



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Strategic Plan Adopted

Through the generous grant support of the Hawai'i Community Foundation, FHVNP conducted our first strategic planning retreat in October 2009 and produced our first strategic plan in June 2010. This effort helped to better define our vision, mission, and values (shared below) as well as to identify and define goals and objectives to achieve them.

VISION

Ka 'a o ka 'aina – The life of the land. We envision a park with a cultural and natural native ecosystem where all visitors experience a profound connection to the unique physical and spiritual beauty of the Island of Hawai'i.

MISSION

'Ike honua – Value of place. We 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.

VALUES

'Ike pono – Quality. We strive for excellence in our support of the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Quality in all our efforts is our fundamental objective.

Hana laulima – Stewardship. We maintain an enduring commitment to preserve, conserve, restore, and care for our natural resources and cultural heritage for future generations.

'Imi na'auao – Education. We are committed to providing experiential education for the people of Hawai'i and visitors through transformative experiences that connect people to nature and to the host culture.

2010 Annual Meeting at Kahuku

For the first time, FHVNP holds our members-only Annual Meeting at the Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Join us on Saturday, September 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an exciting day of meet and greet, the board of directors election, and your choice of three special field trips. (The gate opens at 9 a.m. if you care to come early to explore on your own.)

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 welcome! So we can have an accurate count for the catered lunch, make sure to RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 8. We are also looking into the possibility of chartering a bus to transport people from Volcano to Kahuku—please let us know ASAP if you'd be interested in such a service.

Park and gather inside the Kahuku gate near the ranch buildings. Boots, long pants, and protective gear for sun or rain are recommended. Smoke only in vehicles and scrub your shoes to prevent the spread of invasives.

Members-Only Field Trips

Members are invited to join in one of the following three field experiences:

TREASURED TALES OF KAHUKU: Explore the stories of the lucky ones who survived on the active rift zone of Mauna Loa. Join a ranger on an exploration of an emerging native forest as it winds past 1868 volcanic vents and flows. Experience how people lived on the vast Kahuku lands as early Hawaiians and later ranchers. Learn about Kahuku's history of violent earthquakes and eruptions. 2 hours + 2½ miles of hiking through pastures, quarry, airstrip, and extraordinary 1868 lava fields.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, September 11

Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

*(entrance between mile markers 70 & 71
on the mauka side of Highway 11)*

- 11:00 a.m. Check-in (renew membership if needed)
- 11:30 a.m. Recognition of outgoing board members & volunteers by Ab Valencia, plus speakers Cindy Orlando & Jim Gale
- 12:00 noon Catered lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Election of new board
- 1:00 p.m. Members-only, ranger-guided field trips
- 3:00 p.m. Kahuku Unit closes

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 8

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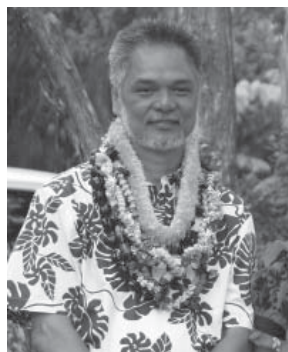
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OUR MISSION

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



E welina, aloha mai e nā hoalauna,
Greetings, dear Friends,

Our organization moves forward with each passing month, with each passing season. The activities of the volcanic life force of this island ecology that we have chosen to inhabit and co-exist with—the forces of renewal, decay, rebuilding, and sometimes destruction—are clearly made evident to all who visit our park. They are evident to anyone who lives or visits any of the islands of Hawai'i. The impact of the volcano is felt by all.

This big picture of our islands is refocused down to smaller images of the people, places, plants, and creatures that we share our lives with here on Hawai'i island. As Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park we are fortunate to be able to be a positive part of our environment, and hopefully we can provide a positive experience for all those, visitors and residents alike, who come to view the majesty of our living park.

The picture of the strength of our organization is reflected in our members. It is, after all, people who create positive experiences, who give their time and talents to make experiences in the park something bigger. People share joy, exhilaration, wonder, and sometimes just plain, simple pleasure with other people.

