

# Here's What's New at the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center

Contributed by Kapa Maly, Executive Director

**Aloha** to all. The heritage and cultural diversity of Lana'i are among its most distinguishing and endearing resources. Since opening as a non-profit community organization on October 1, 2007, the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center (LCHC) has hosted more than 4,400 residents and visitors in programs at the center and in field outings. Generous donations from Castle & Cooke, Lana'i's residents, visitors and organizations from afar have resulted in our raising funds to help us ensure that the artifacts, family collections and historical documents will be saved and available for present and future generations.

## Grant for Capital Improvements Awarded by the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Trustee Colette Machado (Islands of Moloka'i and Lana'i), sponsored a grant for the Lana'i

ed to make this program a sustainable one. If we are to protect and pass on Lana'i's history, we need families to donate cherished items reflective of the diverse cultural heritage of Lana'i. If we are to be good stewards of the artifacts and historical collections, and ensure that the rich history of Lana'i is shared with Lana'i's people and those who visit the island, we need financial support to offer the programs.

Please help us add to the collections and pass the history of Lana'i on to the future. To donate Lana'i artifacts and historical collections to the LCHC, please contact Kapa Maly (565-7177, or kapa@Lana'iCHC.org). Tax-deductible financial donations may be made by check or cash to the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center. Donations may be made as general donations, or earmarked to specific activities and programs.



Mrs. Solidar Obado, daughter Glenda Obado-Ito and son, Philip Obado

Culture & Heritage Center. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs voted unanimously to provide \$750,000 in matching funds to the people of Lana'i in order house the growing collections of the Lana'i CHC and ensure that the living culture of Lana'i remains an integral part of our community. The vision is to share Lana'i's rich history with present and future generations. Our community has been offered a generous gift by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs – Mahalo a nui!

## Donations to the LCHC

Your help and support is need-

All donations of artifacts and historical items are inventoried in the LCHC collection under the family name, and numbered. That way family members will always know exactly what their 'ohana donated to the LCHC. Financial contributions are all acknowledged by letters with the non-profit identification of the LCHC for use in filing of taxes.

## A New Historical Book Published by the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lana'i Publications Available at the Lana'i CHC)

A brand new book titled "E 'Ike Hou la Lana'i – To Know Lana'i



Suki Nakoa & Auntie Lei Kanipae on Lei Day

"Once Again," has just arrived here on Lana'i. This book provides readers with a chronological history of Lana'i, including its natural history, the traditional Hawaiian period, and facets of the missionary, ranching and plantation eras on Lana'i. Of particular interest to many readers, will be original eyewitness and Hawaiian language accounts documenting *wahi pana* (storied and sacred places) of Lana'i. Also, a new historical reference guide to Lana'i City has just been published. This guide documents the history of Lana'i City's earliest shops and proprietors. Both of these publications were developed by the Lana'i CHC and printed with funds donated to the center.

Also available at the LCHC are several other important books on Lana'i, and the 2006 map of Lana'i (documenting place names, topography, roads and trails), printed as a part of George Munro's "The Story of Lana'i."

## Field Programs Offered

In an effort to document the cultural and natural landscape of Lana'i, and share some of the significant resources of the island with families, the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center, in partnership with the 'Ahaui 'Imi Pono o Lana'i (formerly Hui Malama Pono o Lana'i) will be hosting monthly field seminars and service trips. The goal of the program is to foster a greater awareness of Lana'i's rich heritage, and develop a renewed sense of

stewardship and responsibility for our island's unique resources. We believe that increased awareness of the natural and cultural resources of Lana'i, will lead to improved care and appreciation of those resources.

We are planning excursions and periodic service trips to various sites that will be offered one Saturday a month. The programs will be announced in The Lana'i Times, or information available by calling the LCHC, or by checking [www.Lana'iCHC.org](http://www.Lana'iCHC.org). The trips will generally start around 8am, meeting at the flagpole in front of the old Dole Administration Building. Depending on the destination and focus of the field seminar, the trips will either be driving tours (carpooling always recommended), or involve driving to a particular area, and then hiking. Some trips will require good physical stamina, while others will be easy for most participants. As each program is planned, information on requirements, activities and a potluck lunch will be announced. Resource people will accompany the group on the field seminar/service projects, and history of Lana'i will be shared.

For more information on the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center please visit us in person, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a to 3:30 p, or visit our website [www.Lana'iCHC.org](http://www.Lana'iCHC.org).

Aloha – a hui hou!  
Kapa Maly,  
Executive Director



Onaona Maly & Stella Del Rosario

"Do you know?"  
Answers:

The May Day Queen is Auntie Irene Perry. Do you know who her attendants are? We don't! If you do, please let us know at 565-9000.