Kathleen Kam

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park would like to invite all members to attend the upcoming annual meeting, Saturday, September 8th at the Ka'u Coffee Mill in Pahala. This event is a celebration of our organization, bringing together the membership, voting in new board members and enjoying great food in beautiful surroundings.

The meeting will begin at 11 am, followed by lunch at noon and then afternoon mini-sessions centered around the murals of Kathleen Kam and the coffee mill operations.

Lunch will be a culinary world tour catered by Conard Eyre of Green Goose Gourmet. The buffet will include red and golden curried quinoa, with apples, celery, red grapes, pears and apricots. Asian chicken salad, south of the border layered salad, vegetable tabbouleh, artichoke pate' served with crusty french bread, and caesar salad. Sparkling pineapple-almond iced tea will be provided and coffee drinks will be available for purchase.

You do not want to miss this event! Follow the signs in Pahala to find the Ka'u Coffee Mill. The cost of this event is free to all FHVNP members, but we do ask that you RSVP to admin@fhvnp.org by Tuesday, September 4th if you are attending, for food planning purposes.

**If your membership has expired, we invite you to renew upon check-in. And feel free to bring a friend to join—new members are always welcome! However, please let us know they are coming.

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, September 8

Ka'u Coffee Mill Pahala

10:45 AM

Check-in (join/renew membership)

11:00^{AM}

- •Recognition of volunteers & outgoing board directors
 - Board highlights
 - •Election of board candidates
- •Mahalo from Park Youth Interns-Kaysee Buchanan, Rodhika Dockstader,

Julia Espaniola, Marla Jimenez

12:00 NOON

Lunch catered by Green Goose Gourmet

1:00 PM

Choice of Afternoon "Mini" Session
•Murals of Kathleen Kam
Discussion with the artist
•Tour of the coffee farm and mill

•Renewable energy plans at Ka'u Coffee Mill

operations

Please RSVP by Tuesday, Sep. 4 to admin@fhvnp.org

Forest Restoration at Kahuku Unit: Partnership and Progress

by Mark Johnson, Co-chair Forest Restoration Committee

Shortly after the park acquired the Kahuku Unit in 2003, the park's Natural Resources Management (NRM) division began to evaluate methods to facilitate forest recovery following the removal of cattle. From this work, it is clear that animal removal, strategic use of grass removal, planting and seeding native species can greatly facilitate forest restoration and assure the perpetuation of park biodiversity. Much of the forest was cleared to create an open pasture with small remnant stands of native species. Judging by areas with limited disturbance the forest was once comprised

of a rich variety of species including several rare and federally-listed endangered species. Over the past five years the Friends' Forest Restoration Committee has been helping to restore Kahuku by collecting seeds, planting native species, and clearing invasive weeds during 12 service projects.

Restoration of the pastures will take many decades and the park is now embarking on the first phase of restoration in which techniques that were tested on a very small scale from 2005-2011 will be refined and applied to the larger land-scape. The public is invited to comment

on the park's intent to develop a Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Kahuku pastures. You may submit comments on-line at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/havo/.

Forest Restoration Projects

Each month the forest restoration committe organizes native planting, invasive removal or seed collecting in different areas of the park to suit different interests and ability levels. Dates and descriptions of the projects are listed in the Events section on the Friends' website at fhvnp.org.

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FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

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> Volunteer Coordinator: Cheryl Jackson

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Education and Outreach Coordinator:

Elizabeth Fien

Office Administrator:
Meredith Wheelock

PARK PARTNERS

Park Superintendent: Cindy Orlando

Chief of Interpretation & FHVNP Park Liaison: Jim Gale

OUR MISSION

To support the National Park Service in the protection, preservation, and interpretation of the natural and cultural resources at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

President's Message

Aloha Friends,



This past year has been an exciting one with lots of new projects and challenges. We are very fortunate to have made the transition in staff this Spring and I want to thank our former General Manager Julie Mitchell for her professionalism and commitment to the Friends which made her career move less painful for all. Board Member Kristen Clyne-Hamitouche stepped down temporarily from the board to ably fill the staff position before the new staff came onboard. Meredith Wheelock and Elizabeth Fien have enthusiastically and competently moved into

their new staff positions. So Mahalo from me and the Board to all of these women.

I would also like to publicly thank a person who has given so much to the Friends and the Board for many years. Marilyn Nicholson is one of those gems who has given heart and soul to our efforts. Because of term limits she will be going off the Board but I know and hope that she will remain active with the Friends. So, personally and from the Board, I say Mahalo Marilyn!

