



SHED REPORT

Craft and Jewelry Room

What is the shiniest new object at the shed? The roll-out of our new craft and jewelry making room...full story on page 2

Community Projects

Since moving into our new space, the number of project requests from the community has exploded...full story on page 2

Woodworking Classes

Based on the member survey taken at the beginning of the year, "Education" came through loud and clear. We hear you and the following are responses to your request...full story on page 2

"Talk Story Series"

The HKS recognizes that interests of kūpuna reach far beyond that of simply woodworking...full story on page 2

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Presidents Message

As President, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our incredible volunteers. Dedicated volunteers like you bring not only skills and time but also demonstrate the spirit of generosity and compassion that is truly inspiring. Whether you're mentoring your unique skills, participating in the building of one of our several community projects, or simply helping to keep the Shed clean, your contributions make a profound impact, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Volunteers, your support not only enriches the lives of those we help but also strengthens the fabric of our Shed community. Your efforts demonstrate the power of coming together to make a difference, and we couldn't achieve our goals without you. If you have not already, please see the Project Board to see which community projects may be of interest to you, we need your help.

I am also excited to announce new class offerings designed to expand our community's opportunities for learning and engagement. These classes are a chance to learn new skills, grow, share knowledge and build interesting stuff. I encourage you to participate actively in these new initiatives.

Together, let's continue to build a vibrant, supportive Shed community. Your involvement is key to our success, and I look forward to seeing all that we will accomplish together

Bob Speer

Craft and Jewelry Room (continued)



Kaori Vaughn

We have expanded the space above the conference room with new workbenches set up for small crafts and jewelry making. Types of jewelry include small wooden items such as beads, earrings, and necklaces but will also expand into wire and more advanced metalwork.

HKS Shed member Kaori Vaughn has been instrumental in advising the design and outfitting of the space under the leadership of long time Shed member Hunter, an experienced jewelry maker himself. Kaori taught jewelry making at the Honolulu Museum of Art and will lead jewelry classes at the Shed. Class dates will be announced in coming weeks.

Community Projects (continued)



Glenn painting potting shed facing.

As of September 1, we have 9 active community projects. Examples of these projects include 9 picnic benches for various elementary schools; a garden shed for the Waikiki Senior Center; garden benches for the Urban Garden Center in Pearl City; 3 large work tables for the SOH Dept of Education's district plant nursery; 35 picture frames for the Community Living Center, a long term care facility for veterans at Tripler Hospital, to frame the numerous jigsaw puzzles that they enjoy making.

A major project is for "The Haven", a community garden in Pearl City area to develop sustainable gardening skills and create a community fellowship of keiki and Kūpuna in a healthy outdoor setting. The Shed is building raised potting beds, garden benches, compost bins, stools, and a large deck for the project, and should be concluded by the end of the year.

Woodworking Classes (continued)

In addition to a CNC course already underway, the Shed will be offering 3 more woodworking classes in the next month or so:

- Introducing the Laser: learn basic design and machine operation skills.

October 10, 5:00 to 8:00pm and October 13, 10:00 am to 4:00pm.

- Cutting Board class to create one of your own unique cutting board designs

Dates to be announced

- A box making class using koa to create a small decorative box.

Dates to be announced

- Woodworking and jewelry classes are listed on the Shed website under "Events" calendar.



Koa Box

"Talk Story Series" (continued)

Included in our mission statement are the words "well-being" and "purpose in retirement". To that end, we are beginning a series of "talk story" sessions to listen to experts in various fields enlighten us on topics of specific interest to our Kūpuna. We will conduct these 1-hour sessions on the second Saturday of the month, immediately following our monthly Sizzle. Topics for the rest of 2024 include:

- Changes and updates in 2025 Medicare. October 12, 1:00 - 2:00
- Living Trusts and Wills November 9, 1:00-2:00
- Surviving the Holidays with your mind and body intact. December 14, 1:00-2:00

Mark your calendars, more information will follow in the coming months.