To these people—our members, volunteers, many partners, community members, dedicated staff, and especially FHVNP's Board of Directors—I offer my humblest mahalo to all of you for being part of a positive experience. Thank you for continuing to provide positive experiences to our visitors; for providing a positive environment for all things, big and small; and for providing positive growth for our organization and our park.

Our journey positively continues. As an organization we have mapped a new strategic

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Superintendent's Message

We are now five years closer to the centennial of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. While the Friends have been out in front with volunteers, stewardship, and restoration projects, the park has been behind the scenes procuring the funding for improved facilities and other infrastructure that will take us into the next century. This past year has seen major enhancements through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act with upgraded front country trails, and miles of ungulate-control fencing (over 10 miles at Kahuku alone), and a new Visitor Emergency Operations Center (VEOC). Critically important, the VEOC will allow us to consolidate all of our emergency services and functions into one command center, better serving our visitors and the local communities during natural disasters. We are striving for a Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification for this project and are very close to that designation.



Many of you know that we are soliciting for a new concession contract at the Volcano House, and we hope a selection for that operation will be made within the next 60 days. Thus begins a new era for what was once one of the premier dining and lodging facilities not only on Hawai'i Island but within the state as well. This era brings with it promises of a facility and services of that stature again. Removal of the 'Ōhi'a Wing from the contract land assignment provides the park the opportunity to celebrate the history of the building and restore that structure. Our goal is conversion of the 'Ōhi'a Wing to a museum that will highlight both park history and culture as well as display the park's art collection. Stay tuned, as this exciting project will afford many opportunities for FHVNP members to become involved.

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Institute News

The Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute trained our first cohort of Institute Ambassadors who, upon completion of CPR/First Aid certification, will be ready to start assisting us on future Institute programs. We were excited to have FHVNP board member Rosemary Schatzlein take part in this training, as well as Laura Williams, Volunteer Program Manager at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Additional community participants Steve Bauer, Rob McGovern, and Susan McGovern rounded out a highly qualified group.

All participants learned many of the nuts and bolts of being an Institute Ambassador, including crisis intervention techniques. A special thanks to park rangers Jim Gale (who provided an introduction to the trainees), Mardie Lane (who provided risk management background information), and Arnold Nakata (for his two-way radio training according to park standards).

This fall, check out FHVNP's website for details about our first Institute Afloat program, which will bring institute programming to a cruise ship over a buffet lunch. We are also excited about another partnership with Hawai'i Forest & Trail during our hike at Waipi'o (see right).

If you would like to volunteer for the institute, have programming ideas, or would like to support the institute as a corporate sponsor, please email INSTITUTE@FHVNP.ORG.

—BRIAN LUX, INSTITUTE COORDINATOR

Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute – Fall Programs



WAIPI'O VALLEY RIM HIKE

Saturday, September 25
7:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$110 FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS
\$150 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Witness the majesty of Waipi'o—Valley of the Kings. Hike over 1,000 feet above the valley floor on an historic trail that reveals inspiring views of two rivers, thriving taro farms, ocean vistas, native forest, and numerous waterfalls, including an awe-inspiring view of world-renowned Hi'ilawe Falls.

This exclusive three mile rim hike leaves from and returns to Parker Ranch Center in Waimea. Tuition includes a deli-style lunch with dessert and beverages.

This exciting hike is led by our partners at Hawai'i Forest & Trail, whose guides are among the best-trained and most experienced in the eco-tourism business. Each guide has a broad understanding of the areas we will visit and is eager to share her/his knowledge of these special island sites.



FINDING MUSHROOMS WITH DON HEMMES

Saturday, October 23
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$35 FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS
\$55 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Spend a morning in the coastal *Casuarina* (Australian pine, or ironwood) groves at MacKenzie State Recreation Area with mushroom expert Don Hemmes. Find and identify fascinating and often spectacular specimens, which could include *Geastrum pectinatum* (beaked earthstars), the deadly poisonous *Amanita marmorata*, or perhaps a fairy ring of *Gymnopus menehune*.

