

Mission

Preserving the Past...

- **Honoring** our senior-most Hula Elders through digital documentation of their hula life stories, training, experiences, and mana`o
- **Helping** digitally preserve critical hula resources already in existence (video, audio, photo, and print)
- **Caring** for physical cultural treasures given to HPS by hula elders of Hawai`i

...Sharing the Future

- **Supporting** our global hula community and their efforts to perpetuate hula through development of an online Hula Research Library based on the resources gathered above
- **Working toward** building a Hula Resource Center in Hawai`i featuring physical & digital archives, a museum, and access to our digital library for teachers, students, producers, authors, and other researchers to gather, collaborate, and further their understandings and education related to hula and Hawaiian culture



Mahalo a nui loa!

We are grateful to the following agencies for their support in 2007

- Core Oral History Work & Kupuna Public Programs:
- National Parks Service Tribal Heritage Fund
 - Hawai`i State Foundation on Culture & the Arts
 - McInerney Foundation
 - Baldwin Memorial Fund (work on Maui)
 - Kamehameha Schools (Kona panel discussion, 2/07)
- Kent Ghirard Collection Digitization & Research:
- Hawai`i State Foundation on Culture & the Arts
- Website Redesign & Updating:
- Entrepreneur's Foundation of Hawai`i
- **New website to be released in Spring 2008
Please come visit us online!
- New HD Digital Video Equipment:
- Friends of Hawai`i Charities
- Organizational Capacity Building:
- Hawai`i Community Foundation
- Website Hosting & DSL Services:
- Net Enterprise, Inc.



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2007 at a glance!

HPS 
Hula Preservation Society



Kahili Award Winner!

Current, as of 11/30/07

Special Projects

In 2007, we were pleased to provide assistance to the following hula & culture-related projects:

• National Dance Association

HPS authored hula entry and provided historical photos for new Nat'l Dance Assn high school textbook on dance & culture

• Turkish Dance Magazine "Sempatik Dans"

Worked with magazine editors on the first comprehensive article on hula in Turkey, a country which has had little exposure to hula, its history, and its significant role in Hawaiian culture

• German Television Documentary "Hawaii - Inseln Unterm Regenbogen"

Educated producers on hula and how it is studied in Hawai'i

• Kumu Keali'i Reichel's "Kūkahi" HD DVD

Provided photo of the late Uncle George Holokai from his section of the HPS Archives (resources gathered with Uncle from 2001- 2006 until his passing)

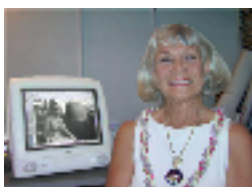
• Paniolo documentary, the third in a Vaquero Series produced by J&S Productions, Santa Barbara, CA
Provided references for research and production

• "Ancient Hula Hawaiian Style" CD

Provided oral history research and references for old-time chanters from Hilo area. CD is a compilation of hula 'olapa chants originally issued on 49th State and Waikiki Records. Amy Stillman, Editor, & Cord International, Publisher. Release: 2008

• 'Ūniki Documentation

Provided professional documentation services for first-ever 'ūniki program of Kumu Hula Rae Fonseca, haumana of Uncle George Naope, in Hilo, Hawai'i



2007 Highlights

• Kahili Award

In August, 2007, HPS received the prestigious Kahili Award from HTA's "Keep it Hawai'i" program

• Oral History Work

Continued statewide 1:1 work with kūpuna hula, expanding to include direct research on Moloka'i hula traditions and lines, resulting in just over 100 hours of "new" raw footage in HPS' Digital Library

• PBS Hawai'i Partnership

Began partnership with PBS Hawai'i to help preserve the important hula and culture-related programs they have produced over the last 30 years

• Public Programs

Held five public hula programs led by our Kūpuna Hula from Feb - Nov 2007:

- 1) He Lei Hiwa No 'Iolani Luahine Festival honoring the late Kumu Hula Auntie 'Iolani Luahine (Kailua-Kona)
- 2) Voices of our Esteemed Kūpuna featuring Auntie Nona Beamer, Uncle George Naope, and Auntie Joan Lindsey
- 3) The Nuances of Hula & Storytelling with Auntie Nona
- 4) Step Back in Time with Kent Ghirard & the Hula Namis
- 5) Tribute to 'Iolani Luahine featuring Uncle George Naope, Auntie Queenie Ventura Dowsett, and filmmaker Tip Davis

• Happy 89th Birthdays!

