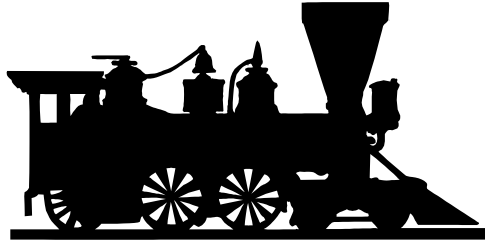


Summer 2006



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

Program Update

Our *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. We hope to have a big celebration in December for our fifth anniversary. December 23 will be our last Saturday for the year 2006.

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 Café is normally open Monday through Friday from 1-5 pm. Thanks to our new volunteer Patricia Wong we are also opening Monday evenings 6-9 pm for the benefit of those who work in the afternoons. We also plan to open Monday mornings from 9 am thanks to Ipo who comes to us through the Workforce Development program.

It is often hard to find a volunteer for every afternoon and we welcome offers to keep this important facility open. Mahalo to Biz,

Jeffrey, Jill, Dennis and Carl 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 \$5. Barnes and Noble have picked up our book and will be on sale before Christmas.

We almost finished a series of *Kupuna Interviews*, to capture the oral history of our area. A tape and written version will be made available free to the schools, and libraries.

The *Na`ohulelua Historical Garden* on the Kamaoa Road now has about 145 native Hawaiian species, including several extinct in the wild. Diane Nelson is in charge of planting and offers 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

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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, then have breakfast at Hana Hou on NMS.

Certified Kitchen Our struggle to set up a certified kitchen is still tied up as we wait for the county to modify the room to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. They told us this will be in 2007 and we are frustrated at the long wait. The Atherton Family Foundation who funded the stove and refrigerator are losing patience and may call in their grant, which will probably kill the project.

Meanwhile our deal with County Parks and recreation to install doors in the east wall of the Community Center may finally be nearing completion. The delay over whether we needed a permit, if so what, involved four sets of drawings and redrawings and window film or adjacent windows . We now hope that TBCCI construction company will find some time during the ongoing building boom to put in the doors.

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 Spring. Meanwhile we have some high quality and interesting art on display in our Internet Café.

NMS Board

Marge Elwell, *President*

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Dennis Elwell, *Sgt-at-Arms*

Albert Joseph, *Youth Liaison*

(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.

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.*

Around the Community

The Sea Mountain Five have completed their Environmental Impact Statement. After approval by County Planning, the public will have 45 days to comment. There will be a copy in the NMS office and the Library.

Ocean View appears close to selecting a site for a Transfer Station near mile marker 79. The county is still open to considering alternatives; call Nelson Ho at 961-8965.

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 at about 7.30am 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

PICNIC

Don't forget our annual picnic and program review on Saturday August 19, 4-6 pm at Punalu`u Black Sand Beach. Bring pupus for 4; hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks etc. provided by NMS.