

The Galloping News from the Mountaintop – September 2003

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

THE FUTURE OF KOKE'E TO BE REVEALED

On Tuesday, September 30, R. M. Towill Corp. of Honolulu, the consultant retained by DLNR to prepare the Koke'e Master Plan, at a cost of just under \$500,000, will present alternatives for Koke'e

- ✓ **They will report their assessment of the facilities and alternatives they see for the future of Koke'e at 5.30 pm in the Lihue Neighborhood Center .**

Why should you be there?

- ✓ **The Board of Land & Natural Resources will decide the future of Koke'e next year, and to quote a Latin proverb, "The absent one will not be the heir ..." or in other words, "out of sight, out of mind"**

This is our opportunity to help DLNR make intelligent choices for our community. Don't miss it!

The meeting on Tuesday will be a workshop, similar to that at the Kekaha Neighborhood Center, with tables devoted to specific topics. You'll have a chance to see the alternatives and present your thoughts to the consultant and DLNR staff one on one.

Leaseholders in the News

Governor Linda Lingle appointed **Linda Faye Collins** to the Governor's Kaua'i Advisory Committee to help ensure that "the neighbor islands will have a stronger voice in state government ..." and "to seek community input and advise the Governor of

important issues, budget priorities, and recommendations ..."

Koke'e 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*.

As we have now replaced the deteriorated roofs and renovated the major public structures within the Parks, we concentrated on cleaning, painting, and landscaping at the Kalalau Lookout, the Koke'e Pavilion and around the Museum, and the railings at the Pu'u Hinahina Viewpoint.

Twenty four people donated their Saturday, including David Alexander, Sam Blair, Donn Carswell, Erik Coopersmith, Frank "Nani" Cox, D'Ran, Lindsey, and Ned Dana, Ed DeDeo, Kay Doty, Ann English, Joann & Mike Givens, Frank Hay, Sabra Kauka, Paul Matsunaga, Craig Millett, Angel, Troy and Will Miyake, Tom Moore, Bill Moragne, Anthony "Bully" Parraga, David Pratt, Biene Putzier and Judith Samford. Paul Guzman was the DLNR representative on site.

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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Princeville Ranch and Waimea Garage provided power washers and other tools.

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.”

With this mailing, leaseholders will receive a copy of the page from the report which describes their cabin.

The complete document contains an excellent history of the Koke’e cabins, with descriptions and a photo of each of the eighty one contributing structures. The original document was presented to the Kauai Historical Society for archival safekeeping.

If you would like your own copy, it is available at our cost – \$30.45, including priority mail – and a donation of \$9.55 to the Association. Please make your check payable to the Koke’e Leaseholders Association for **\$40**. Mail it to our Secretary,

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For further information, please contact Frank O. Hay 639.7704 or fhay@aloha.net

What’s happening on the mountain?

September 20, Saturday – Thousands of individuals, families and organizations will gather all across America to celebrate National Public Lands Day. At Koke’e we’ll join with the Hui o Laka and the Koke’e Resource Conservation Program by placing log steps on the Kukui Trail, removing invasive weeds from the Nature Trail (behind the museum) and around the CCC Camp, and painting Barracks B... **meet at 8.30 am at the CCC Camp. Lunch provided if you RSVP** by calling Ellen Coulombe at 335.9975.

September 30, Tuesday – 5.00 pm at the Lihue Neighborhood Center The next community meeting (the second of four) on the Koke’e Master Plan. See the lead article.

Funding crisis in our State Parks and what HTA is doing about it ... see the articles at <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2003/Aug/11/ln/ln02a.html> and <http://www.kauaiworld.com/articles/2003/08/25/news/news02.txt>

Note: If the codes M2003 or A2003 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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