Don provides an overview of various introduced and endemic species one might expect to find in this ocean-side habitat. Then the search begins! After locating and collecting, we compare and learn about the mushrooms found.

An award-winning teacher and researcher, Dr. Don Hemmes is a Professor of Biology and Chair of the Natural Sciences at University of Hawai'i at Hilo, past President of the Mycological Society of America, and co-author of the highly acclaimed field guide Mushrooms of Hawai'i.

INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND!

INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND allows your group (of four or more) 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 Friends members with a park visit that is truly unique, or to provide visitors with an unforgettable experience.

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

To register, call (808) 985-7373 or visit WWW.FHVNP.ORG

To learn more about our upcoming fall and winter institute programs, check our website periodically for new listings, such as the Nov. 6 "Partners in Protection"

Volunteers + Forest Restoration = Species Recovery

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER FOREST RESTORATION PROJECTS

- Saturday, September 25
(part of National Public Lands Day)
- Saturday, October 23
- Saturday, November 27

Come join us for a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the park while helping to make it even better!

for the federally-listed endangered 'ākepa, 'akiapōlā'au, and Hawaiian Creeper and as potential habitat for reintroduction of the critically endangered 'alalā, or Hawaiian crow (currently bred only in captivity).

In anticipation of cattle removal, four 10-acre enclosures were constructed to keep out grazing animals and evaluate recovery of native forest in different areas within the grazed pasture. Sites differ in elevation, rainfall, past land use, and proximity to native forest.

Successful forest recovery may depend on effectively reducing common barriers to growth, including competition with alien grasses. Three methods were tested for temporarily removing alien pasture grasses: 1) herbicide, 2) soil turnover using a Caterpillar D4 bulldozer with ripping attachment, and 3) herbicide plus soil turnover. Some areas were left untreated for comparison.

Reforestation at Kahuku

With the Friends' annual meeting being held at Kahuku this year (see page 1), this is the perfect opportunity to describe the preliminary work that has been done on reforestation at the Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

For the past five years, the park's Natural Resources Management division has experimented with techniques to restore native koa-ōhi'a forest in the cattle pastures at Kahuku. There are approximately 7,400 acres of cattle pastures which were formerly mesic-wet koa-ōhi'a forest. When the park acquired Kahuku, only large, old individuals of native 'ōhi'a and koa trees remained in parts of the pasture, along with small forest remnants that were slowly disappearing under continued pressure from ungulates (cattle, mouflon sheep, pigs) that trample or eat seedlings, knock down saplings, and strip the bark of trees.

Based on relic tree stands and undisturbed forest vegetation in the bottom of pit craters, these forest remnants are comprised of a rich variety of species, including several that are rare and endangered. Native forest birds 'i'iwi, 'apapane, and 'amakihi are observed in forest remnants; and the forest adjoining the cattle pasture is identified as habitat



Koa recovery (left) takes place inside fenced enclosures at Kahuku

Since forest recovery may also be limited by a depleted seedbank and limited seed dispersal, the park is testing which species can be re-established through seed additions or planting nursery reared seedlings. Across the four sites the park broadcast 875,000 seeds of four common native species. In addition, over 10,000 seedlings were planted including koa, 'ōlapa, pilo, kōlea, māmaki, and hō'awa.

Friends' volunteers have held five projects at Kahuku to support this work.

Forest Restoration Projects

From February to August, FHVNP's Forest Restoration Committee (co-chaired by board members Nancy Chaney, Mark Johnson, and Patty Kupchak) has hosted seven Forest Restoration Projects in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. During this time, 135 volunteers have put in 560 hours on forest restoration. New volunteers continue to arrive on each project day along with long-standing members and some enthusiastic, newer members and volunteers who are starting to become regulars.

