



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

New Donation Categories Benefit Native Species

The Friends Web site now features a new page just for donations. Go to www.fhvnp.org and click on the "Donate" button to see what's new. You can make a general donation to benefit the Friends work on behalf of the park, or target your donation to help the park's koa-ōhi'a forests or "flagship" species: Hawaiian geese or hawksbill turtles.

Plant a Tree, Grow a Forest



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (HVNP) is one of the only places on earth you can experience the rare beauty of the koa-ōhi'a

forest. Native birds and insects found nowhere else forage in these majestic trees. The park provides a refuge for many native plant and animal species on a comeback from the brink of extinction. Nearly one-third of all the endangered plant species listed in Hawai'i occur in koa forests. The protection and perpetuation of Hawai'i's unique biological heritage depends on removing non-native species and planting natives. Be a part of the recovery. Help rebuild the forest.

Keep Nēnē Flying High



(*Branta sandvicensis*), is the rarest goose in the world.

By 1950, nēnē were nearly extinct. A mere 30 birds remained in the wild. In response to the crisis, captive breeding programs were started in Hawai'i and in Slimbridge, England. Since being reintroduced to HVNP in 1974, the park's nēnē population has grown from a handful of captive breeding pairs to over 200 wild individuals. Please support the essential Nēnē Recovery Project.

Looking for a rare goose? Look no further than the skies over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The nēnē, or endangered Hawaiian goose

Humans Helping Hawksbills



The hawksbill turtle, or 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. But there is hope. Since 1989, the Hawai'i Island Hawksbill Turtle Recovery Project based at HVNP has been tirelessly working to help honu 'ea recover. More than 500 volunteers have located and protected 700 nests and helped 80,000 hatchlings reach the sea. Your donation would provide critical assistance to this project.

ALL NEW... INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND!

Following a successful launch of the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute in 2009, we have expanded in 2010 to offer a very special opportunity for members, residents, and visitors. Our new 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 experience that is truly unique, or to provide visitors with an unforgettable experience.

With the launch of INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND, those interested in learning more about Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park have another excellent way to tap into the myriad resources of this rich and dynamic World Heritage Site. We thank the presenters who have offered to lead our INSTITUTE-ON-DEMAND customized programs and hope that this core of experts continues to grow as demand for our new offering increases.

PLEASE CALL (808) 985-7373 OR EMAIL INSTITUTE@FHVNP.ORG

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To support and promote
the protection, restoration,
understanding, appreciation
of Hawai'i Volcanoes
National Park

President's Message

Aloha mai kākou, e wēlina e nā ho'olauna,
Greetings, dear Friends,

We begin another exciting year of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park with a promising look to the future. Our organization was established to provide support and service to our national park. As a community of dedicated Friends, the challenges, opportunities, and tasks that lie before us—as supporters of the park and its visitors—are sometimes daunting, always compelling, forever awe-inspiring. The natural, cultural, and scientific treasures that are literally at our feet here in Hawai'i Volcanoes, with its expanded site at Kahuku, presents a responsibility and opportunity that we have earnestly embraced. This is our challenge: to help preserve the park that encompasses more than the physical boundaries of the sea and sky above, reaching into the depths of personal encounters that have been experienced here, wanting to share and care for this special, sacred place—*ka wahi kapu*—with all those who come to witness the living, breathing earth and to learn the park's story: past, present, and future.

I thank our many Friends for the continuing support that has been shared in so many ways. I thank our members, who are the foundation of this organization. Thanks to our partners in the park who provide leadership in the efforts to help preserve the precious resources here. Thanks to the community of organizations, businesses, and individuals who have generously shared their time, expertise, and resources. Special thanks, indeed, to the unsung Friends volunteers who generously provide hours of support—in the office, in the field, at events—and who are the hearts and faces of our organization seen by the public. I also, very humbly, give thanks to our board of directors, associates, staff, and park leaders for their governing efforts that help guide our ship along.

