Have you renewed your membership?

DO so by downloading the membership form at http://www.fhvnp.org/PDFs/membership.form08.pdf

How you can help when Disaster Strikes

We continue our relationship with VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). Linda-Jane Irwin (L.J.), former Friend’s President, is our representative and would be our contact in case of a major disaster. When a disaster does occur, there is one VOAD representative stationed at Civil Defense. That person sends word to member organization liaisons if help is needed. Our representative will have already let VOAD know what our volunteers have offered, but we do not provide their names or contact information. Once our liaison learns what is needed, our communication team will contact FHNVP volunteers. This would not occur during the acute phase of a disaster. Our help would come during cleanup and later stages.

VOAD would love to have more of you sign up to help should the need arise. If you want to volunteer, please contact L.J. at ljirwin@hawaii.rr.com and she will provide you with the list of options, a small sample of which would include hauling debris, shelter assistance, food distribution, transportation assistance, etc. A few of you have already stepped up, and we do appreciate your willingness to help.

President’s Message ~ Ab Valonica

E’we line… e na hoaloa,
Greetings… dear Friends,

It is a new year and with it come new challenges and new adventures for the Friends.

But first, a look back at 2008. It was a year of rebuilding for the Friends and renewing our commitment to our mission at Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park. Our cooperative partnership with the National Park Service remains strong and we continue to build upon our efforts to provide quality visitor experiences in the park by assisting with our volunteers, hosting educational seminars and fundraising.

In 2008, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Friends of Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park became a member of the Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL), an organization of Friends’ groups and other partners of national parks throughout the United States. APPL’s mission is to foster stewardship and appreciation of public lands and historic sites through effective partnerships.

A Strong Start for Hawaii Volcanoes Institute

We are pleased to report the successful rollout of our Hawai’i Volcanoes Institute program year. Building upon more than 60 successful field seminar programs during the past six years, and the work of an active and inspired Institute committee under the leadership of Caroline Garrett, the initial 2009 programs have proven to be an unqualified success. Institute programs have brought us media recognition. Our partnership with Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park and the assistance of its personnel have allowed us to gain the support of the Ka’u Calendar, the volcano Community News as well as media articles in the Tribune Herald, West Hawai’i Today and in Honolulu’s Star Bulletin and Advertiser.

Our web presence has increased with online media connections. We are linked to the Park’s website as well as electronically via news arti-
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creating our own Hawai`i Volcanoes Institute. It was a productive and thrilling first time visit to Yellowstone for me. I was able to bring back im-
portant information for the formation of our Institute and had the enor-
mous pleasure of seeing Yellow-
stone in all of its wintry beauty. As one of the staff told me, she loves working there because Yellowstone “gets under your skin.” I understand her feelings completely and echo her sentiment for our own Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park.

2008 continued with other activities and events: the Fourth of July Silent Auction at Cooper Center, the Cul-
tural Festival at Kahuku, Celebration of the Panici, the Friends’ annual meeting at ‘Ainahou where new board members were elected and Public Lands Day in September and a special fundraising event in De-
cember at the Volcano House where the Friends were introduced to Julie Dunfly, co-producer, who shared with the Friends a special preview of rough cuts of the film Ken Burns’ The National Parks, America’s Best Idea, which will be shown on PBS in the fall of 2009. Also at this event we launched the Hawai`i Volcanoes Institute, with reporters and guests present, including representa-
tives from KHET, Hawai`i Public Broadcasting. Please visit our rebuilt website at fhvnp.org for more infor-
mation on the Institute and other Friends’ activities.

And so... e na hoalua, we begin 2009 with renewed efforts to con-
tinue our mission and build upon our successes, traveling this path with our partners, our members and all our community friends and supporters near and far. 2009 will be fraught with uncertainties — lo-
cally, statewide and nationally. But, as Friends we stand together in the verdant beauty of our wondrous, fragile and living park gazing out-
ward to a horizon where chal-

lenges and opportunities arise like the sun of a new day.

