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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.



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President's Message ~ Ab Valenica

E welina... e na hoalauna,

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. I

was fortunate to be able to attend the APPL annual convention in Denver, Colorado in February 2008, where new friendships were made with other park groups and associations. It was also an important time to learn about many aspects of governance, risk management and institute building.

As you may know, the Friends, in 2008, embarked on a mission to create the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute, which is a direct outgrowth of the field seminars that the Friends have sponsored in the park for many years. One of the many groups I met at the APPL convention in Denver, in February 2008 was the people and staff of the Yellowstone Association, who have a highly successful educational field institute program in Yellowstone National Park. In May, 2008, with the help of Cindy Orlando and HVNP, I was able to visit Yellowstone National Park to meet again with Jeff Brown, Educational Director of Yellowstone Association, and his staff in order to gather information, get advice and guidance on

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Institute 2009 Programs

- Hiking Subalpine/Alpine Wilderness – March 21
- Kahuku Photo: Expedition I—March 28
- "National Park Service's Chief Historian" – April 14
- After Dark in the Park—May 5
- Historic Chapters in Resource Management—May 6
- Basic Birding Techniques—May 9
- Hiking Park History—May 18-20

A Strong Start for Hawaii Volcanoes Institute

~Brian Lux

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'ū 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-

Strong Start for Volcanoes Institute — continued

cles in the publications listed above. Visit our redesigned website at www.fhvn.org to see our 2009 Institute programs.

A cooperative effort with Hawai'i Forest & Trail offered the *Holoholo Hualālai* adventure in early February that was filled to capacity, had to be expanded, and created a waitlist sufficient to begin planning another Holoholo trip in the fall.

The *Holoholo Hualālai* is a program that epitomizes what the Institute series can do. Institute programs are designed to appeal to residents from all parts of this island, from neighbor islands, and these experiences foster interaction with visitors. The Hualālai expedition touched on cultural, historical, biological, and geological resources of Hawai'i.

Attendees at this program included 20% who call the mainland home, 10% from neighbor islands, with the remaining 70% split between the East and West sides of our Island.

We were also fortunate to have our Vice-President Nick Shema share a comprehensive overview of Hawai'i's birds at HVI's first educational program in January, 2009. Later that month an intriguing and informative mushroom hunt was led by noted mycologist Don Hemmes.

Participant evaluations for these programs have been uniformly positive. These first three Institute programs, attended by over 80 people, were profitable, exceeding budget expectations. Institute programs that fill and have waiting lists indicate

that we have created a quality product. With thoughtful marketing, good value, strong community partnerships and ongoing support we are confident that we have viable educational

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 ainahou2@aol.com or inquire at the Friends' office, (808) 985-7373, and visit our website at www.fhvn.org

President's Message — continued

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 important information for the formation of our Institute and had the enormous pleasure of seeing Yellowstone 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 Cultural Festival at Kahuku, Celebration of the Paniolo, the Friends' annual meeting at 'Ainahou where new board members were elected and Public Lands Day in September and a special fundraising event in December at the Volcano House where the Friends were introduced to Julie Dunfey, 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 the media present, including representatives from KHET, Hawai'i Public Broadcasting. Please visit our rebuilt website at fhvn.org for more information on the Institute and other Friends' activities.

And so... *e na hoalauna*, we begin 2009 with renewed efforts to continue 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 -- locally, statewide and nationally. But, as Friends we stand together in the verdant beauty of our wondrous, fragile and living park gazing outward to a horizon where challenges and opportunities arise like the sun of a new day.



Juanita hard at work at 'Ainahou

I am honored to serve you and I am grateful for all of us who have passion for our park, for the many, many individual helping hands, hearts and minds who have come together as Friends to volunteer, to educate and teach others to become stewards of this very special, sacred place... *ka wahi kapu o ka lua o Pele* – our Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

With great respect and humility,

'O wau no me ka ha'aha'a,

New & Renewing Members: January—March 2009—continued

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

Recent activities

On November 29th 17 Friends volunteers, including 7 from Hilo High, joined Susan Dale for a planting project on the Mauna Loa strip. We planted pilo, 'a'ali'i, 'ohi'a, naio, olopua, mamaki, ho'awa, 'akala and mamane in a gap below Kipuka Ki 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 seedlings 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 Kipuka Ki to get to this site we were able to point out a variety of interesting native plants and enjoy the mature manele (soapberry) forest.

On January 31st, 2009, we started a

new invasive plant removal project. We are working along the Crater Rim Trail east of Chain of Craters road. This is an area of mature 'ohi'a 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 killing 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 'ohi'a-faya forest to create a buffer to keep the guava, gin-

ger, 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 Kahuku unit to make participation easier for our Ka'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.