The future is promising. The Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute (HVI) has been successfully launched. Funding was received from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's County Product Enrichment Program (HTA-CPEP) for HVI in 2009 and was awarded again in 2010. The Hawai'i Community Foundation provided grants for an "Organizational Capacity Building—Strategic Planning Seminar" and a "Joint Board Development & Training Session" in 2009. We will apply for grants in 2010 to further our strategic planning and move to implementation. The park has received another grant to continue the "Digital Mountain—It's My Park" program and film festival for youth filmmakers (inaugurated in 2009 as DM•IX). The Kīlauea Cultural Festival—the park's much attended, community gathering *ho'olaule'a* that celebrates our native culture—received funding from HTA-CPEP again in 2010. We sent three Friends representatives to the Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) convention in San Diego in February, thanks to financial assistance from APPL and the park. The Friends will be seeking funds to help with the efforts of the Forest Restoration Program and our park's precious native wildlife. A new donation page, on behalf of our organization and the park, has been created at our Web site: www.fhvnp.org.

Our membership is growing. New member categories and benefits have been added, especially for those willing to share a generous donation with our organization. New Friends merchandise is now available for purchase by members and the public that will support our efforts for the park. Additional programs have been created at the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute. Our support and partnership with park programs continue. Volunteer opportunities for the benefit of the park are ongoing. The board's efforts to grow the organization move us further along.

New challenges beckon, old friendships endure. *Aloha 'aina*, the earth abides. Opportunities exist for everyone willing to participate as Friends, according to their interests, their time, and their talents. We, and the park, will always welcome your help as a Friend. The promise of the future rests within all of us: *imua kākou!*

'O wau no ma ka ha'aha'a,
Respectfully,
Ab Valencia, Board President

Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute – Spring Programs



BIRDING HAKALAU FOREST NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Saturday, March 20
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$60 FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS
\$75 FOR NON-MEMBERS
\$55 FOR STUDENTS (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

Award-winning photographer and wildlife biologist Jack Jeffrey leads an adventure in search of endangered birds in Hakalau. Hike about two miles on a tree-lined road that winds through old growth native montane rainforest in the 32,733 acre National Wildlife Refuge. Hakalau Forest is habitat for 20 introduced bird species, 13 migratory birds, and 12 endemic forest birds, plus the endangered Hawaiian bat and 29 rare and endangered plants.

As a long time resident of the Big Island of Hawai'i, Jack Jeffrey—wildlife biologist, photographer, and birder—is intimately familiar with Hawai'i's hidden valleys, remote rainforests, and rare birds. He brings to his seminars the knowledge from over 30 years of observation and study of Hawai'i's endemic birds, plus those from around the Pacific.

HOLOHOLO HUALALAI PINZTREK ADVENTURE

Saturday, April 10
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$110 FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS
(\$75 FOR STUDENT MEMBERS)
\$150 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Expect a rocky scramble in Hawai'i Forest & Trail's rugged, fast, and fun Pinzgauer vehicles—up the cool, misty, lava-scaped slopes of Hualalai to its seldom visited summit. This off-road journey travels to magnificent coastal viewpoints and stunning lava formations, including stops to explore the mountain on foot, walk through a forest of native bird song, and investigate a lava tube. Includes a box lunch; fresh baked goods and fruit; and water, juice, and soft drinks.

This special all-day tour has been designed especially for the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute by **Hawai'i Forest & Trail**. The tour goes beyond their regular Hualalai route, which does not generally include the spectacular summit areas. Hawai'i Forest & Trail guides are among the best-trained and most experienced in the ecotourism business. Each guide has a broad understanding of the areas we will visit and is eager to share his/her knowledge of these special island sites.



