

President's Message

Aloha to all of you fantastic Shedders. You are a great group, and I am happy to be working with you.

1. **Acknowledgement and Appreciation:** First I would like to thank the previous board members who took us through some difficult times. Getting through the end of the covid problems and getting through some difficult times with the Harbor Division. The new board has met and is working on policies and plans for the coming year.



The board members are:

Colin Porner, Bob Speer, Keith Zeilinger, Loy Kuo, Nam Vu. not shown: Michaelene (Coco) Urban, Frank Smith, Tay Perry, and, Rick Hobson.

2. **Big Projects for 2023 so far:**

- a. 5 more picnic tables (total of 15!) for Jefferson Elementary School (See below).

- b. 2 flooding mitigation devices (drapes with a drain) installed by Corey and Hunter....(pictures coming soon). This is a very BIG DEAL!
3. **Priorities for 2023**: The new Board of Directors has met several times already this year to work on many plans, policies, and procedures. The following are the priorities for the HKS for this year;
- a. Find a new home for the Kupuna Shed or renew the existing revocable permit (see 5 below)
 - b. Re-establish policies per BOD input and review.
 - c. Program review (aka strategic planning)
 - d. Education and outreach
 - e. Improved integrity and respect in all aspects of the Shed and its members
 - f. Publicity, increasing revenue, improving communications and increasing member participation in Shed activities
 - g. Establish a "Repair and Maintenance" program
4. **Committees**: In order to implement these priorities (and other priorities as needed) we have established 6 Committees as follows;
- a. Grants/Finance
 - b. Membership
 - c. Policy
 - d. Publicity / Communication
 - e. Education
 - f. Facilities / Maintenance
5. **Location of the Shed**: Although it may be intuitive, it should be apparent that the Shed is operating out of a vacant warehouse managed by the Harbors Division. This has been, and indeed is, a significant privilege and benefit for us. However, we are operating under a one-year revocable permit that has been graciously extended to us for 2023 and may not be renewed (it will not be renewed at some time in the future due to plans to overhaul and upgrade the entire harbor area). When that renovation starts, we will have to move, although the details of that plan are not firm.. Hence, we collectively need to think about, and start working on, plans to find another, hopefully permanent location.
6. **Education Plans**: The Education Committee is working on several training courses for our members. The first course will be taught by Keith Zeilinger and Coco Urban making small boxes. The course will be taught in March and a second class will be taught in April. The March course is full. Stay tuned for future classes.
7. **Dues**: As the new year has begun, Shed dues are now due. At the last board meeting, the BOD decided that the dues for the next year will be \$100.00. If you paid your dues using a credit card last year, next year's dues will be charged to your

credit card on the anniversary of your last payment. If you would like to cancel your membership, go to the website, www.honolulumensshed.org and login to your account using the email address you originally signed up with. Go to account > subscriptions, and under Shed Membership, click on cancel. If this does not work for you, you can send an email to: shedadmin@honolulumensshed.org requesting your membership be cancelled. If you paid by check or cash, you will need to pay your dues on your anniversary date.

Aloha – keep charging and keep up the great work!

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In January the Display case that was made by the Shed was dedicated at the Kaimuki High School Auditorium.

The display case holds artifacts that were found while doing work on the Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery.



From the left: principal of Kaimukī High School is: Jamie Deal Cruz, Tim O'Donnell Honolulu Kupuna Shed, The Student Leadership and Activities Coordinator is: Holly Honbo, Japanese Cemetery Project Directors are: Laura Ruby and Ann Nakata, and Melvin Yokoyama from the Honolulu Kupuna Shed.

The picnic table crew is at it again. They are going into production. The team is now working on 5 picnic table at once. They are getting into a mass production mode. Bill Atkins, Benton Lee, Mike Webb, Walt Miyashiro, Tom De Costa, Mel Yokoyama, Colin Pomer, and Glenn Sears are building 5 tables for Jefferson Elementary School. This is the best way to demonstrate our mission. **“Provide an environment for Kupuna to socialize & improve their health and wellbeing.”** Kupunas working **Shoulder to Shoulder.**



ON Saturday 4 March, there was a Kualoa/Hakipuu Canoe Fest at Kualoa Reginal park. One of the canoes that the canoe crews have been working on, was there. The canoe was blessed with a Kava ceremony before it was put in the water for its first paddle.



Tay, Loy, and Rick were the first paddlers for this canoe for more than 100 years!

It has taken the canoe crew more than 5 years to restore this canoe.

Here is a movie of the first paddle in 100 years!

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That's all for this newsletter. If you have anything that you would like to see or add to the next newsletter, send your ideas to

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