that we have created a quality prod-
uct. With thoughtful marketing, good value, strong community partner-
ships and ongoing support we are confident that we have viable edu-
cational offerings for everyone to enjoy, even in these challenging economic times. We hope that our membership can enjoy the Institute programs and are confident that we can provide quality educational, cultural and natural experiences in the Park and beyond. If you would like to be part of our expanding vision, please contact us via email at aina-

houl2@aol.com or inquire at the Friends’ office, (808) 985-7373, and visit our website at www.fhvnp.org

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Trey Everly
Conard Eyre
Fred Fogel
Sharon Forster
Cynee Gillette-Wenner
Julie Goetsch
Virginia Goldstein
Jan Grassman
Cliff Hague
Pat Halperrn
Maureen Ham
Winfred Pele Hanoa
Sandra Hanson
Peggy Heisman
Richard Hildreth
Martha Hoverson
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Suzanne Marinelli

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Ken Direction Corp - Volcano House
Cheryl Ganscack—Volcano Video Pro-
ductions

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Mahalo nui loa a pau for your support!

Friends of Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park
New & Renewing Members: January—March 2009

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Frank & Jeanne Box
Lanaya & Richard Deily
Wilhelmina Markiewicz
Tom & Geni McGough
Alana McKinney
Charles & Loretta Ricketts

Family:
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Richard & Juanita Allen
David & Candace Ames
Clifford & Esther Arinaga
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Leonard & Debra Benezek
Richard & Sandra Behehenna
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Bob Bonar & Shelby Floyd
Lee Bowden
David & Ron Boyle
Young Elena Branch
Ted Brattstrom & Lisa King
Steven Brownelea & Vera Matsuda-Brownlea
Bush Bettyn
Ruck & Sykie Byrne
Arlene Cabaclce
Pete Collette
David & Mary Carroll
Suzanne Case & Marjorie Abel
Gayle Chavez & Tenence Spencer
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Dwayne & Meri Enwavey
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Jim & Mary Helen Higgins
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Bob & Becky Johnson
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Donald & Beverly Kalani
Smiley & Kenneth Karst
Diana & Joel Kelley
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Marcy & Mark Moreta
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass
Ron & Emily Needham
Linda & Norman Nelson
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Linda Quartberg & Doug Wilson
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Les & June Sakamoto
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Elizabeth Bell
The Friends Institute is an excellent extension of our Park Mission. We are delighted with the fundraising on December 21 with Julie Dunfey changing media content with co-producer with Ken Burn's film: The National Parks: America's Best Idea. Ruth Levin has been essential in working with the planning committee. Carolyn Garrett to design and coordinate a year's schedule of exciting programs. Dave Boyle and Charlene and Amos Meyers have been working with our very talented new Institute coordinator Brian Lux for the upcoming Ka'ukuahu photography adventures. What an addition Brian is to the Friends with his leadership, organizational and engaging youth and adults skills. Michael Larson has shared his creative genius in his realm of graphic media design for the Institute Brochure. Mardie Lane has given her assistance to Brian in the distribution of press releases to her contacts. Norrie Judd has been working with the Institute to keep the semi-nars on the Park Website. The Aniahou team works closely with Kathlen Misajon, our Nene biologist, and Laura Schuster with regards to historic structures and Laila Tamimi with regards to the cultural landscape. Kupono McDaniel provides training & coaching for the Friends interpretation of Aniahou with Alana McKinney, Marilyn Nicholson, Marta Lopes, Lanaya and Richard Daily & 'Ainahou volunteers. Rhonda Loh dedicates her time and shares her expertise with Carol and Mark Johnson's faya removal teams. The details of administrating Hawaii Tourism Authority grants Charone O'Neill-Naeole, Joni Mae Makukane-Jarrell and Ywann Hill all work closely together. All park employees enjoy Valencia's presentations at our monthly meetings. Ab has been a key player in our most recent grant. "It's My Park" film festival scheduled for Sept 2, 2009. This is just a sampling of the many people and organizations that are connected with our Park and the Friends. 