“IN THE FIELD” NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday & Sunday, May 22 & 23
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

1 DAY: \$50 FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS
(\$40 FOR STUDENT MEMBERS)
\$70 FOR NON-MEMBERS

2 DAYS: \$90 FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS
(\$80 FOR STUDENT MEMBERS)
\$125 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Join award-winning photographer and wildlife biologist Jack Jeffrey for inspirational sessions of photographing the splendor of Hawai'i's native flora and fauna. Various aspects of nature photography are discussed, including equipment, exposure, composition, lighting, close-ups, and photo ethics. Start early in the morning at the top of the Mauna Loa Road within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and meander down the road to Kīpukapuau. Includes lunch.

Day 1 is designed for those with limited field experience using their cameras. Day 2 is an advanced tip, tricks, and techniques seminar for those who have completed Day 1 or who have some experience with their cameras in the field.

A recipient of the prestigious National Sierra Club 2002 Ansel Adams' Award for Conservation Photography, Jack Jeffrey contends that “Public awareness is the greatest asset to Hawai'i's imperiled species.” His photos have been featured in *Audubon Magazine*, *Smithsonian*, *Life*, *Natural History*, *Birders World*, *National Wildlife*, *Pacific Discovery*, *Defenders of Wildlife*, *Science*, *National Park*, the *National Geographic & Canon, Inc.* endangered species series, as well as in books, text books, and calendars.

UPCOMING INSTITUTE PROGRAMS

May 8, 2010
June 2010 (day TBA)
July 2010 (day TBA)
September 25, 2010
October 23, 2010
November 6, 2010

School Student Service Learning Day
Encounters at the Zoo
Monitoring Kīlauea's Vital Signs
Waipi'o Valley Rim Hike
Finding Mushrooms in the Park
Partners in Protection

To register, call (808) 985-7373 or visit www.fhvn.org

Forest Restoration: Efforts Past and Present

We start this issue's forest restoration article with a section describing the history of Friends forest restoration activities, graciously provided by long-time member and dedicated forest restoration leader and volunteer Linda-Jane Irwin.



Forest Restoration Project volunteer Linda-Jane Irwin gets a weed

The Evolution of Friends Forest Restoration Efforts

From the outset in 1995, when Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park was called Nā Hoaloha 'Ainahou (Friends of 'Ainahou), we have had active, hands-on volunteers. The initial volunteerism was our work to restore the treasured 'Ainahou Ranch House and grounds. With the exponential growth of the membership from a modest 40 in 2002 into the hundreds thereafter, volunteer efforts increased accordingly. There were three major aspects to our volunteer programs by late 2003: rapidly expanding educational programs in the park, ongoing work maintaining and restoring the 'Ainahou Ranch House and grounds, and a new program to preserve the native forest.

At first the new forest program's focus was removal of invasive plants, so we were called The Invasive Species Task Force. Alana McKinney and Minky Markiewicz, who had worked together with the park for years on various forest projects, joined me in organizing this task and coordinating our work with the park's Natural Resources Management (NRM) team. By January of 2004 we had a small but enthusiastic group of

13 who had signed on for this project. Much of our early work consisted of removing invasives around young out-plantings of natives in Kīpuka Ki and Kīpukapuau. This not only helped the young plants, but also helped the park personnel to avoid inadvertently spraying close to those native plants when they were controlling weeds in these areas.

The diversity of ways in which we were able to support the native forests expanded along with our growing partnership with NRM, Rhonda Loh [now NRM Chief], and her team. Our outings began to include planting young trees that had been grown in the park nursery. RM team members joined us and added more educational components to each event, as well as working alongside us. Eventually it was clear that our focus had broadened and the effort was re-named Forest Restoration.

When I assumed the presidency of the Friends in late 2004, Pat Conant took on the leadership of the Forest Restoration group, followed by Mark Johnson, who continues today along with Nancy Chaney and Patty Kupchak. Please join us for some rewarding work and good fun.