VIEW PICTURES OF SOME FOREST RESTORATION PROJECTS

[HTTP://PICASAWEB.GOOGLE.COM/FHVNP.FORESTRESTORATION](http://PICASAWEB.GOOGLE.COM/FHVNP.FORESTRESTORATION)

We made three trips (February, April, and July) into the Keanakakoi Special Ecological Area to remove the highly invasive *Morella faya*. Since we had not worked in this area for two years, many trees had grown two to four or more inches in diameter. These faya required determined saw work from volunteers to cut down and treat with herbicide. During these three projects, we removed 1,563 faya, 43 blackberry, 31 strawberry guava, and three kahili ginger plants. Best of all, we have now finished sweeping the area. If we make it through the area every year or two, it will greatly assist the park crew in controlling the faya population.



A tired but satisfied faya removal crew



Clearing around native seedlings at Kahuku

Volunteers spent a pleasant day in March at the Kahuku unit of the park locating native plants and clearing vegetation around them as part of a project studying control methods of pasture grass, a vigorous plant competitor. That project is working with the University of Hawai'i Extension Service to improve grass removal methods.

In May there was a period of rain and we were able to help with one project to add native under-story species diversity in the koa forest on the Mauna Loa strip. We planted 348 'a'ali'i, hō'awa, and māmane.



Demonstration of planting and mulching

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President's Message

plan to move us forward (see page 1). We are seeking new grant and funding sources, new ways and techniques to provide better services to our park, and more opportunities for volunteerism, education, and philanthropy. The strength and conviction of our organization lies in the people who are working to protect, preserve, and promote Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park—to "Connect People with the Park."

I look back and say "Thank you" to all those who faced the challenges of our organization; who discussed, debated, and sometimes disagreed; who came out to volunteer for our many projects and activities; who gave of their time and talent; and who donated, in all manner of generosity, to our cause. *Mahalo a nui loa. Imua kākou!*

'O wau o me ka ha'aha'ā,
—AB VALENCIA, BOARD PRESIDENT

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Annual Meeting

CHORUS OF THE CRATER:

Scientists restore native forests by modeling life in a pit crater. Learn from the park's experiments on what methods work best to restore the forest in wet versus dry areas of Kahuku when protected from hooved animals. Join a park scientist for short walks to experimental plots. Drive to a huge forested pit crater. Peer over the steep sides and immerse yourself in the chorus of the crater's endemic plants and animals. 2 hours + ¼ miles of walking (over uneven terrain).

RAINFOREST REMNANTS:

Venture through the scenic pastures of Kahuku to a remnant of a primeval native Hawaiian rain forest. Journey through time as you hike to a forested pit crater on a path through Kahuku's ancient and historic landscapes. This ranger-led hike leads through pastures peppered with koa and 'ōhi'a-lehua trees to the edge of a great collapsed crater formed during the epic eruption of Mauna Loa in 1868. 2 hours + 2½ miles of hiking.

Slate of Candidates

We bid a fond farewell to four board members whose terms expire at the September 11 annual meeting—Carol Bebb, Paul Morgan, Rosemary Schatzlein, and Nick Shema—as well as four resigning board members: Mark Johnson, Patty Kupchak, Márta Lépes, and Ann C. Peterson. Continuing their terms are Melanie Baca, Natalie Pfeifer, and Ab Valencia.

Our 2010-2011 slate of candidates includes three board members up for re-election—Nancy Chaney, Diana Kelley, and Marilyn Nicholson—and two new board candidates standing for election for the first time: 1) Linda Clinton, a long-time volunteer and the Association Bookkeeper at Day-Lum Rentals & Management, and 2) Patrick Naughton, who holds degrees in Geography, Higher Education, and Geography and has been an executive and development director.

Forest Restoration Donations

We continue to solicit cash and in-kind donations to help the park's forest restoration work. To date in 2010 we have received nearly \$350. Thank you to all our participants who have contributed! Supporters may also donate online through the Friends' website.

