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## Presidents Message

Aloha Team Kupuna Shed!

What a flurry of activity and exciting new events. Remember what I said in the January Newsletter.....“our lease at Lana Lane would end in May 2025 with NO EXCEPTIONS”?!? Ha, Ha! There have actually been three changes since then. In an amazing turn of events for our Kupuna Shed, our lease was recently extended through December of ...wait, wait..... 2026!!! Our property manager, Colliers Hawaii, communicated this to me on April 24. Obviously, the impact of this change is huge. We can now ramp up our training and classes, accept new community projects and some that may have been deferred, and clearly, we don't need to pack up in the near future. Assuredly, the feeling for me, as well as many others, is one of relief and gratitude indeed.

In addition to this news, the success of our public relations efforts resulted in several donations from our community. We have had the good fortune to have received a \$15,000 grant from the Elks Lodge 616, and two anonymous \$10,000 gifts, with one specifically dedicated to furthering our education program. These funds will be utilized to enhance our programs and enable the inevitable move.

As we have previously noted, back in November when we were anticipating a move in May 2025, we established a “Relocation Team. The success of this team has been thrilling and truly impressive. I would like to thank all of the members that participated in this effort, including all of the current Board of Directors with the invaluable assistance from past Board members Lori McCarney and Jeff Stephanic. Other general

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members in this effort include Hal Arnold, Nam Vu, Greg Young, Michale Flumian, John Gilmore, Tim O’Donnell and Robert Mitchell. Please thank them for their incredible efforts.

Obviously, the Kupuna Shed is in large part a service organization. We are here to support Kupuna in the community as well as offer our skills and services to the community. As a point of emphasis, we are not primarily a “makerspace” and while personal projects are encouraged, we need EVERYONE to HELP with program activities. Participation has several forms:

1 - **Help with our Community Projects.** As the projects begin to flow back in, we hope that all can find time to share their skills and talents.

2 - **General maintenance and Clean Up.** The Supervisors always have a list of tasks needing attention.

3 - **Get involved in Committees and Areas of Interest.** Following is a list of **Areas of Interest** with team members and the primary contact person (first name on the line). Please contact the lead individual to find out how how to participate. Every little bit helps and as we grow, we need all to pitch in.

As a summary from my position, I am extremely happy and proud of our organization and the exceptional diligence provided by all who have helped so much. Many community leaders are equally inspired by our efforts.

Mahalo and Aloha!  
Bob

### Committees and Areas of Interest

**Sponsorship and Donations:** Bill Chismar, Jim Maskrey, Bob Speer, Stan Webb

**Grants:** Bob Speer, Jack Relf, Keith Mattson, Jim Maskrey

**Project Coordination:** Herbert Allen, Jim Maskrey, Stan Webb

**Record Retention:** Herbert Allen, Jack Relf, Mary Sigrah

**PR/ Photo Retention:** Keith Mattson, Jim Maskrey

**Newsletter:** Jim Maskrey, Jeff Stephanic  
**Supervisor Schedule:** Jim Maskrey

**Retail Sales:** Bob Speer, Herbert Allen, Frank Smith, Lynel Rabago

**Sizzle Coordination:** Jim Maskrey

**Membership Management:** Bill Chismar, Herbert Allen

**Education:** Bill Chismar, Keith Mattson, Herbert Allen

**Operations/Maintenance:** Robert Mitchell

### Call for Community Projects

Now that the pressure is off to move, we can begin to accept group projects for the community. If you are aware of any community organizations in need of assistance...schools, charitable organizations, etc., please contact Jim Maskrey, jmaskrey8@gmail.com.

The most recent projects completed include a koa donor board for Elks Lodge 616; 10 ceremonial Hawaiian digging sticks (o’o) for the Hawaiian Community Development Board, a banner stand for the Rainbow Keiki Run event and a portable bar for our Kakaako block neighbor Beerworks (currently in the process of moving to Kalihi).



Beerworks portable Bar and Bill C. working on layout.

As a reference, last year we completed several picnic tables, potting beds, garden benches, a garden shed and picture frames for various community organizations.

We have a few projects already in the queue, including making picture frames for Tripler Hospital Community Living Center. See Jim Maskrey who will be putting together a team for this project.



### Call for Art to Commemorate the Honouliuli Experience



Honouliuli National Historic Site has invited local artists, including members of the Kupuna Shed, to create Honouliuli-inspired artworks to be featured in an exhibition to commemorate the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of Honouliuli Historic Site under the National Parks System. This art exhibition will be held at the Downtown Art Center in January, 2026. Woodworking crafts were an important part of the history of the camp and the Honolulu Kupuna Shed is one of more than 50 community partners for the event, which seeks to help connect the powerful history of the WWII era camp to today's communities. You can go to the site's Call to Artists page at: <https://www.nps.gov/hono/getinvolved/call-to-artists.htm> to learn more about how to take part in the exhibition or speak to Keith Mattson at the Shed.