Held special joint birthday celebration for Uncle Kent Ghirard and Auntie Genoa Keawe who turned 89 in 2007

• The Late Uncle George Holokai

Conducted documentation work on the continuing legacy of the late George Holokai through his sister Emress Matsumoto, and haumana Ka'anana Akina, Eleena Helenihi, and Sallie Yoza

• The Late Auntie Maiki Aiu Lake

Continued ongoing work documenting the hula legacy of Auntie Maiki through partnership with Kumu Michael Pili Pang. Professionally recorded and edited his hālau's American Masterpieces concert on "The deconstruction of hula and music...Kahauanu & Maiki Aiu Lake." Concert's first half featured talk-story with Kahauanu Lake, Momi Kepilino, April Chock, and Al Machida

• Television Appearances

Invited to appear on KHON Morning Show, Howard Dicus' Everybody's Business, and OHA's Ho'oulu Lahui Aloha, to discuss the important mission and work of HPS

Kūpuna Hula (to date)

HPS is the only non-profit dedicated to preserving the life stories of kūpuna hula, hula elders, who represent our last living link to the time of the Hawaiian Kingdom. HPS' work ensures that their mana'o, 'ike, Hawaiian ways of life, historical knowledge, and traditional values will be transmitted to generations yet unborn. Most are now in their mid 70's-90's.

The kūpuna HPS works with fall into two categories: Nā Kumu Hula (Hula Masters), and Nā Pua o Nā Loea Hula (students & family of late great Masters). They represent a wide variety of island traditions, hula lineages, and family lines.

What follows is a list of the extraordinary kūpuna we have been fortunate to know and work with to date.

Na Pua O Na Loea Hula

Na Kumu Hula

Gordean Lee Bailey
Nona Desha Beamer
Dorothy Johnston Beyer
Kahili Long Cummings
Lorraine Joshua Daniel
Kent Ghirard
George Holokai *
Robert Lopaka Kalani
Hilda Keana 'aina
Momi Aarona Kepilino
Mae Kamāmalu Klein
Blossom Joshua Kunewa
Joan Sniffen Lindsey
Edith McKinzie
George Naope
Minerva Malakaua Pang
Pulu'elo Naipo Park *
Kauila Po'ahā Reyes
Pearl Keawe Souza
Alexa Keaunui Vaught

Rhea Enos Akoi
Edna Farden Bekeart
Gladys Joshua Brash
Pauline Chillingworth
Queenie Ventura Dowsett
Leilehua Becker Furtado
Myrtle Kāhea Hilo
Betsy Jhum Hinai
The Hula Nani Girls
Emma Stone Kauhi *
Genoa Keawe
Kahauanu Lake
Elizabeth Ho'opi'i Lee Loy
Irene Wakinekona Lum Ho
Noelani Kanoho Mahoe
Emress Matsumoto
Martha Medeiros
Helie Koehnen Rohner
Kamakanoenoe Sagote
Kenneth Sharpe
Marge Murray Sumner
Lehuapane Weatherwax
Laua'e Maluō Yung *

* deceased

2007 Highlights (cont.)

• The Hula Nani Girls

Helped arrange for Kent Ghirard and his Hula Nani troupe, comprised of some of his original 1950's dancers, to share their love of hula at Arcadia Retirement Residence, Pohai Nani Care Center, and Lunalilo Home. Music graciously provided by Doug Tolentino & Pakala Fernandes of Pa'ahana