

# The Galloping News from the Mountaintop – August 2004 For Friends of the Forest & the Koke'e Leaseholders Association

## ANNUAL LEASEHOLDERS DINNER and WORKDAY

Koke'e Leaseholders and Friends of the Forest are cordially invited to a dinner at the Lodge at Koke'e on Friday, August 20 sponsored by the **Koke'e Leaseholders Association**, and cosponsored by **The Lodge at Koke'e** and **Southern Wine & Spirits** (see the separate flyer enclosed). **Ho'i Mai (Cindy Combs, John and Eli Emery)** will return to Koke'e to play for this very special occasion!

Our annual workday is the next day, Saturday, August 21, and features lots of projects (organized by **Curly Carswell**) and lunch courtesy of **Brennecke's Beach Broiler (Bob and Christine French)**.

## THE MASTER PLAN

The second of four public meetings on the master plan will be in October, according to State Parks. R. M. Towill Corp, the master plan consultant, presented alternatives for Koke'e at a public meeting in Lihue in October 2003. In November, the Board authorized the planners to proceed on the Preferred Alternative – a "Park Enhancement Plan". See details at the page entitled "State Parks Proposals" at our web site:

<http://www.malamaokokee.org>

The draft master plan is expected to be released in September. It will be posted on our web site for comment as soon as received.

## NEW ROAD, WATER and ADA PROJECTS AT KOKE'E

About \$2.6 million in State CIP funds were released for Koke'e projects: **Niu Construction** will resurface and widen the

road (from 16 to 18 feet) from the 14- to the 15-mile marker, at a negotiated bid of \$590,000. Included are resurfacing at the Campground access road and the Pu'u o Kila parking lot and access road. **Valley Well Drilling** received a \$194,990 contract to drill an exploratory well about 50 feet east of the existing Well A (east of Rice Camp on Mohihi Road). **Goodfellow Brothers** was the low bidder at \$752,500 on a project to replace the main water transmission line from the tank down to Pu'u Ka Pele, and replace the redwood tank there with a new steel tank. The \$2.6 million total includes over \$1,000,000 for two new ADA barrier removal projects: **Kauai Builders** was the low bidder for work at the Waimea Canyon Lookout and Pu'u Hinahina and **Primatech Construction** for work in the Koke'e State Park, including Kalalau Lookout.

## THE NEW LODGE AT KOKE'E



**Linda Fayé Collins and Aletha Kaohi** in a *piko* ceremony honoring the new Lodge and staff on July 2, 2004. **Kikiaola Land Company** was the successful bidder for the lease on the Lodge for the two and a half years from July 1, 2004. The new manager, **Scott Sagum**, and his assistant, **Carol Games**, look forward to serving dinner once again on the weekends. They confirmed that the Lodge will continue the 10% discount to leaseholders and Friends of the Forest.

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### America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

Since 1988, the *11 Most Endangered Historic Places* list has been one of the most effective tools in the fight to save America's irreplaceable architectural, cultural, and natural heritage. The list has now brought national attention to more than 140 significant buildings, sites and landscapes. At times, that attention has galvanized public support to rescue a treasured landmark, while in others, it has been an opening salvo in a long battle to save an important piece of our history. Although nominated for the 2004 list, the cabins at Koke'e were not selected for this signal honor. See the complete list, which includes The State of Vermont, at: <http://www.nationaltrust.org>

**Leaseholders in the News:** Grove Farm honored **David Pratt** by donating 8.4 acres of land at Puhi to Island School ... and **Stacy Sproat-Beck** of the Waipa Foundation is working to bring back the Hawaiian language on the North Shore ...



Dennis Fujimoto/The Garden Island

And why is **Alan Fayé, Jr.** so happy? The Boy Scouts rededicated their 29-acre camp at Koke'e to celebrate a land swap with DLNR that gave the Scouts ownership of their previously leased camps on Kauai and Maui. Alan said his leather bound Boy Scout handbook "...almost makes him want to be a Scout again!"

**Ua hala nā kupuna ...** Anne Knudsen Baldwin, fourth generation Koke'e leaseholder at the age of 87 on June 17 ...and earlier this year **Dennis Thuente** of Lihue and **John Enos** of Honolulu ...

### What's happening on the mountain?

**August 20, Friday – Annual Dinner at the Lodge at Koke'e** – See the enclosed flyer.

**Reservations are required** for the dinner by Wednesday, August 18 to Ellie Snyder [Ellie.Snyder@rare-dear.com](mailto:Ellie.Snyder@rare-dear.com) or 332.7988.

**August 21, Saturday – Annual Workday for the Koke'e Leaseholders and Friends of the Forest.** Bring paint rollers, brushes, cans, scrapers, putty knives and clean up materials.

**Meet at the Koke'e Pavilion at 8.30 am.** Brennecke's Beach Broiler will cater another fine lunch. Even if you cannot make the workday, join us for lunch – 12.30 at the Pavilion. **RSVP Ellie Snyder** 332.7988 or [Ellie.Snyder@rare-dear.com](mailto:Ellie.Snyder@rare-dear.com) .

**August 27 – Land Board meeting on Kauai,** Friday beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday at the Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall in Lihue (location may be subject to change). **Welcome Kauai's new Land Board Member, Ron Agor,** to his first Board meeting on Kauai.

**LEASES EXTENDED, but only if you sent in your \$30 check .... If you are a lease holder, and have not sent in the documentation fee to extend your lease until December 31, 2006, do so immediately.** Call **Tommy Oi** or **Mike Laureta**, DLNR Land Division at 274.3491 for details.

For further information, please contact Frank O. Hay 639.7704 or [fhay@aloha.net](mailto:fhay@aloha.net)

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