The Park and the Friends Collaborations Prove Success

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

The Friends Institute is an excellent extension of our Park Mission. We are delighted with the fundraising on December 21 with Julie Dunfey the 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 Kahuku 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 rich and ever changing media contacts. Norrie Judd has been working with the Institute to keep the seminars on the Park Website. The Aniahou team works closely with Kathleen 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 and coaching for the Friends interpretation of Aniahou with Alana McKinney, Marilyn Nicholson, Marta Lepes, Lanaya and Richard Deily and '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'Neil-Naeole, Joni Mae Makuakane-Jarrell and Rowan Hill all work closely together. All park employees enjoy Ab 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 rich tapestry of our collaborative work. We are all looking forward to the work Esther Kwon Ari-naga has done for our Park and Friends enrichment retreat this March 13 and 14!

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 provide annual and unique educational programs and events that enrich visitor and community experiences within the Park. The funds raised via these programs support Park projects such as interpretive signage, Junior Ranch programming, and more. However, as of 2009, the Programs Committee that once offered field seminars 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 to the attention of the FHVNP Board by Cindy Orlando, Superintendent of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The prospect of viewing original clips and segments 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, provide an insightful introduction at the presentation held in the auditorium of the Kilauea 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 Volcanoes National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. On that day, there were many different ways to participate. Volunteers helped to remove invasive plant species, out-plant Hawaiian indigenous species, promote Friends' membership and T-shirt sales, and solicit funds at the main entry gate to the Park. On Public Lands Day, the Park generously waived the normal entry fees, encouraging Park visitors to donate funds originally intended as the entry fee to the Friends, instead. The response of visitors was enthusiastic 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 Center; the Volcano Community Association; and the Friends.

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 activities, 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 and support of many 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, resources, monies, humor, or hands-on effort. The dedicated souls are too numerous to list here, but one only needs to review 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.

'AINAHOU RANCH: THE BEGINNING OF THE HAWAII VOLCANOES INSTITUTE AND THE FRIENDS OF HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK ~Alana McKinney, 'Ainahou Friends Chairperson

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 1941 was being torn apart and was slated to be burned down after 1993. A few historically-minded people assembled a group determined to stop this destruction. Thus started the Friends of 'Ainahou or "Na Ho Aloha 'Ainahou".

Shipman left his ranch in 1969 when the Mauna Ulu vent began to erupt just uphill of his property. The ash floating downwind in the air was so thick that Shipman's cattle could not drink the water beneath the ash and cinders floating in their water troughs. Shipman invoked the "Escape" clause in his Bernice P. Bishop Estate 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 upkeep Shipman's beautifully landscaped grounds. Very tall grass and hundreds of invasive trees had grown in around the sides of the buildings. 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, sixteen 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 that "Na Hoaloha 'Ainahou" was a 501-C3 and its bylaws were incorporated by the State of Hawaii.

A Cooperative Agreement between the "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 1998-1999 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 the home of many endangered Hawaiian geese, the nēnē. The nēnē feed on tender shoots of new grass after the grass is mowed. Shipman is credited with having helped to bring the nēnē back from the edge of extinction. He rescued his remaining flock of birds from his home in Keauu after the destruction of the 1946 tsunami, taking some geese to 'Ainahou and sending other nēnē to England which resulted in the English Wild Fowl Trust. He again rescued his 'Ainahou flock during the eruption in 1969 when he carried his geese down through Kipuka Nēnē and then up through the Hilina Pali Road after the Chain of Craters Road was severed by the flow.

'Ainahou has a very dedicated group of Friends' volunteers who work on the landscaping. Trails have been re-cleared along fencelines and hundreds of trees and plants that are now listed on the Cultural Landscape Report are protected.



Alana and Marilyn cleaning orchids at 'Ainahou Ranch

Herbert Shipman was one of Hawaii's first horticultural specialists. He raised orchids in the back garden of the ranch house by hydroponic techniques, and planted orchards of unusual trees. 'Ainahou is one of the only places in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park where non-native plants are protected. He started cymbidium orchids that have since naturalized throughout the area, and outplanted many Cork Oak trees that have recently been restored by the Friends. They are now regrowing the acorns that have fallen from the branches to the ground. Hopefully these will replace some of the oaks that have died from neglect. Each week botanical surprises are unearthed.

The Hawaii Volcanoes Institute and the Friends of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, both of which began as 'Ainahou Ranch has become one of those very special and important places in the Park. Visits and tours of 'Ainahou will again start in July.

Next issue: More historical notes on 'Ainahou.