—LINDA-JANE IRWIN, VOLUNTEER



Inventory and Monitoring Biological Science Technician Corie Yanger demonstrates tree planting

Funding Needed for the Forest

Over the years, Friends has provided volunteer labor to assist the park with Forest Restoration Projects. These projects are funded by various types of grants the park has been able to get. Most of these grants are now completed and, with the current economic climate, new grants for propagating and planting native species are limited. With this in mind, the Forest Restoration Committee has decided to expand our support of the parks' forest restoration efforts by fundraising. Funds will contribute toward operating the nursery and raising the plants we have the honor of placing in the forest. In this time of tight budgets and limited resources, we want to make sure the park is able to continue adding the native trees—such as 'ōhi'a, 'ōlapa, or 'iliahi—that provide habitat and food for the native birds and insects in the Mauna Loa section of the park.

MAKE A DONATION FOR FOREST RESTORATION

visit www.fhvn.org,
click on the "Donate" button,
choose "Forest Restoration,"
then select the amount
you'd like to contribute

Our fundraising support takes two forms. First, the Forest Restoration Committee is researching and applying for grants to help fund park forest restoration projects. Second, the committee is soliciting donations from members and the public to support forest restoration. We have updated the our Web site to explain these efforts and make donations easy. We are also soliciting donations at Forest Restoration Projects.

We are excited to add this new dimension to our forest restoration

efforts. We already have a matching donation of up to \$100 from one member. Each dollar donated will be matched by a dollar from this donor, up to \$100. At our January project, we received \$50 in contributions from participants, so we've raised \$100 with the match so far!



Volunteers carry native species starts out to a planting site

Project Accomplishments

Over the past six months we've held four volunteer Forest Restoration Projects with 57 volunteers putting in 360 hours. During three of these, we planted 1,035 native plants from 18 species, five of which are rare or endangered and several more that are uncommon in the park. On our fourth intense project, we removed 22,000 invasive bushes and seedlings from a site that was planted with native species two years ago.

The first project (August 2009) was planting a mix of common, rare, and endangered species on the eastern boundary of the Mauna Loa strip. This area is on the eastern edge of Kīpukapuauulu, and the park started this project to expand the restored forest and provide another location for rare plant species. Increasing the number of locations where uncommon and rare plants occur reduces the likelihood that one event, such as a lava flow or fire, will be catastrophic for their survival. Before starting the planting, we learned about the park's forest restoration efforts and rare plant program from park staff. There was mixed rain and sun—perfect for

the plants—and we had a great day of companionship while enjoying and contributing to the native forest.

VIEW PICTURES OF SOME FOREST RESTORATION PROJECTS

<http://picasaweb.google.com/FHVNP.forestrestoration>

Our second planting (October 2009) was completing a restoration project the park has been working on for the past 10 years. In that time, an open field in the mānele (soapberry) zone of the Mauna Loa strip has been converted into a maturing koa-mānele forest, complete with native mid- and under-story plants. Our project was adding the herb 'ala'ala wai nui and the palapalai fern to provide ground cover below this forest. It was a beautiful, sunny, fall day and the work went rapidly.

The third planting (November 2009) was part of a fairly new project to increase the diversity of locations where rare or uncommon native species grow at the Kahuku unit of the park. One of the challenges is that there are few places in Kahuku where plants are protected from animal damage. We planted in one of the 10-acre enclosures that were built several years ago to test forest restoration methods in Kahuku's pastures. Within this enclosure are a number of nice forest fragments that survived ranching due to their steep slopes. We were able to plant our four understory species within these fragments. As we finished up and began the long drive out, it started to rain, giving the plants a good start.

Our fourth project (January 2010) involved removing invasive bushes in an area that the park has been restoring for the past couple of years. By having our Friends volunteers remove the weeds by hand, we were able to clear right up to the plantings of native species in the area. The primary invasive was Jerusalem cherry, which had become well

established. We first removed any ripe fruit from the plants to reduce the seed bank. Then we removed the mature plants and found thousands of seedlings under them. Fortunately we had a large and dedicated group and we were able to complete clearing the area of the invasives.

