

# The Galloping News from the Mountaintop – January 2004

## For Friends of the Forest & the Koke'e Leaseholders Association

### 2003 IN REVIEW

#### Master Plan unveiled

In a public meeting in Lihue on October 14, 2003, Chester Koga and Jim Niermann of R. M. Towill Corporation presented alternatives for the master plan. Following a brief presentation, those attending were asked to vote on those alternatives. For the recreational residences, an overwhelming number of votes were for "None of the above." For other items in the Parks, the greatest number of votes was for the "Remedial Plan," which was later modified and accepted by DLNR as the "Park Enhancement Plan." Details are at the Association's web site: <http://www.malamaokokee.org>

Dan Quinn, State Parks Administrator, briefed the Board of Land & Natural Resources in Honolulu on November 4. The following day, the Board took action to:

1. "Approve the Objectives of Alternative #2 and direct the Division of State Parks to continue the planning and environmental impact statement process for Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks."
2. "Direct the Division of State parks to further analyze the concept of issuing a master lease for recreation residence in Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks through the planning and environmental impact statement process, financial feasibility study, solicitation of letters from potential master lessees, or such other studies as the Division deems appropriate. The analysis shall include (but not be limited to) a comparison of the impacts, costs, and benefits of (a) **disposing of the recreation residence lots to individual lessees or disposition to a master lessee, and (b) different management options of the recreation residences.**" [emphasis added]
3. "Determine that the recreation residence lots will remain in recreation use following the

termination of the current leases, provided, however, that the method for future disposition of the recreation residence lots shall be determined after the Division reports to the Board as to the results of the studies and analyses set forth in Recommendation #2, above. Direct the Chairperson to notify the current lessees of this determination in accordance with HRS § 171-33(9)."

Leaseholders and friends Pua Aiu (Office of Hawaiian Affairs), Roselle Bailey, Cam Cavasso, Joel Cavasso, Marsha Erickson, Paul Matsunaga, John Plews, David Scott (Historic Hawaii Foundation), Sid Snyder, Susan Stayton and Charlie Wichman provided testimony.

**The next public meeting will likely be in March.** The consultant will present the draft master plan and environmental impact statement.

#### Community Workday a great success!



Anthony "Bully" Parraga (second from left) showing Angel Miyake, David Kuhn and Ann English how to plant the rare native hibiscus, *Kokia waimeae*.

In August several crews cleaned, painted, and landscaped at the Kalalau Lookout, the Koke'e Pavilion and around the Museum, and the railings at the Pu'u Hinahina Viewpoint. Twenty four leaseholders and friends donated their Saturday. Bob French (**Brennecke's Broiler**) donated an excellent lunch, prepared and served by **Lygia Baylon** and **Tony Garma**. Sherrie Orr (**The Koke'e Lodge**) provided their special Greek salad and cornbread.

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### Recreation Residence Leases

**Extended.** At the Land Division's request, the term of the leases (for those who were in compliance with lease rent, performance bond, and insurance) was extended to December 31, 2006. This provided a common termination date and will allow sufficient time for the master plan to be completed.

### Two year notice provided to

**leaseholders.** The Land Division provided the notice required by HRS §171-33, stating that **the recreation residence lots will remain in recreation use** following the termination of the current leases.

### History Project completed with the help of many friends.

The summary states: "The survey and analysis of the Koke'e Camps and Pu'u Ka Pele Lots, based on research and fieldwork, concluded that a majority (eighty-one) of the recreational cabins may retain their traditional appearance and historic integrity. Together, these cabins may constitute a historic district. Under the Secretary of the Interior's significance criteria A and C, the buildings have been evaluated in the areas of architecture and social history."

### What's happening on the mountain?

#### The Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 18, 10.30 am at the CCC Camp. Salads, juice and coffee provided. Bring a potluck dish and stay for lunch!**

**Saturday, February 7:** KRCP "Weedbuster Workday", meet at the CCC Camp at 8:30 am.

**Saturday, March 6:** KRCP "Weedbuster Workday", meet at the CCC Camp at 8:30 am.

#### Leaseholders in the News...

**Sarah Harding**, daughter of Kitty & Ken Harding at Makaweli Flats, and former Stanford All-American gymnast, was awarded the title of Ms. Fitness USA at the national competition ...

**Brennecke's Beach Broiler** (owned by **Bob French**, Executive Chef **Lygia Baylon**) won one of Honolulu Magazine's annual Hale 'Aina awards.

*Note: It's a new year – if the codes M2004 or A2004 do not appear on your mailing label, you have not yet paid your dues for the calendar year. Please send your payment of \$25 (regular voting member – one per cabin) or \$10 (associate member) to our Treasurer,*

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**Pu'u o Kila, June 1981:** La'a Boy Chandler, Barlow Chu, and Samson Mahuiki reenact the 'Oahi for the IMAX film "Behold Hawaii". The last 'oahi [literally, to throw fire] was held for the Order of Kamehameha at Kamaile in Nualolo Kai in 1924.

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