Lathe Turned Bowls

New Directors

The HKS is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Directors, Lori McCarney and Jeff Stephanic upon the departure of two board members, Nam Vu and Rick Hobson, who both remain welcomed members of the Shed. The board cannot express its gratitude enough for the service of these two men.

Lori McCarney was a senior national marketing executive throughout her career. After retirement, she developed and launched Honolulu’s successful bikeshare program, Biki. Her commitment to the community has been lifelong, and she currently serves as Board Chair of the Alzheimer’s Association Hawaii. Biking is a passion, so you’ll likely find Lori in the HKS Bike Shop working as part of that team.

Jeff Stephanic is a retired Professor Emeritus of Design at George Washington University and brings extensive knowledge of art including web-design and experience with not-for-profit organizations. He will lead the upgrading of our website as well as being the designer of our new newsletter series.



Colin and Benton

Shed Storage Policies

While space at the Honolulu Kūpuna Shed is limited, the Shed is committed to providing some space to its members for storing personal tools and project materials.

There are three categories of storage:

1. Free Storage: Each member is entitled to one storage bin free of charge. No need to sign up, but please mark your bin with your name.
2. Additional Storage: Members may rent additional storage space in the upstairs storage room. Multiple units can be rented on a space available basis. Members can rent space at the rate of \$25/month per 8 square feet, charged on a quarterly basis. Members can rent more space on a space available basis in units of 8 square feet. Payments must be made by credit card via the Shed’s website. Non-payment may result in the loss of Shed access and privileges.
3. Temporary project storage: Members may temporarily store materials for large projects free of charge on a space available basis, upon approval of a supervisor. Please be considerate of others by limiting the space used. Storage is limited to 3 weeks. Please post a sign on your material with your name and the dates of your project. If your material is interfering with the safe operation of the Shed, you will be asked to move or remove your material.

No hazardous or illegal material may be stored at anytime.

The personal storage policy went into effect in April 2024. Members not current will be receiving notices for payments due.



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A Call for Shed Support and Participation

It takes the entire tribe to support a community organization such as the Honolulu Kūpuna Shed. We humbly ask YOU to ask yourself "what am I giving back"?

We are delighted to offer many opportunities to offer a small amount of your time to support the Shed in several different ways:

For example:

- We have 9 community projects that could use a couple of hours of your time.
- The floors could use a good sweeping...not the entire floor, how about a quadrant?
- Does the trash need to be emptied?
- Does the kitchen or bath need a wipe down or a mopping?
- Our stationary power tools need a good vacuuming now and then.
- Shed Openers/Closers: Would you be willing to open or close the Shed one shift per week?

A little help from a lot of people goes a long way. Please ask the shop supervisor if there is anything you can do.

Call to Artists



The Hawai'i Forest Industry Association is calling for entries for its Annual Hawaii Woodshow 2024 Exhibition in November 23, 2024. Entry forms are due October 7, work due November 13. <https://woodshow.hawaiiforest.org/>

Volunteer Recognition

We'd be remiss to ask for your volunteerism without recognizing those who have already dedicated so much of their time both with community projects and Shed upkeep. These members have shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the Shed, please thank them when you see them.

Above and Beyond (and beyond even that): Robert Mitchell



Community projects:

Glenn Sears
 Benton Lee
 Mel Yokayama

Shed upkeep:

Walt Miyashiro



Surfboard Phone Stands

Honolulu Kupuna Shed Board of Directors

Bob Speer, President	Lori McCarney	Frank Smith
Jim Maskrey, Vice President	Tim O'Donnell	Jeff Stephanic
Bill Chismar, Treasurer	Colin Porner	Keith Zellinger

The Honolulu Kupuna Shed, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is 100% volunteer operated with a volunteer board guiding and managing The organization of over 160 members. Funding for operations comes from membership fees; donations