Representing the Friends

In addition to organizing and leading these volunteer projects, members of the Forest Restoration Committee represented the Friends at two public events in September. We had a display at the Volcano Art Center's Forest Fair, where we showcased our volunteer work and provided information on the Friends, the park, and invasive plants in the Volcano area. On National Public Lands Day, committee members helped lead a public volunteer project clearing invasive faya trees in one of the park's Special Ecological Areas.

Future Plans for the Forest

With the ongoing very dry conditions on Hawai'i Island, the park is delaying planting projects until the normal rain pattern returns. This will provide better survivorship for the plants. In the meantime, our Forest Restoration Projects will focus on invasive plant removal. 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 project schedule and details are always posted online at www.fhvn.org.

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

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER FOREST RESTORATION PROJECTS

- Saturday, March 20
- Friday, April 23
- Saturday, May 15
- Saturday, June 5

Membership Benefits and Categories Added

On March 1, the Friends launches our new membership rates, benefits, and categories. Look for the “new and improved” membership form (shown on next page) in the mail when it’s time for you to renew.



Friends Logo Merchandise Expands

This spring the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park introduces two new lines of logo wear—hooded pullover sweatshirts and baseball caps.

Due to the often cool weather in Volcano and the many requests over the years for Friends to carry sweatshirts, we are happy to introduce a slate grey hoodie. Just like our T-shirts, the sweatshirts feature a small design on the front and a large design on the back.

The Jerzees 8 oz. sweatshirt is made of a 50% cotton / 50% polyester blend, sure to keep you warm on even the chilliest of Volcano nights. Cost is \$30 for Friends members and \$35 for non-members.

Having a bad hair day? Then tuck yourself into our new fossil-grey cap with black bill, featuring our stylish logo embroidered on the front. This deluxe, heavy brushed twill cap is made from 100% cotton.

The cap features a fabric strap with slide-buckle closure and tuck-in tunnel for the strap end, a precurved bill, hard reinforcement at front crown, and built-in sweatband with deluxe four-needle stitching. Cost is \$18 for Friends members and \$20 for non-members.

To order, please call (808) 985-7373 or visit www.fhvn.org.

Categories Added

The Friends has always had a small but loyal base of members, from individuals to families to local businesses.

With our revamped categories, we have taken the “Corporate” level out of the membership designation for individuals and families. Plus, we have added two higher membership categories: “Benefactors” (who give \$500-\$999) and “Patrons” (who give \$1,000 or more).

New Benefits

In addition to the benefits members have already been receiving, all joining or renewing members will now get a Friends logo decal—perfect for your car or your water bottle—mailed to you with your membership card.

Plus, to entice “Sponsor” and higher level memberships, we have an array of exciting goodies on offer (see form on next page for details).



Dietrich Varez's 18"x24" block print "Pele and Lehua" is just one of the exciting new premiums for our "Benefactor" level members. Dietrich personally hand screens and signs each of his brown, monochrome block prints on 80 lb. acid-free bond paper.

All-New Business Categories

Instead of having just one generic “Corporate” category, we have added six new levels of business membership:

- 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)

By adding a separate business membership designation, we hope to attract more local small business owners and corporate sponsors.

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

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,
please call (808) 985-7373
or visit www.fhvn.org

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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 Awesome Women Who Help the Friends



To volunteer, call (808) 985-7373 or email volunteers@fhvnp.org

LINDA QUARBERG has volunteered with the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park since 2005. She has taken on the huge task of managing the Friends membership list. Linda enters all the data from the membership forms into our member database. Not only that, she also updates the list every time there is a change of name, address, phone number, or email. Linda prepares membership renewal packets for mailing as well as the letters thanking members for joining and renewing. Along with her husband, Doug Wilson, Linda has also volunteered to solicit donations at the park entrance for National Public Lands Day. Mahalo nui loa for your many years of service!

How long have you lived in Volcano? What brought you to the area?

