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## Presidents Message

Aloha Team Kūpuna Shed!

As we conclude our first year at Lana Lane it is a time for reflection and celebration for an exceptionally successful year. As I recently noted, so many have contributed so much, and I am very pleased and proud of this Shed of ours. It is time for those who have worked so hard to reflect with pride and satisfaction over what YOU have done. Well done and thanks so very much - your support is greatly appreciated and is reflected in our membership growth having gained over 70 new members in 2024!

Looking ahead as we enter the new year, we have some very challenging mandates to work through. First, as many of you are aware, our lease at Lana Lane will terminate in May 2025 with no exception. We have always known our lease would be short term and temporary although we had also hoped there would be an extension.... sadly, this is NOT the case. Hence, we must find a new location and move again.

We established a "Relocation Team" of 12-13 members who have been meeting regularly since October. The sub-committees and focus areas include:

1. Searching and finding a new location - at least a temporary place for 3-5 years in the core urban area and then, a permanent location if the initial space is not available. More than 10 locations have been reviewed so far (some possibilities, but nothing firm yet)
2. Establishing a PR team to present to organizations who may be willing and able to help (more than 30 agencies identified so far, 5 presentations made)
3. Determining the spatial requirements for our new location (in progress, nearly finished)

*President's Message continued...*

Concurrent with our moving activities, we are looking toward the Shed's future. Specifically, we have begun the following activities associated with a new Atherton grant:

1. Seeking legal advice on how to move forward as a non-profit (in progress and ongoing). We recently received a \$15,000 grant to help fund this. (See the article on grant success.)
2. Seeking funding alternatives and plans (just starting).
3. Developing a new business plan to ensure longevity and durability (just starting).
4. Enough of the tough stuff. Happy New Year to you all. Well done and thanks so very much!

Aloha, Bob

### Shed Relocation Update

The Kamehameha Schools (KS) property management firm has confirmed that the Shed must relocate before May 31, 2025 and we are working to identify and secure a new home. We are grateful and offer a Mahalo Nui for the generosity and support from Kamehameha Schools this past year. At this time, we have a few leads and some amazing assistance from within our community network. If anyone has any leads for new space from within their own personal networks, please notify Bob Speer, [rspeer2021@gmail.com](mailto:rspeer2021@gmail.com) or Jim Maskrey [jmaskrey8@gmail.com](mailto:jmaskrey8@gmail.com) and we will follow up with our relocation team.

We plan to hire movers for the "BIG" stuff, and possibly more items. Here are details of our current plans:

1. We will cease operations after March 31 to concentrate on packing and preparing for the move.
2. All personal stored items must be removed no later than April 1st. Personal items remaining will not be moved and risk being lost in the building demolition.
3. In order to eliminate our remaining inventory of "products"- cutting boards, frames, bowls, and some of the wood in our inventory, we seek members to form a Retail Sales Team. Sales could be via Craigslist, eBay, Instagram, FB market place, etc. Sales revenues will provide resources to defray the costs of moving and restarting. Please contact Bob or Jim if you can work on this team.

*Shed Relocation Update continued...*

Obviously, the scope of this mandate is significant and this will necessarily be an "all-hands" effort. All the help we can muster will be needed and appreciated to ensure the Shed's successful move and long-term viability.

### 2025 Grant Success

The Shed is grateful to have been awarded our second Atherton Grant. This year the intent of the \$15,000 award is to help the Shed prepare for future growth by retaining professional legal, business and tax consulting. We want to upgrade our 501(c)(3) status to accommodate anticipated growth in revenue. We also seek recommendations for short, medium and long term business plans that would position us to better reach out to potential donors and sponsors. Mahalo Nui to the Atherton Family Foundation for their support.

### Community Projects

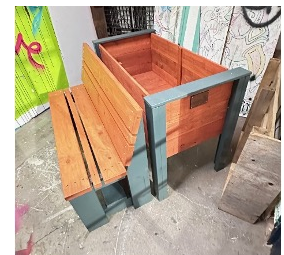
The Shed has wrapped up an unprecedented year in terms of creating projects donated to the community. The following is a partial list of the projects we have been involved in:



**School picnic benches:** Led by Glenn Sears, Colin Porner and Benton Lee, the Shed completed about a dozen picnic benches for Hanahau'oli School, Jefferson Elementary and Nuuanu Elementary. Additional thanks to Tom DeCosta, Walt Miyashiro and Stan Webb.

**Waikiki Community Center:** Another Glenn Sears project, a glorious rainbow painted potting shed was installed just before Christmas. Thanks to Mary Sears, Jeff Stephanic, Benton Lee, Kyle Nakamura, Colin Porner, Stan Webb, Linda Green, Pake Chin, Steve Mesh.

**The Haven, Pearl City:** Built 8 potting beds, 6 garden benches; a 15'x40' deck and a compost bin. Thanks to Bob Speer, Jim Maskrey, Mike Flumian, Stan Webb, Benton Lee, Christopher Sorrell.



Community Projects continued...

**Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery:** Constructed and installed picket fences to outline ten abandoned graves at Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery. Constructed a display case for Kaimuki High School to display Hawaiian artifacts found at the cemetery. Thanks to Mel Yokoyama, Tom DeCosta, Walt Miyashiro.



**Lanakila Senior Center:** Built a replacement basketball backboard for Lanikila Senior Center. Thanks to Loy Kuo.

**Honolulu District Plant Nursery (Dept. of Education):** 3 Potting tables to replace old, decayed tables. Thanks to Jim Maskrey, Stan Webb, Benton Lee, Steve Mesh, Millicent Khaw.

**UH Urban Garden Center:** Built 6 garden benches. Thanks to Bob Speer, Jeff Stephanic, and Benton Lee.

**Tripler VA Community Living Center:** Constructed thirty-five custom picture frames to mount patient's prized jigsaw puzzles. Thanks to Jim Maskrey, John Miller, Mary Sigrah.



**Surfrider Foundation:** Built 3 benches for ocean vistas. Thanks to Gregg Young and Stan Webb.

**Honolulu Elks Lodge 616:** Built 20 koa picture frames for archival photographs. Thanks to Coco Urban and Keith Zellinger.

**Hawaii Agricultural Research Center (HARC):** 2 conference tables using harvested Oahu koa wood, part of a wood sharing collaboration. Thanks to Keith Zellinger and Bob Speer.



**Liliha Public Library:** Built a reading tree for Liliha Public Library's children's room. Thanks to Bill Chismar, Keith Mattson.

**Course Offerings**

We were thrilled to offer our first Jewelry making class in December. Kaori Vaughn conducted the Shed's first where members made beautiful earrings and pendants, just in time for Christmas. Check the website calendar for classes.

We intend to offer additional classes with topics being considered listed below. If you have a request for a specific class not listed, and especially if you are interested in leading a class, please submit your request to Education Coordinator, Bill Chismar at bchismar2@gmail.com. With enough interest we may be able to offer something new.

**Topic - Leader**

- CNC design and operation training - Bill Chismar
- Laser design and operation - Herb Allen
- Box design and joinery; charcuterie boards; wicker chair caning - Bob Speer
- Jewelry making - Kaori Vaughn
- Lathe operation and bowl making - Ken Fernander
- Cutting and charcuterie board making - Robert Mitchell
- Picture frame construction - Jim Maskrey

Dates are to be determined and fees and material costs vary for each class. Please see Kūpuna Shed website calendar for class schedules and fees.





**Bike Shop**

Another banner year for the Bike shop, bringing in over \$20,000 from the sales of close to 100 bikes. Mahalo to Frank Smith, Mallory Hart, Lori McCarney, Paul Weissman, Etienne Ma and others for their ongoing commitment to restoring high quality bicycles to the community. The bike shop asks that no more bike donations be made until after the move.



**How You Can Support the Shed**

The Shed is run only by volunteers such as yourselves. Much effort goes into supervision, training, planning and operations. Please ask yourself if you are giving to the Shed as much as you are taking. We can always use 15 minutes of your time occasionally to assist with cleaning, tidying, and general upkeep. Please ask the supervisor what might need to be done. Lacking a specific immediate-need task, pick up the broom or vacuum, and clean some area of the floor. We are masters at creating dust and any assistance in managing it is appreciated. We will also be looking for all-hands-on-deck when we begin preparations to move in April. We will cease our project operations, but PLEASE, keep coming back in to assist. Mahalo.



**Volunteer Recognition**

We recognize those individuals who have 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.

**Above and Beyond: Stan Webb**



**Community projects:**

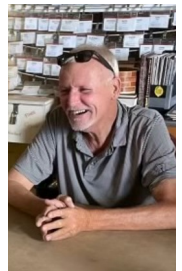
Glenn Sears, Mary Sears, Steve Mesh, Benton Lee, Colin Porner, Mary Sigrah, Kyle Nakamura, Mel Yokoyama, Gregg Young, Tom DeCosta, Stan Webb, Walt Miyashiro, Bob Speer, Jim Maskrey, Jeff Stephanic.

**Shed Upkeep:**

Ken Fernander, Stan Webb, Herb Allen, Benton Lee,

**In Memoriam**

In memory of Randall Hunter (just Hunter to all of us) whose passion for woodworking, jewelry making and dedication to his extended family at the Honolulu Kūpuna Shed brought joy, craftsmanship and wry humor to all. His legacy of creativity and community will remain with us always. A memorial charity donation in his honor may be made to local radio station KTUH



<https://giving.uhfoundation.org/funds/12063604> or to the Honolulu Kūpuna Shed <https://honoluluakupunashed.org/donate/>

Honolulu Kūpuna Shed - 2025 Board of Directors

Bob Speer, President  
Herbert Allen

Jim Maskrey, Vice President  
Keith Mattson

Bill Chismar, Treasurer  
Frank Smith

Mary Sigrah, Secretary  
Stan Webb

Due to a board member departure post election, a new board member will be appointed by the President in the next month. The Board looks forward to an active year with many exciting growth and expansion opportunities. The Honolulu Kūpuna 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 of cash, materials, in-kind support and community goodwill; project sales; and grants.