

Haliʻa Aloha...



Kumu Leilani Alama lived a life of hula and taught for 70 years! Her studio was a landmark in Kaimuki & hosted generations of families that loved her dearly. Auntie passed in April at age 88. We were fortunate to have worked with her & younger sister Puanani in these important twilight years.

We also remember Dr. Ishmael Stagner (he brought a critical project to HPS – preservation of the 1980's Nā Mākua Mahalo 'Ia footage), and historian & genealogist Kumu Hula Edith McKinzie who shared her 'ike with many during her lifetime, including HPS. The memory and legacies of these Hawaiian treasures will forever be honored through the HPS Archive.

Special Honorings

In August, Kumu Puanani Alama was recognized by Hawaiʻi's Governor & Honolulu's Mayor for the 60th anniversary of her Alama Hula Studio.



The International Waikiki Hula Conference draws hula enthusiasts worldwide. For the opening, HPS presented a tribute to Auntie Genoa Keawe, as her repertoire of hula recordings is unmatched to this day. Members of her 'ohana from age 88 to 10, & Auntie's last line of dancers, had attendees dancing in the aisles, celebrating Auntie Genoa in grand hula style!

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Gary Aiko, Ed Collier, Pomai Lyman, Iwalani Aiu, Malie Lyman, Eric Keawe, Hauoli Keawe-Aiko, Momi Kahawaiolaa, and Puka Palenapa.

Teamwork!



Grateful for like-minded friends!

Seated (L->R): Keau George, Sally Hill, Aunties Winnie Naihe & TeMoana Makolo
Standing: Gene Kois, Kahikina Whittle, Maile Loo, Kealani Makaiwi, Kauila Niheu

Our work honors the treasured hula elders of Hawaiʻi.

Mahalo to the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture & the Arts, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Institute for Museum & Library Services, Friends of Hawaii Charities, Atherton Family Foundation, National Parks Service, Nat'l Endowment for the Arts, & the Lesley Family Foundation.

HPS Hits The Road!

It was a landmark year with 10 programs on 4 islands! Reaching out to our diverse island communities, we started on Hawaiʻi in January at the Waimea Ocean Film Festival. We then visited Lāʻie, Oʻahu, in March to share digitized footage of late hula & musical greats. In July, it was Kauaʻi for the World Conference on Hula (we held an intensive Hula Kiʻi Workshop & various seminars). In September, we honored hula & musical families of Maui to open the 2014 Kū Mai Ka Hula Festival at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center. We wrapped up with HPS's annual 3-part Cultural Series (embedded in the International Waikiki Hula Conference) at the Hawaiʻi Convention Center.



Holoaumoku Ralar (ctr front) & haumana honor the Farden hula lineage with "Puamana" as Auntie Emma Farden Sharpe dances it on the big screen at the MACC's McCoy Studio Theatre.



Kauaʻi native Kumu Beverly Apana Muraoka helped us learn about the hula & music people of her island. She wrapped up the program with a medley of island songs for attendees to celebrate Kauaʻi through hula!



Waimea's own Auntie Queenie Dowsett & Pua Case helped us gain insight into their inspiration, 'Iolani Luahine.

Practitioners Kaponoi Molitau (Maui), Uncle Calvin Hoe (Oʻahu), & Mauiola Cook (Kauaʻi) gathered to share their knowledge of the ancient form Hula Kiʻi.



A mele hula from Auntie Nona Beamer's kiʻi repertoire was demonstrated by Maile Loo (R), Mauiola (middle), & haumana Hilinaʻi Gilliland & Kekupu Loo-Ching.

Hawaiian Room Reunion in the Big Apple!



In January, HPS held its 1st-ever Kickstarter campaign to complete "The Hawaiian Room" by Ann Marie Kirk. With 150 enthusiastic pledgers, we reached our goal!

In October, the piece debuted where it all began - New York City. HPS led a delegation of 30 back to NYC for a week of Hawaiian Room celebrations with friends and family. Seventeen "Ex-Lexes" reunited from across the country, danced together in the old Hawaiian Room at the Lexington, renewed friendships, and received a standing ovation at the premiere. In November, the documentary film screened to a sold-out crowd at the 'Ōiwi Film Festival, and the evening was again highlighted by beautiful hula from the "Ex-Lexes". The film will be available for purchase on DVD in 2015. Thank you to all who made this amazing year for the Hawaiian Room possible!

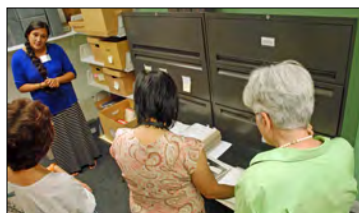


Photo Shoot at the Lexington

Seated (L->R): Betty Kawamura, Wailani Bell, Victoria Racimo, TeMoana Makolo, Kauli Santana, Delores Hodges
Standing: Iwalani Rodriguez, Mamo Smith, Mona Joy Lum, Leonani Hagen, Mapela Wong, Torea Costa, Iwalani Carino
(Photographer: Sandra Wong Geroux)

Caring for Hula & Cultural Treasures

HPS has been blessed with contributions of hula-related items from our elders & community members. Along with the oral histories, these culturally-significant materials comprise the HPS Archive. We have enjoyed growing interest in these unique resources, and this year we presented at Hoʻokele Naʻauao Hawaiian Librarianship Symposium, the Hawaii Digital Resources Symposium, and ATALM (the Assn of Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums) in Palm Springs, CA. Our first ever national conference!



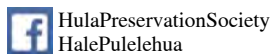
Annemarie Aweau takes questions from AHA members (Assn. of Hawaii Archivists) during their tour of HPS.



HPS's hula elders help id, add context, & share personal insights.

Our long-term kuleana is to mālama these treasured items using modern preservation & digital strategies, and ultimately make the materials widely accessible for cultural & historical learning.

Social Media



Season of Giving!



From December 1, 2014 - January 18, 2015, please donate to HPS through this new matching program! We are very grateful HPS was selected to participate. **Please help us reach our \$10K goal this holiday season** to improve our technical capabilities to care for and protect this growing cultural archive. You can go to friendsofhawaii.org to make a donation.

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