We first bought our house in November 2001 and spent the first few years just visiting here once or twice a month to continue furnishing the house and keeping the grass cut. At the end of March 2004, we both retired from our careers and moved here permanently. Doug had owned a property in the Volcano Golf Course Subdivision before we started dating (we married in May 2002), so he was the motivating factor in our move here. We both love the quiet and the coolness at our house... plus, it's a nice community!

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Wabasha, Minnesota and grew up on a farm near Nelson, Wisconsin. I went to business school in Minneapolis and worked there for about five years, then got transferred with Burroughs Corporation to Detroit for two years. From there I took a job at Harvard Trust Company in Cambridge, Massachusetts for two years before I left there and moved to San Francisco. I eventually went to work for Wells Fargo Bank who had a project going for Bank of Hawai'i. Within a couple of months, I got assigned to that project and was then transferred to Honolulu in 1975.

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

I met Sharron Faff [past Friends

administrative volunteer] when we attended an event at Kahua Ranch. We started talking and she invited me to help with some computer work. I never left.

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

I used to enjoy when we biked from our house into the park and made the trip around Halema'uma'u Crater. It was a nice long ride and there was always something new to see with all of the environment changes along that route.

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

We always enjoy seeing the nēnē—they seem so trusting.

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

Well, I grew up on a farm. I'd have to say, going back to Wisconsin and visiting my brothers (I have four of them) and remembering our days growing up with all of the hard work on the farm would be one of my favorites.

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

I also volunteer for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and help

out with recording volunteer hours and volunteer and ranger stats into spreadsheets that are used for reporting annually.

I don't know if you would count this as volunteer work, but I do donate blood regularly and was very honored to learn that, once again, I was holding the top position (175 donations) for the Hilo Donor Recognition event in January. That motivates me to keep on donating!

I also served on the board of directors for the Drug Addiction Services of Hawai'i, now known as Kū Aloha Ola Mau. After eight years on the board, I resigned to develop their initial Web site and maintained that for a few years until they got their own webmaster.

I'm a computer trouble-shooter by trade and spend some of my time helping my husband, and occasionally some of our friends, with computer issues. I have developed a couple of Web sites, which I maintain for Doug, one for his book and one for his consulting business. I've also found that taking care of a husband is just about a full-time job. There is always some sort of project going on around our house that needs attention!

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I've met some really nice people, both with the Friends and the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, while doing volunteer work. And that makes me happy that I can help out a little!



Virginia displays her trout catch at a small lake north of Mancos, Colorado

VIRGINIA GOLDSTEIN has been a Friends office volunteer since 2009. She comes into the office several times each month to help with much-needed clerical jobs. Virginia folds membership brochures and affixes our return address on membership renewal envelopes. She also stamps, stuffs, and seals our membership renewal packets as well as the letters thanking members for joining and renewing. Most everything our members receive in the mail has passed through Virginia's capable hands. A big thanks to Virginia for her careful attention to detail—making sure we present our best face to the world!

How long have you lived in Volcano? What brought you to the area?

Since late 1999. I had lived here for about a year in 1969 and really loved it. Since then I vowed that I would come back here.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born and raised in Hilo.

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

I forget when I first got involved with the Friends, but I think it was shortly after it transitioned from the Friends of 'Ainahou [Nā Hoaloha 'Ainahou] to the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. I just joined and did some time with the program committee, volunteered with a couple of the forest restoration outings, and went to some of the workshops. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a really fascinating place. And I just like to know about my surroundings.

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

That's a tough choice, since I've hiked a lot in the park. From the coastal area to Halape and up Mauna Loa summit, Red Hill, plus many other shorter trails. But I suppose it's the crater areas or wherever there is volcanic activity, including steam vents, because that process is so mind-boggling and exciting.

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

The 'io or [Hawaiian] hawk has got to be my favorite. It's such a noble looking thing.

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

Alaska, because the mountains are so dominant and intimidating. And Yellowstone because it's a different phase or stage of the same kind of process here at Hawai'i Volcanoes, and it's fascinating to understand the geological processes of both.