The Park and the Friends Collaborations Prove Success

~Jim Gale, Chief of Interpretation Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Recent activities
On November 29th 17 Friends volun-
neers, including 7 from Hilo High, joined Susan Dale for a planting pro-
ject on the Mauna Loa strip. We planted pili, 'alai, 'ohia, naio, olopa, mamaliki, ho'awa, akiaa and mamane in a gap below Kipu Kilo where trees have failed to fill in over the past 50 years. Earlier in the year pasture grass and blackberry bushes had been sprayed out and koa seed-
lings planted. The area had filled in with bracken fern so we pulled it out where we planted and around the koa seedlings. On the hike through Kipu Kilo to get to this site we were able to point out a variety of interest-
ing native plants and enjoy the ma-
ture manele (soapberry) forest.
On January 31st, 2009, we started a
new invasive plant removal project. We are working along the Crafter Rim Trail east of Chain of Craters road. This is an area of mature 'ohia forest infested with mature faya trees. Light levels under this forest are very low so there is little undergrowth. The park is working on controlling the faya by kill-
ing them slowly and leaving them standing to keep light levels low. This allows native under-story plants such as hapu‘u to fill in before invasives like blackberry. We started by sweeping through a test plot where the faya are dead and pulled faya and strawberry guava seedlings and cut and treated re-sprouts and ginger and berry. We then started working under the dark canopy removing guava, ginger, and berry. In future months we'll continue working under the 'ohia-faya forest to create a buffer to keep the guava, gin-
erg, and berry from spreading into the faya treated areas.

Plans
We plan to work with Resources Management to see if we can find occasional projects at the Kahanu unit to make participation easier for our Ku‘u and Kona members. 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. Our workdays are posted on the fhvnp.org website.

Forest Restoration Report ~Mark Johnson & Nancy Chaney, Forest Restoration Co-Chairs

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Programs Report—2008
~Carol Bebb, Program Chair

As the role of Friends of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (FHVNP/Friends) evolves in partnership with Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (Park) to assist in the upkeep of historic `Ainahou Ranch, but also to abide by a 1998 agreement that Friends are to develop, implement, administer and financially support a world-class, experientially based educational seminar program within the Park (FHVNP web site, 2/12/09) and to further encompass fundraising for the Park (2002), so too does the role of the Programs Committee evolve. The Programs Committee continues to plan and coordinate educational programs and events that enrich and engage community and Park experiences within the Park. The funds raised via these programs support Park projects such as interpretive sign- age, Junior Ranch programming, and more. However, as of 2009, the Programs Committee that once offered field seminars and events (now along with all the committees) assists the new Hawaii Volcanoes Institute to provide in-depth seminars to further the Friends’ goals with the Park. The programs and events of 2008 have included both annual and out of the ordinary activities. A brief summary follows:

The National Parks: America’s Best Idea, Film Preview and Fundraiser (12/21/08):
On the evening of December 21, 2008 a special fundraising event was not to be missed by Friends of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and guests. The event was created as a result of a unique opportunity brought about the attention of the FHVNP Board by Cindy Orlando, Superintendent of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The prospect of a special New York screening of the soon to be released Ken Burns’ film, The National Parks: America’s Best Idea was golden. Participants were honored to have the Emmy winning, co-producer, Julie Dunfey, donate an insightful introduction at the presentation held in the auditorium of the Klauea Visitor Center. The significance of producing such a film was heard in Ms. Dunfey’s voice; the film proved to be captivating.

Prior to the showing, guests attended a reception at the Volcano House. Brief presentations were made by the FHVNP Board president, Ab Valencia; HVNP Superintendent, Cindy Orlando; and Julie Dunfey. In addition, the event signified the “soft” launch of the Friends’ new Hawaii Volcanoes Institute noted by the Institute Committee Chairperson, Caroline Garrett. Much gratitude is extended to all the many volunteers for their efforts in making this a festive and singular event.

National Public Lands Day (9/27/08):
National Public Lands Day is noted to be the Nation’s largest volunteer effort toward improving public lands. The event is intended to educate the public concerning environmental issues and stewardship; to build partnerships with mutual interests and goals; and to improve public lands with hands-on efforts.

This fun annual program could not achieve its success without the enthusiasm and stamina of many volunteers and staff of the Friends of Hawaii Volcanes National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. On that day, there were many different ways to participate. Volunteers helped to remove invasive plant species, plant native-Hawaii native trees, and solicit funds at the main entrance to the Park. On Public Lands Day, the Park generously waived the normal entry fees, encouraging Park visi tors to donate funds originally intended as the entry fee to the Friends, instead. The response of visitors was en-thusiastic and supportive.

