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Presidents Message

Well, it looks as if the Covid situation is starting to wind down. Gov. David Ige announced Tuesday

“Covid-related restrictions set by the state will be lifted on March 25. State and county employees, as well as anyone entering a state facility, will no longer need to provide proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test.

An end date for the statewide indoor mask mandate, however, is yet to be determined. Ige said it will remain in place through March 25, and after that time, officials will evaluate the situation before making any changes.”

For the shed, after March 25, this means you may enter without showing a proof of vaccination or a recent negative covid test. However, if you are not vaccinated, you must wear a mask while in the shed to protect yourself and other members of the shed.

At the last Board meeting, the board approved an updated set of By Laws. The changes are that; the members will elect a board of directors, and then the board will select who will fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Also, the term for the board positions will be for a 2 year term. The terms will be staggered so that half of the board will be elected in one year, and the other half the following year. This will give some continuity to the board so that half of the board will know what has been happening in the past year.

The board also approved a Policies and Procedures document for the Shed. Both will be added to the Website shortly.

The website has been updated. We have a new look and feel. There are many photos and new items on the site. If you haven't looked recently, take a look.

For those of you are past members, who have not yet paid their dues for 2022, you can now do this on the website.

Go to:

www.honolulumensshed.org

Go to login on the top bar. Enter your email address. Then click on "Forgot Password". This will cause an email to be sent to your email with instructions on how to set up a new password.

Once you have set up a new password, go back and log into your account.

Go to Application at the top of the screen.

Fill out the form on the website then click "SIGNUP".

This then takes you to a form you can enter your credit card information. Once you fill this out you click on "SUBMIT" and you are done.

Thanks

Tim O'Donnell

President

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The picnic table crew has been at it. Here are pictures of a Yellow, Red, Blue and Pink ones that have been delivered to Jefferson School.



Picnic Table Update

On a beautiful sunny day in early March Colin and Glenn delivered a beautiful sunny picnic table to Jefferson Elementary School. This was number two of five for Jefferson. First one was purple, this one yellow and the next will be pink. These are for first graders, and they will be used to teach the kids table manners during lunch.

Before Covid we made three picnic tables for Jefferson. Recently we have built five tables for Ala Wai Elementary and two more for Jefferson. The lumber, hardware and paint has been generously donated by Lowes at Iwilei.

This is a great example of a community project that shows our commitment to the public. It also looks very good on our grant applications. For our new members information, a grant from The Atherton Foundation paid for our lighting and electrical distribution system.

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If you would like to help, please contact Colin Porner (808 291-4472) or Glenn Sears (808 373-6140). This is a great community project and we welcome volunteers for the rest of the tables. It's fun, productive and serves a great purpose.

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Compost System

We have a request from the Makiki Community Garden to build a compost system for them.

If they agree to pay for the materials, do we have a couple of Shed volunteers willing to take on the project? It should be simple to build and it's a great community project.

Display Case

Also, this month, Melvin Yokoyama brought an opportunity to the shed to build a display case for the display of old Hawaiian artifacts

This was accompanied by a nice donation to the shed. It will be installed in the Kaimuki High School Auditorium. It should be installed in the next couple of weeks.



The display case will hold historical artifacts discovered during the renovation and beautification project of the Mo'i'iliili Japanese Cemetery, coordinated by Dr. Laura Ruby and Ann Nakata.

Recent and On-going Activities

Tai Chi - Dr. Randy Wong began sharing his 3 decades of experience teaching Tai Chi Chuan. Offered Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 7:30 - 8:00am on Zoom. A \$5 per session donation to the Honolulu Men's Shed is suggested. Send your email address to randywongmd@aol.com to obtain the Zoom links

Bikes wanted - Keep spreading the word around town with the bike flyer. The latest version of the flyer is on the wall in the talk story area. It is paying off with many donations coming into the shed. The flyer can also be found at:

[Bikes Wanted! | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](http://HonoluluMen'sShed.org)



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Member Spotlight

Tay Perry



As far as canoes are concerned, I have been intimately involved with them for all but 12 years of my life. I am known as a person who builds and restores Hawaiian Koa canoes while retaining its ancient shapes and character.

I started paddling in races in 1949 as a 13 and under, steersman. I was hooked from the beginning.

Since my father was an old time beachboy and paddler, He became involved as a coach for Ko'olaupoko Canoe Club and started to direct the building and modification of the racing canoes. When he started to work on canoes, he drafted me to work for him.

He did this for most of his life and developed a reputation for building competitive racing canoes. I was his craftsman, and he was my advisor and apprentice. I have done this work for all of my adult life.

My association with the Honolulu Men's Shed began about 3 years ago when I was looking for a place where I could continue to do my work with canoes. I belong to the Friends of Hokule'a and Hawaiiiloa which is another non-profit that promotes all types of Hawaiian Canoes and the Hawaiian Culture. I had been with them for about 10 years

where we could work on the Canoes. At that time, they lost their premises at pier 60 off of Sand Island Access Rd. At that time, we entered into a positive relationship with the Honolulu Men's Shed.

I moved my tools and equipment from Pier 60 to this location near Pier 19. My purpose here has been to develop craftsmen to continue the preservation and maintenance of the Hawaiian Canoe. I am a Director of the Honolulu Men's Shed and a Vice President of the Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa. At the present time the 2 entities support each other unofficially. We have 4 or 5 younger men and women that are training with me. I am grateful to the Honolulu Men's Shed for helping me and the Friend's in the canoe department.

I feel strongly motivated in the promotion and preservation of the Hawaiian Koa canoe which is becoming rare. The canoe is an important part of the Hawaiian culture

The Men's Shed (HMS) has created a space for me and other men where they can feel useful and still contribute to the community in a positive way. I have made many friends here and continue to do so as our membership grows.

The advice I have for mature seniors is to find an activity that suits you and get fully involved. If you develop a passion for that activity, you will always be motivated to continue and you will enjoy your life to the fullest.

I have been an active paddler for 73 years and will continue to do so as long as I can. I will also continue with my Canoe work until I no longer can. I will Support the Honolulu Men's Shed as long as I am physically and mentally able to do so.



Finishing a canoe

Mahala,
Mark Campbell
Secretary,
HMS