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

I've volunteered for the Volcano Art Center, the National Forest Service in Seward, Alaska, and the Anasazi Heritage Center in Southwest Colorado.

I go to pottery classes at Hawai'i Community College and also do some [pottery] at home. I love reading all kinds of things—mysteries, magazines, journals, scientific articles, etc. I also do a little bit of consulting (planning). I enjoy cooking and being out-of-doors too.

To volunteer, call (808) 985-7373 or email volunteers@fhvnp.org

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

— Staffing a table at Sunday morning Volcano Village Farmers Market

- **Commitment:** at least once a month from 6 - 9 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, 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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Through a series of well-received educational seminars in 2009, the year old Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute is "Connecting People with the Park." Without question, the generosity of our programming partners is the foundation of our growing success.

The Institute evolved out of the popular field seminar series that Friends offered for nearly a decade. More than 60 programs preceded the Institute's first year in 2009. Throughout the years of development, every one of these programs was primarily supported by volunteer contributions from presenters, businesses, partnering organizations, and Friends board and members. Whenever we asked for it, assistance—so often in excess of our expectations—was forthcoming. Through this generosity, we discovered the breadth and depth of support for our park.

If it "takes a village to raise a child," it has taken a community to raise this Institute. In the past year alone, our funding partners have included the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Hawai'i's 50th Anniversary

of Statehood Commission, and the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities (HCH). Our 2009 business and organizational programming partners included Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (HVNP), U.S. Geological Survey, Hawai'i Forest & Trail, HCH, Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens, Kīlauea Lodge, Volcano Winery, Three Mountain Alliance, University of Hawai'i–Hilo, and The Nature Conservancy.

The many individuals who presented programs or provided assistance are simply too numerous to mention but include Friends Board President Ab Valencia and Vice President Nick Shema; Institute Advisory Committee members Tim Tunison and Ruth Levin; retired National Park Service superintendents Bryan Harry and Don Reeser; current HVNP Superintendent Cindy Orlando; current HVNP staff Jim Gale, Andrea Ka'awaloa-Okita, Adrian Boone, and Sierra McDaniel; Friends staff Brian Lux and Julie Mitchell; expert speakers in many fields such as Don Hemmes, Jack Jeffrey, Jeff Sutton, and Michael Poland; park volunteers

David Boyle and Charlene Meyers who led field excursions; and the many Friends members and others who enthusiastically attended these programs.

With the move to Institute status, we have stepped into the national arena. Parks like Yellowstone, North Cascades, Yosemite, and Acadia, among many others, have well-established and thriving educational institutes operated by their not-for-profit partners.

Thanks to this huge and growing network of community support, the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute is off to a strong start. Because individuals, businesses, and organizations continue to partner with us—providing a wealth and variety of resources—our growing Institute will continue to offer high-quality programs to residents and visitors at good value, expanding appreciation and support for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

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Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's 30th Annual

KĪLAUEA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 10

10 am - 3 pm

Front Lawn of the Kīlauea Military Camp

Free (park entrance fees waived all day)

Enjoy hula & music by Kumu Ab Valencia & Hālau Hula Kalehuaki'eki'eika'iu; David Ka'io & Harrison Murray; Kenneth Makuakāne; Kumu Micah Kamohoali'i & Hālau Hula Nā Kīpu'upu'u; The Kuahiwi's with Kilion Young, Grant Ka'au'a & TR Ireland; Ho'onanea with Kai Ho'opi'i, Nolan Ha'o & Ipo Quihano; Joseph Nahale & Braddah Smitty; Auntie Diana Aki & Friends.

Try your hand at Hawaiian crafts—from weaving a coconut and lauhala bracelet to making a feather kahili, traditional lei, calabash, quilt square & more. Plus, watch skilled practitioners demonstrate how to fish, craft drums, do lomilomi massage, beat kapa, plant dryland taro & more.

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