

Summary of Activities and Finances of the Friends of Haleakalā National Park in 2022

In support of its mission to Protect, Promote and Improve Haleakalā National Park, in 2022 the Friends of Haleakalā National Park; facilitated volunteerism in the Park, provided the public with information about the Park, raised funds for operation and donations to the NPS, and granted scholarships to students studying conservation.

These activities are described in this year-end summary.

Volunteer Facilitation:

The Friends and the NPS co-hosted single day volunteer events in support of greenhouse and museum operations in the summit district. These events, organized by Mary Santa Maria, are growing in popularity and were held the first Tuesday of every month that NPS staff was available. The Friends also hosted 10 overnight service trips each lasting 3 or 4 days. Work during 8 backcountry trips focused on the traditional targets of invasive plant removal at a large heterotheca field south of Hōlua, fireweed in Honokahau and thistle at Paikū and north of Hōlua. In addition, three FHNP trip leaders were trained in the use of herbicide for rubus control. Invasive rubus was treated via clip and drip during two of the three Paliku trips. Two 3-day service trips were held at Kipahulu, where volunteers cleared overgrowth from historic stone walls. One trip was spent painting the interior of the Kapalaoa cabin. Approximately 62 service trip-participants volunteered in 2022. This represents an increase from last year, but is shy of the pre-covid baseline of ~100 trip-participants. All trips were coordinated and led by trained and skilled volunteer trip leaders following procedures and protocol set by the NPS and FHNP. The FHNP service trip coordinator (Andy Fox) and VIP leaders worked hard to promote tent-camping service trips at Holua but failed to attract many participants beyond VIP trip leaders. Three of the four scheduled trips to Hōlua were canceled due to lack of interest.

Monthly single day events in support of the greenhouse and museum are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. Seven overnight trips are tentatively scheduled for 2023 pending NPS district-level approval. The overnight trip schedule is reduced compared to the traditional monthly trip schedule due to updates to NPS policy that no longer allow FHNP to use visitor cabins for service trips.

At the request of the NPS, members of the FHNP also helped by: painting the interior of Kapalaoa cabin, aiding the NPS at 'u'au viewing night and three Star Party events.

Public Awareness:

The Friends published a newsletter in 2022, mailing approximately 120 copies to recent donors. The newsletter is also posted on the Friends' website. Local writer Paul Wood was contracted to write and produce the newsletters. E-mails were sent to over 2000 on our e-mail distribution informing them of information relevant to the Park approximately once per month. The Friends have social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flickr. Our Facebook group has been growing in popularity with a varied group of participants. The FHNP has also returned to in-person representation at public events such as Arbor Day.

Membership and Board Meetings:

The FHNP held its fourth annual meeting and board of directors' election early in 2022, via Zoom. Kawai Domingo and Rachel Hodara were featured speakers. At the meeting, several new directors were elected to two-year terms. At the end of 2022, there were eight active board members as listed below. The board of directors met each month. NPS representatives joined approximately every other month.

Fund Raising:

The Friends continued to administer and advertise the Adopt-a-Nēnē program and solicited other donations in support of the FHNP and NPS. Donations are accepted by mail, through our website and at public events. All donors who donate by mail or electronically are mailed thank you and receipts. Funds were also raised from the sale of T-shirts and sweatshirts decorated with graphics designed by FHNP volunteer and past board member Maggie Sutrov. The sales were managed using the bonfire facility. In 2022, income was \$12,807, expenses were \$8,886. The top three expense categories were 1) Donations to the NPS \$4000(45%), 2) Scholarships \$3000(34%), and 3) Newsletter \$1239(14%). 2022 year-end net assets totaled approximately \$38,723. Details of FHNP financials in 2022 are described in a separate Year End Treasurer's report.

Don Reeser, Mary Evanson and Fern Duvall Memorial Scholarships:

In 2022 the FHNP created an additional \$1000 scholarship for each of five years in memory of board member and advisor Dr. Fern P. Duvall II. Scholarships of \$1000 each were granted to three students: Ann-Marie Andress, an undergraduate at University of Hawai'i Maui Campus where she is studying Sustainable Science Management, Max McGrath, a senior at Montana State University majoring in fish and wildlife ecology and Remy Romo-Valdez, a fourth-year student at University of Hawai'i Maui College's Sustainable Living Institute.

Key FHNP volunteers and their contributions in 2022

Board of Directors as of 1/26/2023

Matt Wordeman, co-President
Andy Fox, co-President
Mary Santa Maria, Vice President
Mele Stokesberry, Secretary
Laura Miller, Treasurer
Kiope Raymond
Elizabeth Speith
Tano Taitano

VIP Service Trip Leaders who led trips in 2022

Mary Santa Maria (greenhouse day event coordinator)
Andy Fox (back-country trip coordinator)
Dylan Finley
Mike Fleenor
Laura Miller
Elizabeth Speith
Tano Taitano

Donation Tracking and Gratitude

Eleanor Schultz

Clare Sutton

Andy Fox

Liaison from the NPS

Kawai Domingo

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1/27 consider adding Mile Fleenor as trip leader, Star Party, Uau Night, Kapalaoa Painting as special unplanned projects requested by NPS.

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