MAKE A DONATION FOR FOREST RESTORATION

visit WWW.FHVNP.ORG,
click on the "Donate" button,
choose "Forest Restoration,"
then select the amount
you'd like to contribute

Long-time forest restoration supporter Martin LeDuc (see page 8) has also given an in-kind donation of 22 hand-created metal picks. These are much sturdier than store-bought picks whose handles and heads frequently break. Thanks, Martin!

—NANCY CHANEY, MARK JOHNSON,
PATTY KUPCHAK, CO-CHAIRS,
FOREST RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Help Raise \$3,000 For Native Species

The Friends needs your help to raise \$1,000 apiece to protect the native Hawaiian forest, Hawaiian goose, and Hawksbill turtle. Please donate today and help us reach our goal of \$3,000 for native species protection by December 31, 2010. Go to WWW.FHVNP.ORG and click on "Donate" to get started.

NATIVE FOREST	Raised: \$348	Still Needed: \$652
NĒNĒ	Still Needed: \$1,000	
HONU 'EA	Still Needed: \$1,000	

Native Hawaiian Forest



Nearly one-third of all the endangered plant species listed in Hawai'i occur in koa tree forests. The protection and perpetuation of Hawai'i's unique biological heritage depends on removing non-native species and planting natives.

- \$20 buys the pots, soil, and fertilizer necessary to grow 100 native plant seedlings such as koa, 'ōhi'a, 'ōlapa, and 'iliahi.
- \$50 purchases tools essential to establish plants in the forest, including shovels, picks, and water backpacks.
- \$100 enables park staff to propagate and plant rare and critically endangered plants such as hau kuahiwi (*Hibiscadelphus*), hāhā (*Cyanea*), and jeweled orchids.
- \$200 provides a stipend for a volunteer for 1 month to propagate, nurture, and plant native seedlings.

Nēnē (Hawaiian Goose)



The endangered nēnē (*Branta sandvicensis*) is the rarest goose in the world. Since being reintroduced to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in 1974, the park's nēnē population has grown from a handful of captive breeding pairs to over 200 wild individuals.

- \$20 buys 2 bags of feed essential for injured birds in rehabilitation and for goslings without access to good nutrition.
- \$100 provides a stipend for 2 weeks of volunteer time.
- \$350 provides a stipend and housing for a volunteer for 1 month.
- \$1,400 provides a stipend and housing for a volunteer for 4 months during the critical nesting season.

Honu 'ea (Hawksbill Turtle)



The honu 'ea is a critically endangered species. In the U.S. Pacific, hawksbill turtles nest only on the beaches of the main Hawaiian Islands, primarily along the southern coast of the Island of Hawai'i. Without human help, the honu 'ea will likely disappear forever this century.

- \$20 supports 2 nights of field monitoring and protection of nesting turtles.
- \$100 provides the equipment and supplies for volunteers to camp at a nesting beach.
- \$200 supports a volunteer for 1 month to monitor and protect nesting beaches.
- \$500 enables purchase of enough predator-proof nest enclosure materials to protect eggs during incubation for the duration of the 6 month nesting season.

Business & Corporate Members Sought

Business Membership

FHVNP seeks local, national, and international businesses and corporations to join our non-profit organization.

There are six levels of business membership from which to choose:

- Small Business - Bronze (\$250-\$499)
- Small Business - Silver (\$500-\$999)
- Small Business - Gold (\$1,000-\$1,499)
- Corporate - Bronze (\$1,500-\$2,499)
- Corporate - Silver (\$2,500-\$4,999)
- Corporate - Gold (\$5,000 or more)

Please let us know if your company or a business you know might be interested in joining the Friends! We will gladly send our special business membership form and packet.

Benefits for Businesses

Benefits for "Small Business" and "Corporate" members include:

- Acknowledgement on our Web site
- Acknowledgement in our newsletter
- Subscription to our newsletter
- Membership certificate suitable for public display
- Public recognition at our annual meeting
- Early email notification of all programs & events
- Invitations to members-only events

Small business owners also receive the same benefits as an individual member (see next page). For "Corporate" members, we can work with you to design a custom program to meet your company's needs and to benefit your management team, employees, and/or clients.