While it is still four years away, it is not too early to explore how the Friends are going to celebrate Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's centennial in 2016. The National Park Service also celebrates its first century in 2016 though we beat them by a couple of weeks. I believe we were the 16th park in the system. During the next year the Friends will be asking our membership to look at ways to plan for 2016 so when the call goes out please step forward with your ideas and commitment.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual meeting on September 8th. The Board is trying to be creative in finding new locales for meeting sites. The Ka`u Coffee Mill is one of our supporters. Next year perhaps we can return to Volcano House when it opens in all of its glory.

Mahalo to all for your support of Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park and the Friends. I know that together we can make the two entities really shine.

-Patrick W. Naughton, Board President

Superintendent's Message



You may not know that 2012 is the 25th Anniversary of the inscription of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park as a World Heritage Site (November 12, 1987). It is also the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, which was adopted by UNESCO in 1972. Stay tuned for special events to commemorate our milestone.

Our participation in the international arena of protected areas benefits us both at home and abroad. We share a park system with the world that is many things. It is a center of excellence in management and function, and a benchmark for environmental change. We are a champion of a

broader landscape-level approach to ecosystem protection and an environmental leader promoting economic development and tourism in a sustainable way. We use interpretation and education to achieve success in preservation and restoration efforts. Our long historical traditions have evolved from unique host cultures of the land we steward.

Our international responsibilities are often as great as our domestic roles under the National Park Service Organic Act. We accept the global responsibility that is inherent in the World Heritage designation of the park. We all have this obligation — in our local communities, on Hawai'i Island and in the State — to protect the outstanding universal values that transcend national boundaries.

On August 29, 2012, The United States Mint will officially release the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarter as part of its America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The first day anyone can get the quarter will be at a public ceremony and coin exchange held at the park, August 29 at 1:30 pm. We hope you can join us.

Lastly, please help us educate our visitors. We are Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on the island of Hawai'i, not Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda!

—Cindy Orlando, Park Superintendent

What's New in the Friends' Office...

This summer brought two new faces to the FHVNP office with the hiring of Meredith Wheelock and Elizabeth Fien.



Meredith Wheelock, Office Administrator, is a recent transplant from Texas. Meredith is excited about her new environment and job. Born and raised in Texas, Meredith earned a BA in Geography from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, she moved to

Big Bend National Park and taught school for four years to children of park and concession employees.

She is passionate about art education and teaches part-time at the Volcano School of Arts and Sciences.



Elizabeth Fien, Education and Outreach Coordinator, brings 17 years of non-profit experience in grant writing, grant management, marketing, development and fundraising in Hawaii. She has a Bachelor's in Business Administration from University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from Golden Gate University of Law.

Elizabeth has been involved with many local organizations and currently sits on the Board of the Volcano Community Association as Treasurer.

She is passionate about Hawaiian culture, forest restoration and in her spare time enjoys fiction writing, designing and making jewelry.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY (NPLD) Saturday, September 29

free park admission + volunteer opportunities

NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance our public lands. On September 29, all over the nation, more than 150,000 volunteers will plant trees, remove trash, and build trails on public lands.

FHVNP will be hosting a forest restoration project, collecting donations at the park gate and will have a booth at the Kilauea Visitor Center. To volunteer for the forest restoration project, please email forest@fhvnp.org. To volunteer to help take donations at the park entrance or to help in the booth, please email admin@fhvnp.org.

Join the thousands who will take part in the 18th annual National Public Lands Day—and help do your part for America's public lands!



Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Throughout the entire month of September, Maika'i Members are invited to make a donation of up to \$249 per participating organization at checkout.



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Organization code is:

78625

Make a donation to our organization at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout, and Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will make a donation to our organization, too!

HOW TO HELP:

- 1) Show your Maika'i Card and make a donation to our organization (up to \$249 per person) at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout from September 1-30, 2012.
- 2) Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match all donations up to a total of at least \$350,000 for all organizations combined.

SUNDAY WALK IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 9 • OCTOBER 14 • NOVEMBER 11 • DECEMBER 9

This monthly program on second Sundays is aimed at bringing together the members of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes

National Park to share in the park's beautiful trails.

Program cost is FREE for Friends members.

Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to attend.

To apply for membership visit

WWW.FHVNP.ORG/BECOME-A-MEMBER/

Park entrance fees apply.

MEMBERS: If you have a favorite park hike that you would like to share with other Friends members, please consider volunteering to be a hike organizer.

