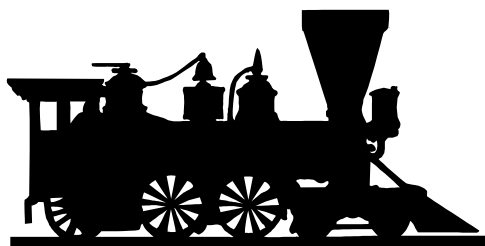


Summer 2007 Fiscal Year-end Summary



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Mission Statement:

***Historic Preservation with Economic
Viability
(Keep it rural!)***

Program Update

The *Farmers' Market* has been in continuous operation since December 2001 and is operating Saturdays 8 am-12 noon and Wednesdays 7 am-2 pm in front of Ace Hardware. The number of vendors has been growing and we had to locate some tents on the left side of Ace on busy days. A **Big Mahalo** to Eleanor Powell who is doing a great job managing the Market. December 23 is the last day of the market for 2007.

The Internet Café in Na`alehu Shopping Center has eight computers with high speed Internet access, plus office services in copying, FAX and scanning. The Internet Cafe is normally open Monday through Friday from 1-5 pm.

It is often hard to find a volunteer for every afternoon and we welcome offers to keep this important facility open. Mahalo to Biz, Carl, Jeffrey, Paul, Steve, Alan and Dennis for donating their time.

We offered classes on *Selling using eBay* and all who took the class were impressed by Tom Testagrossa's teaching. There are still a few places for our next class, on *Web Site Design*, to be held Monday evenings in early September. If you are interested in a class call 929-8322 or 929-7236.

Our little Book on *Historic Na`alehu* has been well received and is a useful fundraiser for NMS. Members can get a copy for \$10. Historic Kahuku Ranch should be on sale late fall. We have been working with National Park Services and it's been a great experience.

We have finished the written series of *Kupuna Interviews*, to capture the oral history of our area. The tape is still a work in progress. A combined version will be made available free to the schools, and libraries.

The *Na`ohulelua Historical Garden* on the Kamaoa Road now has about 160 native Hawaiian species, including several extinct in the wild. Diane Nelson is in charge of planting and she and Dennis offer tours on the second Saturday of every month from 10am-2 pm. Some of our plants are beautiful and the collection is well worth a look. Alison Yanna's collection of food plants is also growing fast. Weed growth is an ongoing problem and we are really short of help to keep the weeds in check. Call Diane at 939-7174 or Dennis & Marge at 929-7236 if you would like to help with weeding or to take charge of a small area that is unplanted and plant it with some group of native plants. There is a weeding party on the second Tuesday of each month. from about 8-10 am, followed by a free breakfast at Hana Hou on NMS.

The Legend of the Double Doors

Working with County Parks and Recreation the installation of doors in the east wall of the Community Center has been completed. The delay over whether we needed a permit involved four sets of drawings and redrawings and window film on adjacent windows was the major cause of delay. We want to thank Bob Taylor's TBCCI construction company that finished the project during the building boom.

Our Ka`u Artists Show at East Hawaii Cultural Center received praise for the quality of the art. We are planning to repeat the show in Fall 08. Meanwhile we have some high quality and interesting art on display in our Internet Café.

NMS Board

Marge Elwell, *President*
Teresa Alderdyce, *Vice-President*
Eleanor Powell, *Membership Secretary*
Jean Shibuya, *Treasurer*
Diane Nelson, *Garden*
Dennis Elwell, *Sgt-at-Arms*

(None of the above can receive any financial benefit from their position)

Tom Testagrossa, *Technical Director*

Web Site

We have a new and informative web site at www.naalehu.org. Check it out! If you have an interesting picture, we can scan it into the site. We can also include business cards. Please send card to P.O. Box 107 or e-mail marge@hawaii.rr.com (jpg file).

Future Programs

We welcome suggestions for future projects, within our general mission of historic preservation and economic viability. *Please help us to create a better Na`alehu.*

ACE Hardware Sign

Many thanks to everyone that helped put the new sign in front of Ace Hardware. It is a pleasant addition to our little town of Na`alehu.

Historic Naohulelua Sign

Many thanks to Dennis Elwell, Scott Stabo and Dick Ball for putting up the new Garden Sign. It looks great. Now we have bathroom facilities. We are becoming civilized. Thanks to Sterling Robbins, Dick Ball, Judith Guerten, Carol Trewman, Diane Nelson, Dennis Elwell and Marge for helping keep the grounds looking nice. We still need more hands.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

NMS really needs volunteers to keep going. We need the following:

- Board members, to replace key members who have moved on or are moving on
- Volunteers to manage our Internet café: *we are finding it hard to stay open five afternoons a week*
- Volunteers to help us set up and tear down our Farmers' Market (Saturdays and Wednesdays at about 6.30am and 12 noon)
- *Friends of the Garden* If you would like to plant and care for one of the plots in our garden, please contact us.

Our expenses are increasing every year. This year we spent over \$4,000 just for liability insurance. Since January '07 we made \$3665 in Farmers' Market and about \$4000 at NMS Café. But our rent went up as well as property tax for the Garden and NMS. We made about \$2100 in membership and donations. But then we had to buy two new computers and two printers and one FAX/scanner machine. We pay 34 cents per kWh and over \$300 per month for utilities. All in all we are close to breaking even.