To find out more call (808) 985-7373 or visit [HTTP://WWW.FHVNP.ORG/MEMBERSBUSINESS.HTML](http://WWW.FHVNP.ORG/MEMBERSBUSINESS.HTML)

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of the Friends
to receive the following...



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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
- ✓ A Friends logo decal
- ✓ Discounts on Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute programs
- ✓ Discounts on Friends merchandise
- ✓ 15% discount on all non-sale items at Hawai'i Natural History Association (HNHA) 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 OR a short-sleeve Friends T-shirt
- ✓ The book *Fire on the Rim*
- ✓ Public recognition at our annual meeting

BENEFACTOR MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE:

- ✓ All of the above, plus...
- ✓ A Friends cap OR 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 & Haleakalā National Parks & Pu'uuhonua O Hōnaunau National Historic Site*)

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I want to become a **new member**

I want to **renew my membership**

I want to give a **gift membership**

- at this level:
- \$15 **STUDENT** *K-12 & college with valid student I.D.*
- \$30 **INDIVIDUAL**
- \$45 **FAMILY** *2 adults plus dependents 18 & under*
- \$125 **SPONSOR**
- \$500 **BENEFACTOR**
- \$1,000 **PATRON**
- \$_____ **OTHER** *Any amount above \$30 welcome for membership*

I want to make a one-time donation of \$_____

I want to make a monthly pledge of \$_____

Today's Date _____

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Check enclosed (*make payable to FHVNP & mail to: P.O. Box 653, Volcano, HI 96785*)

Please charge my debit or credit card:

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration _____

Signature _____

For SPONSOR & higher levels, my T-shirt size is:

Small Medium Large X-Large

I prefer NOT to receive any premiums

Please contact me about **volunteering** in these areas:

- Forest Restoration
- Assisting at Seminars
- Assisting at Public Events
- Office Assistance & Mailings
- Computer Work
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising

Volunteer Profiles – Two Malahini Who Love to Help



***MARTIN LEDUC** has volunteered with the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park since 2006. He attends most of the Forest Restoration Projects and has donated 22 small picks he hand-created for volunteers to use. Martin also volunteers to solicit donations at the park entrance for National Public Lands Day, to staff the Friends' table at the park's Annual Cultural Festival, and to help out with the July 4th Silent Auction—from setting up to selling logo wear. This year, Martin also helped process the recycling generated at the 30th Annual Cultural Festival. Mahalo nui loa for your gung-ho attitude and willingness to contribute in so many areas!*

What brought you to the island?

I moved to this area over six years ago when I became disabled. I have always found the ocean to be healing and the climate here allows me to get more from everyday life.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Michigan and have some early memories there, but most of my school years were in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach in California in the late 1950s and all of the 1960s.

When, how, and why did you first get involved with the Friends?

About three or four years ago I joined the Friends on either the Fourth of July or on a farmers market day at Cooper Center. I have been volunteering since then—as the opportunities arise and as I'm able.

What is one of your favorite places in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park?

I like the Thurston Lava Tube for

many reasons. I've walked laps there over the years and it offers good therapy—stairs up and down, inclines, and a very pleasant walk. It reminds me of a Möbius, the sign for infinity, with the way it loops. On many occasions I have taken pictures of other visitors, imagining that when they get home I gave them one of their few photos when they were all in the picture. I'm easily amused.

What is one of your favorite plants, birds, or other creatures found in the park?

I love it all but in particular I marvel at the hapu'u as the compound helix enters each season.

What is one of your favorite other national parks or wilderness areas (anywhere in the world)?

After countless visits in well over 50 years and the diverse experiences of so many sights, one of my all-time favorites is Pipestone National Monument in southwest Minnesota. In prehistoric times it was a place

where tribal warfare was not practiced and has the same spiritual cleansing quality as the City of Refuge does here on the Big Isle.