Fourth of July Celebration and Silent Auction (7/4/08):
On Fourth of July not only is there the Volcano Parade to attend, but also there is the Silent Auction to shop at afterwards. The Auction was held at Cooper Center. The proceeds garnered by the Friends benefit the Cooper Of fice, the Friends Board and its bylaws were incorporated by the State of Hawaii.

This is another opportunity to participate in the Friends fundraising efforts that help to support the Park. Your generously donated items were auctioned off. Volunteers were indispensable in setting up displays, monitoring activi ties, promoting FHVNP membership, selling Friends T-shirts, counting the proceeds, and more.

Essential Volunteers
Each program and event presents volunteer opportunities that help to support the Park. Clearly, without the help of these volunteers, none of these important programs and events would be implemented and successful. Individuals give in their own way, whether it is their ideas, suggestions, expertise, time, energy, re sources, monies, humor, or hands-on effort. The dedicated souls are too numerous to list here, but one only needs to return to the Friends’ Board and Membership roster to appreciate the significant effort by all. Moreover, the guidance, leadership and effort by the Park’s staff and volunteers work collaboratively in every instance. Much appreciation and gratitude goes out to all of you for ultimately helping the Friends achieve their goals for the betterment of the Park.

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Many of the newer members of the Friends of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park do not realize that the redwood ranch house that Herbert Shipman built in 1947 was torn apart and was slated to be burned down after 1993. A few historically-minded people assem bled a group determined to stop this destruction. Thus started the Friends of ‘Ainahou or “Ho Ho Aloha ‘Ainahou”. Shipman left his ranch in 1969 when he carried his geese down through Kipuka Nēnē to England which resulted in the edge of the Kamehameha forest being reforested. Shipman invoked the “Escape” clause in his Bernice P. Bishop Es tate lease. By 1971, ‘Ainahou had become part of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The ranch area fortunately had not been covered by the flows of that 4-year eruption.

In 1995, money was allocated from the National Park Service and Shipman family members to put new roofs on the main house and its several out-buildings. However, nothing had been done to clear the ground of the massive ash that covered the whole area. Shipman’s beautiful landscaped grounds. Very tall grass and hundreds of invasive trees had grown in around the walls of the build ings. Many volunteers turned out to clear away the grass first from the walls, and then later onto what was left of the lawns. Little by little, the massive rock outcroppings, Shipman’s special plants and trees were revealed. It was like a treasure hunt. Even today, six teen years later, the volunteers are still uncovering botanical finds. The National Park Service and the Friends of ‘Ainahou put the house on the ‘National Register of Historic Places.

In 1997, the IRS determined that the “Ho Ho Aloha ‘Ainahou” was a 501-C3 and its bylaws were incorporated by the State of Hawaii. A Cooperative Agreement between the “Ho Ho Aloha ‘Ainahou” Association and the National Park Service began in 1998 in which it was agreed that the Park Service was to provide ‘Ainahou with routine maintenance, repair and road maintenance. The Association was to plan, develop and implement interpretive programs at the ranch. Thus was the beginning of what is now named The Hawaii Volcanoes Institute. By 1999, ‘Ainahou had received a 1995-1999 Preservation Award from the Historic Hawaii Foundation. In 2002, Superintendent James Martin informed the Association that it was worthy of becoming the Friends of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The Historical Structures Report, the Oral Histories of ‘Ainahou Ranch, and the Cultural Landscape Report were soon completed.

The area, now known simply as ‘Ainahou, is one of the only places in Hawaii Volcanoes Na tional Park where non-native plants are protected. Herbert Shipman was one of Hawaii’s first horticultural specialists. He raised orchids in the back garden of the ranch house by hydroponic tech niques, and planted orchards of un usual trees. ‘Ainahou is one of the usual trees. ‘Ainahou is one of the only places in Hawaii Volcanoes Na tional Park where non-native plants are protected. Herbert Shipman was one of Hawaii’s first horticultural specialists. He raised orchids in the back garden of the ranch house by hydroponic tech niques, and planted orchards of un usual trees. ‘Ainahou is one of the


Alana McKinney, ‘Ainahou Friends Chairperson