WALKS RSVPs: INSTITUTE@FHVNP.ORG or (808) 985-7373

Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park -Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute presents

Pu'u Loa Petroglyph Walk

in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park



with former Park Ranger Susan McGovern

Saturday, August 25, 2012 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Susan McGovern will lead this guided hike, 1.5 miles roundtrip to the largest petroglyph field in Hawai'i, where seminar participants will see hundreds of ancient symbols carved into lava over countless generations. Susan will share stories that will help connect viewers to the Hawaiian people who created these beautiful and mysterious images. This is also an opportunity to learn about the plant life in the hot, dry, and windswept coastal lowlands.

Program cost is \$25 for Friends members and \$40 for non-members. Students (K-12 and college with valid student ID) are half-price. Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to get the member discount. Proceeds support the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park educational programs.

To register, visit our website: www.fhvnp.org, call (808) 985-7373 or email institute@fhvnp.org

BIRDING HAKALAU FOREST NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



with wildlife biologist
Thane Pratt

Saturday, September 22, 2012 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wildlife biologist Thane Pratt leads an adventure in search of endangered birds. Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge is the premier sanctuary for rare and endangered Hawaiian Honeycreepers and other native songbirds. Perched high on the slopes of Mauna Kea, the 32,000-acre rainforest refuge harbors abundant populations of these birds and it is the best place to find them. See how cattle and feral pigs have affected native koa and 'ōhi'a forests over the last 200 years and how grazing has led to extinction and endangerment of many native plants and birds. Learn about the history of Hakalau Forest and current conservation efforts used to protect and preserve this amazing resource.

Program cost is \$60 for Friends members, \$75 for non-members, and \$55 for students (limited availability).

Blooming Silverswords: A Shared Experience



July was the month for BLOOM-ING SILVERSWORDS. We held three institutes that allowed members to visit and observe these beauties on Mauna Loa.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Employees, volunteers and partners are doing an incredibly important job securing large scale silversword habitat and stabilizing current populations.

Science and muscle saved silverswords from extinction.

Toiling on hard rock at high altitude, park crews have erected miles of fencing and smaller exclosures to keep out foraging cattle, sheep and goats. These animals eat silverswords and other alpine plants like candy.



A big thanks to Ranger Jay Robinson and Botanist Tim

Tunison for leading these informative and spectacular institutes.

INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND

INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND allows your group (of any size) to create your own custom-designed program. It's perfect for families, reunions, school and senior groups, friends traveling together, adventure-seekers, and more!

Partnered with talented presenters in fields such as geology, archeology, botany, photography, and culture, INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND provides personalized educational adventures in and around Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Programs can be tailored to provide residents with a park visit that is truly unique or to provide visitors with an unforgettable experience.

Visit WWW.FHUNP.ORG and click on "Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute," then scroll down to fill out our "Online Request Form" or email INSTITUTE@FHUNP.ORG.

Buy Friends logo wear, decals, and colorful sarongs online @ www.FHVNP.ORG

MEET THE CANDIDATES!

Directors of the Friends board are elected for a two year term, which begins with the annual meeting. Board members may serve up to three consecutive terms, then may return to serve after an absence of at least one year.

New Candidates (2012–2014)

DAVID AMES

WILLIAM COLE

PAUL FIELD

FIA MATTICE

Continuing Directors (2011–2013)

CHERYL GANSECKI

PŌHAI MONTAGUE-MULLINS

THANE K. PRATT

IRENIO A. VALENCIA

NATALIE PFEIFER

Retiring Directors

MARILYN NICHOLSON

DIANA KELLEY

Resigning Director

KRISTEN CLYNE-HAMITOUCHE

Incumbent Candidates (2012–2014)
PAT NAUGHTON
NICK SHEMA

In addition to the following individuals, nominations for additional board members will be welcomed at the annual meeting on September 8th. Anyone nominated at the annual meeting must be present and agree to serve if elected.

David Ames retired in 1996 from the National Park Service after a 33 year career working as a ranger in Mesa Verde NP, a naturalist in Everglades NP, an instructor at the Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon NP, Superintendent at Pu'uhonua O Honaunau NHP, Fort Point NHS, Petrified Forest NP, and Hawaii Volcanoes NP and Associate Regional Director in the Alaska Region. While at Fort Point he served as the first Chief of Interpretation at the new Golden Gate NRA during the early development of that park. His board experience includes: Hawaii Natural History Association, Pacific Heights Homeowners Assoc. (Hilo), Hilo Rotary Club, past president, Anchorage Youth Symphony. David and his wife Candace live in Hilo. They have three grown children who live on the mainland.