Besides volunteering for the Friends, what else you do with your time—jobs, family, career, hobbies, etc.?

Any reason to get on or in the water will work for me. I also enjoy volunteering at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center. Retirement is great, and retirement here is even better.

My pets are all volunteers who have chosen my home as their own. Three cats are sleeping so I can answer email while the poi dogs in the yard will probably be okay until dinner time.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Both the Friends and 'Imiloa have given me an opportunity to understand and learn the islands' nature, history, culture, and customs—with no end in sight.

To volunteer, call (808) 985-7373 or email VOLUNTEER@FHVNP.ORG

HELP NEEDED — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands Day is a special fundraising event for the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. We station volunteers at the park entrance to solicit donations from visitors to help raise revenues for our many projects that support the park.

We also have a booth by the Kilauea Visitor Center selling our logo wear and giving out information about the Friends.

To sign up for a two-hour shift either at the park entrance or at our booth, please call (808) 985-7373 or email VOLUNTEER@FHVNP.ORG.



CAROL JOHNSON has been a Friends' volunteer for the past five years. The majority of her volunteer time is spent removing invasive species and planting natives during Forest Restoration Projects, which occur about once a month. Carol's husband, Mark Johnson, has been a Friends' board member since 2007, and chairs the Forest Restoration Committee. Carol has also staffed the Friends' table at the Annual Cultural Festival, asked for donations at the park entrance gate, helped clean up or set up the Annual Meeting, and participated in National Public Lands Day. We thank you for everything you do!

What brought you to the island?

A visit to Hilo and Volcano in 1979 sparked interest in someday moving here. Six years ago the big move was made after living in Oregon many years.

Where were you born and raised?

The San Francisco Bay Area.

When, how, and why did you first get involved with the Friends?

I got involved back in 2005. My husband and I became regular attendees of the seminars, which introduced us to some of the many wonderful features in the park. Membership included the newsletter, introducing us to even more activities.

What is one of your favorite places in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park?

All areas of the park are my favorite places including Kahuku. Any place where there is a natural diversity of native plants and wildlife.

What is one of your favorite plants, birds, or other creatures found in the park?

The *Clermontia* plants have a large flower that is curved to match the curved bill of birds such as the

'i'iwi. There is beauty and also a food source for birds.

What is one of your favorite other national parks or wilderness areas (anywhere in the world)?

Lassen Volcanic and Yellowstone tie for my favorite national parks. There is such beautiful scenery and geology in each park. The sulfur banks and mud pots are always favorite spots to visit.

Besides volunteering for the Friends, what else you do with your time—jobs, family, career, hobbies, etc.?

I volunteer with the park's Natural Resources Management nursery one or two days a week. It compliments the work of the Friends' Forest Restoration Program and helps me learn how to transform my yard into a native plant haven.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I enjoy seeing new things and being outdoors. My calendar this year has a quote from John Muir that reflects on my volunteer work: "When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

— Staffing a table at Sunday morning Volcano Village Farmers Market

- **Commitment:** at least once a month from 6 - 10 ^{am}
- **Ideal Candidate:** early riser, outgoing, can handle sales and inventory
- **Entails:** selling Friends merchandise, soliciting memberships, answering questions

— Staffing a table at Tuesday evening After Dark in the Park programs

- **Commitment:** at least once a month from 6:30 - 8 ^{pm}
- **Ideal Candidate:** friendly, outgoing, can handle sales and inventory
- **Entails:** selling Friends merchandise, soliciting memberships, answering questions

— Posting event flyers throughout East Hawai'i

- **Commitment:** once a month, times flexible
- **Ideal Candidate:** self-directed, physically active, with own car and insurance
- **Entails:** posting flyers at bulletin boards and locations from Volcano to Hilo

— Co-Chairing the Volunteer Committee

- **Commitment:** need varies, times flexible
- **Ideal Candidate:** friendly and comfortable contacting, assigning, and supervising volunteers
- **Entails:** assisting the Volunteer Committee Chair solicit and coordinate volunteers for various tasks and events

