

Haliʻa Aloha...



Tutasi Wilson was the beloved matriarch of the "Ex-Lexes" of NYC's Hawaiian Room. She passed on in 2013 at the age of 99. You can learn more about this remarkable woman, her career, and her big heart in the film "The Hawaiian Room".

Our work honors the treasured hula elders of Hawaiʻi.

Mahalo to the State Foundation on Culture & the Arts, Hawaiʻi Tourism Authority, National Parks Service, Friends of Hawaiʻi Charities, Institute for Museum & Library Services, & the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

A Memorable 2013...

HPS was involved with a record 8 public programs this year! Three programs were in Hilo related to the 50th anniversary of the Merrie Monarch Festival. In May, we presented a 4-part series under the umbrella of the Int'l Waikiki Hula Conference. In July, we presented at the Polynesian Cultural Center, sharing rare historical footage under BYU-HI's care that we have been digitally preserving.

We celebrated the 1st Merrie Monarch Winners (1971) - Hau'oli Hula Studio, led by Pauline Kekahuna & Vicky 'Īi Rodrigues!



The Hau'oli Aunties honored by HPS. L->R: Aunties Flo Koanui, Leialoha Kaleikini, Jade Hind, Leimomi Ho, & Mapuana Yasue



HPS helped feature the Hau'oli Aunties & Pauline Kekahuna during Merrie Monarch. L->R: P.Kekahuna's sis Leialoha Kaleikini, dr Pauline Jr., Leimomi Ho, Joe Camacho, Flo Koanui, & Manu Lono

2013 Special Honorings



In May, HPS surprised Auntie Leilani Alama at the Hawaiʻi Convention Center in honor of her 70th teaching anniversary. An amazing milestone achieved by this incredible woman and beloved Kumu! Auntie and baby sister Puanani (L) blessed the audience that day with a hula duet to "Kealoha". So special!

HPS recommended Auntie Joan Lindsey for the Hula Grill's annual "I Ola Mau Ka Hula" award. A private reception at the restaurant in November with her family & haumana was filled with hula and music, all in honor of Auntie's lifelong dedication to the perpetuation of hula.



Dr. Ishmael Stagner & HPS's Maile Loo shared treasured footage from the 1980's of late hula & musical greats at two programs this year, in Hilo & Lāʻie



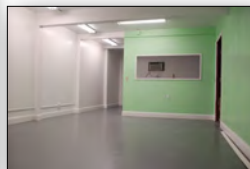
In Hilo & on O'ahu, nā Kumu Iwalani Kalima & Etua Lopes joined HPS to pay tribute to their Kumu George Naope through hula & talk-story

Introducing the HPS Office & Archives

Thanks to your 2012 donations, we were able to renovate our new downstairs space and move in as of February. The upstairs is now dedicated to our burgeoning Archives. To that end, we have established ongoing relationships with Windward Community College, Nā Hawaiʻi 'Imi Loa (grad student hui) of UH-Mānoa's Library-Information Science Dept, & Hakipu'u Learning Center Public Charter School. We enjoy regularly working with students in all stages of their academic & cultural pursuits.



In November 2012, HPS volunteers held a "demo party" to find the walls under all the padding in the long-time recording studio



Finally ready for us to "make house"!



When you visit the Archives upstairs, you'll be greeted by HPS's Keau George and images of our kūpuna that fill the walls

Meet the HPS 'Ohana

Project & Admin Group: Kealani Makaiwi, Maile Loo, Keau George, Kahikina Whittle, Gene Kois



Volunteers:
Norman Miyasato & Auntie Winnie Naihe



Archive Team:
Annemarie Aweau, Janet Zisk, Keau George



The Hawaiian Room: Film, DVD, & the Big Apple!



Early ad featuring Ray Kinney, with "Aloha Maids" (L->R) Jennie Woodd, Pualani Mossman, Mapuana Bishaw

"Ex-Lexes" sharing their hula at the Convention Center. Lovely as ever!



In 2014, we will be completing the full-length documentary "The Hawaiian Room" with Filmmaker Ann Marie Kirk, and then presenting it to the public. We also hope to make a splash in NYC with the Ex-Lexes - some haven't been back since they worked at the Hotel Lexington 50 years ago!

Social Media

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Public Programs planned for 2014:

- Tribute to 'Iolani Luahine - Waimea (Jan 3), Kaua'i (July 16), Waikiki (Nov 9)
- Hula Ki'i (Hawaiian Puppetry) - Kaua'i (July 10-12) & Waikiki (Nov 8)
- Hula Greats of the 20th Century - Kaua'i (July 14) & Waikiki (Nov 7)
- Hula & Musical Families of Maui - Kahului (Sept 11)
- 'Oiwī Film Festival - Honolulu (Nov 7-9)

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