For information about 2025 10th anniversary of Honouliuli Historic Site events visit the events page at: <https://www.nps.gov/hono/getinvolved/10th-anniversary-celebration.htm>

### New Classes

The Shed will be hosting more classes in the future, some project-oriented such as the table-making class Bob is completing with about 5 shed members, and smaller, shorter 2-3 hour skills-building classes.



Table making l-r: Jeff Stephanic, Mary Sigrah and Herbert Allen

In early June a 5-week ukulele-building workshop began, led by member Jim Alcain, with 2 shedders in the class. Each will end the class with a fine, hand-crafted tenor ukulele.



First day uke building workshop. Jim Alcain, Pake Chin, Greg Lui-Kwan

Please check in periodically on the website calendar for scheduled classes.

**Milled Koa Available**

A team of Shed members completed the milling of rough koa from a HARC research project in Maunawili. This koa is now available for sale with prices noted depending on the quality of the material. If you find a piece you are interested in, let the supervisor know and we will mark your name and determine the price. Other retrieved wood includes pheasant wood, bunya bunya, milo, and leucaena.

Many thanks to the milling team, led by Bob Speer and Robert Mitchell: Jeff Stephanic, Steve Mesh, Mary Sigrah, Mike Webb., Matt Satterlee, Robert Lipman, Herbert Allen, Lynel Rabago, Benton Lee, John Miller, Diana Bethel, Ian Caywood, Pake Chin, Jordan Shamir and Michael Esposito.

**Call for Bikes**

Now that we are staying at Lana Lane, we are looking to replenish the supply of bikes to refurbish. If you have friends, relatives, neighbors, or building managers dealing with abandoned bikes, let them know that we'd be interested in talking to them. We are looking for bikes in decent condition that could use some TLC for rehabilitation.

If you are in the shed and receiving a donated bike please put it in either of the two bike spaces so the bike crew can evaluate it prior to moving it upstairs.

**Parking**

While we had a parking reprieve when Porsche moved out just down the lane, the space has been leased out to the Honolulu Fire Department as a training facility. This means we will no longer have access to their parking spaces. and will be limited to our designated spaces behind the Shed, or metered parking on the street, or park parking across Ala Moana Blvd. We may inherit some new spots when the Honolulu Beerworks next door completes their move, but this will not be in the very near future.

**Shed Sizzles**

Please join us for the Shed Sizzles, a pot luck style gathering held on the second Saturday of each month, from 11:00 am to 1:00. We have recently had wonderful participation with between 30-40 members, friends and family members sharing food and good cheer. The energy level has been kicked up a notch with live popular music mostly from the 60's and 70's being provided by The Silvertones, several of whose members are active with the Shed.



The Silvertones: (l-r) Curtis, Benton, Jim, Ken, Will, Margy, Valaree, Leilani, Richard, John, Glenn, Joe

Following each Sizzle is a Talk Story for personal enrichment session in the conference room on various topics including Smartphone Photography; What you need to know about Artificial Intelligence; Internet and digital risks for seniors; Changes in Medicare; Advances in Cataract Treatment. Please join us for these free workshops.



Colin P. firing it up at a sizzle!

### Revised Shed Hours

The Shed is re-instituting a practice that has been dormant for some time. **Fridays will be open with the stipulation that we all participate in a Shed-based support or community project activity.** The Shed requires ongoing maintenance that includes cleaning, small construction, moving wood, tool organization, etc., and all members are expected to contribute to the support of the shed in some form, including community projects. We also have ongoing community projects that are led by a Shed member or two, with a team of supporting members.

Maintenance tasks vary from quick 15-30 minute jobs to more involved Shed construction projects. Check with the Shift supervisor for the daily list of tasks. A clipboard also lists community projects and their leads.

If you can't make it down on Fridays, please contribute some of your time for Shed support when do you come by. The Shed depends on the support of each and every member.

#### Shed Hours:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10 am to 8 pm
Wednesday:	10 am to 5 pm
Thursday:	10 am to 8 pm
Friday (Shed-First Friday):	10 am to 5 pm
Saturday:	10 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday:	10 am to 5:00 pm

### Shed Storage

We had recently asked that members remove stored personal items by March 31. This no longer applies now that our lease has been extended. However, this is an opportunity to reiterate our storage policy. If you are occupying more than a cubby of personal items, you are subject to our storage fees, which are \$25 per month for a 2'x4' space. Payments for your additional storage space may be made online by logging onto the Shed website and making a payment by credit card. Payments are made for 3 month periods. There are a few members in arrears and you will be contacted directly for past due payments.



Robert M. barking up the wrong tree!

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