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FHVNP offers big thanks to the following donors who generously contributed goods and services to our annual July 4th Silent Auction at Cooper Center in Volcano Village. This year, we had 212 items up for bid from 104 businesses and individuals. Auction items included snorkel adventures, cruises, overnight stays, bodywork, retail and restaurant gift certificates, admission tickets, gourmet food and drink, jewelry, fine arts, books, crafts, and much more. The 2010 fundraiser grossed over \$7,000 in auction sales, cash donations, memberships, and merchandise sales combined. These contributions help support the work of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, as well as the Volcano Community Association and the Cooper Center Council, to provide services to the community throughout the year.

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Superintendent's Message

While these physical improvements are long overdue and important to providing safe and efficient visitor services, expanding educational opportunities that increase interest in and support for the park is at the forefront of our next century vision. The Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute has been a catalyst for growth in scope of FHVNP's programs, vision, and membership—and it is a partnership the park cannot afford to lose.

As in 1916 when the park was established, the diversity of accomplishments then is mirrored by your efforts today in many different arenas. From the park staff, our deepest mahalo for all that the Friends have generously given. We look forward to working towards our next 100 years together.

—CINDY ORLANDO, PARK SUPERINTENDENT

Your HI-5 Containers Can Benefit FHVNP!

Take your HI-5 containers to any of The Arc of Hilo operated Redemption Centers, tell them you want to donate your refund to the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (FHVNP), and we'll be sent a check for your contribution. Just bring eligible HI-5 deposit beverage containers to any of The Arc's 10 Certified Redemption Centers and FHVNP will receive 5¢ for each container you return. If you drop off your containers after hours, simply attach a note that states you want to donate your containers to "Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park."

Arc Redemption Centers open 8^{am} - 4:30^{pm} (closed 1-1:30^{pm} for lunch)

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Join us for National Public Lands Day

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park celebrates NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY (NPLD) on Saturday, September 25 with free park admission, volunteer opportunities galore, and the second annual DM•X Film Festival (see right).

NPLD is a special fundraising event for the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. We station volunteers at the park entrance to solicit donations from visitors to help raise revenues for our many projects that support the park. We also have a booth by the Kilauea Visitor Center selling our logo wear and giving out information about the Friends. To sign up for a two-hour shift either at the park entrance or at our booth, please call (808) 985-7373 or email VOLUNTEER@FHVNP.ORG.

NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance our public lands. You can make a difference in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park by joining rangers on one of the volunteer projects taking place that day. Planned at the Kilauea summit, Kahuku, and various other areas of the park, projects may include seed collection, planting, landscaping, and non-native plant removal. Please watch for more info in mid-September via email or the media, then sign up with park Volunteer Program Manager Laura Williams at (808) 985-6304 or LAURA_WILLIAMS@NPS.GOV.

DIGITAL MOUNTAIN: IT'S MY PARK! FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 25 at 6:00 PM
Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium

The second annual Digital Mountain (DM•X) Film Festival is under way! Students in grades 7-12 have been busy this summer writing, filming, editing, and submitting movies entitled "It's My Park!" Each film explains why this Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is important to the film maker. The movies are as varied and creative as the film makers.

The films will be posted on [HTTP://DMHAWAII.WORDPRESS.COM/](http://DMHAWAII.WORDPRESS.COM/) by Sept. 8. Please visit the site to vote for your favorite. Prizes for the winning film makers include MacBook laptops and Olympus digital cameras.

The gala film festival to premier the films on the "big screen" will be held in conjunction with National Public Lands Day (see left). You are invited to meet the young film makers, watch their movies, vote on your favorite film, eat some cake, and celebrate the accomplishments of these talented youth. Awards are announced at the event.

DM•X is sponsored by Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, the National Park Foundation, Friends of the Future, KapohoKine Adventures, Hawai'i Forest & Trail, and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

**For more info on DM•X, call Laura Williams at (808) 985-6304
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