William (Bill) Cole has been a construction superintendent, project manager, and general contractor for over 40 years. Born and raised in Hawaii, he has worked in DOFAW (Department of Forestry and Wildlife), RCUH (University of Hawaii Research Corporation), and Kapapala Ranch on predator control during the past 15 years. He has also worked in the Kona dry land forest on restoration and protection projects and designed water catchment projects for DOFAW and Kona dry land forest areas. An avid outdoorsman, he is busy building the new home that he and his wife Heather share in Volcano.

Paul Field is a recently retired history professor from Windward Community College. Prior to that, he was retail sales manager for a marine supply business, manager of a financial planning firm, and president of an electrical supply company that specialized in energy saving lighting. He was State Coordinator for History Day in Hawaii for grades 6-12 for 20 years, and sang in the Honolulu Symphony Chorus for five years. In January 2012, he and his wife Jane moved to a house in Volcano that they have owned for 24 years. He is a member of the Volcano Rotary Club and a coqui control volunteer as well as an interpretive volunteer for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Fia Mattice was born and educated in Sweden, and learned early to appreciate untouched nature. She has a BA in Journalism and a BS in Social Work from the University of Stockholm. She has lived in Volcano for more than 25 years, where she and her husband David had a cut flower farm for 15 years and now grow vegetables and native plants mostly for their own pleasure. They enjoy camping and kayaking. She was Gallery Manager at the Volcano Art Center for 10 years. Fia served as secretary for the Cooper Center Council for 5 years, and is one of the founders of the Volcano School of Arts and Sciences. Her grown son Daniel lives in Seattle, and son Lukas is a senior at UH-Manoa.

If you are a current member and unable to attend our annual meeting, but would like to vote by written proxy, please cut out and mail us this page by September 1 (address on page 2).	
I I approve the slate of candidates:	I do not approve the slate of candidates
1 1	Member's name:
 	Signature:

Mahalo Nui Loa to our 2012 July 4th Silent Auction Donors

On behalf of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, we thank the following businesses and individuals for their contribution to our annual July 4th Silent Auction at Cooper Center in Volcano Village. This year's fundraiser raised over \$5,000 to support volunteer and educational projects in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. These programs help instill a deep appreciation of Hawai'i's fragile natural and cultural resources and provide quality environmental experiences for both visitors and residents. In addition, a portion of funds raised will also assist two other non-profits—the Volcano Community Association and the Cooper Center Council—who provide services to the community throughout the year.

BUSINESSES

AcupunctureWorks Aikane Plantation Coffee Co. Aloha Crater Lodge & Lava Tube Tours **Atlantis Submarines Basically Books & Petroglyph Press Big Island Candies** Blue Hawaiian Helicopters **Body Glove Cruises Book Gallery** Café Pesto **Captain Zodiac Raft Expeditions** Conservation Council for Hawai'i D. Medicine Woman Aromatherapy **Dolphin Journeys** Dolphin Quest Hawai'i E-claire's bakery, LLC **Green Goose Lodge & Catering** Green Point Nurseries, Inc. Gvongi Momi Szirom, RN, LMT Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ✓ Acknowledgement in our newsletter
- ✓ Subscription to our newsletter
- ✓ Early email notification of all programs & events
- ✓ Invitations to members-only events
- ✓ Free monthly "Sunday Walks in the Park"
- ✓ A Friends logo decal
- → Discounts on Friends merchandise & on Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute programs
- ✓ 15% discount on all non-sale items at Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association (HPPA) retail outlets in Hawai'i & American Samoa
- √ 10%-20% discounts at participating Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) retail outlets nationwide

SPONSOR MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE:

- ✓ All of the above, plus...
- ✓ A sarong <u>OR</u> a short-sleeve Friends T-shirt
- ✓ The book *Hawai'i: The Fires of Life*
- → Public recognition at our annual meeting

BENEFACTOR MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE:

- ✓ All of the above, plus...
- ✓ A Friends cap <u>OR</u> a long-sleeve Friends T-shirt
- ✔ An eruption DVD from Volcano Video Productions
- → "Pele and Lehua" block print by Dietrich Varez

PATRON MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE:

- ✓ All of the above, plus...
- ✓ A Friends hooded sweatshirt
- ✓ A 1 year subscription to Environment Hawai'i
- ✓ A Hawai'i Tri-Park Annual Pass (good for admittance for 1 year to Hawai'i Volcanoes & Haleakala National Parks & Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Historic Site)

MEMBERSHIP FORM	
☐ I want to become a new member OR	Check enclosed (make payable to FHVNP & mail to: P.O. Box 653, Volcano, HI 96785)
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at this STUDENT K-12 & college with valid student I.D.	☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express
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S OTHER Any amount above \$30 welcome for membership	☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large
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I want to make a monthly pledge of \$	☐ Please contact me about volunteering in these areas:
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