Fred Koehnen Shares His New Memoir at Museum Fundraiser Banquet

The Museum held its annual Fundraiser Banquet on the evening of September 27 at the Nani Mau Gardens. The event was universally praised by the guests as a great success and a lot of fun! Trustee Bill Walter served as master of ceremonies, and renowned local artist Lito Arkangel graced us with his wonderful music.

The evening’s event was held in part to honor the life and times of beloved Museum trustee, Fred Koehnen, captured in his new memoir, Been There, Done That, Back to Hilo. Fred was on hand to autograph his book, and a highlight of the evening was a conversation with fellow Trustee Barbara Hastings about the decades of history recounted in this remarkable memoir.

Also featured was a slide show of historic photos of Museum events through the years. Our special thanks go to Gladys Suzuki, the Museum’s Educational Programs Assistant, for researching and assembling images from the Museum Archives, and for capturing the evening on film. This was the first fundraiser banquet for Liz Ambrose, our recently hired Development, Membership, and Marketing Associate, who produced the attractive invitations and programs for the event.

Before dinner, Museum President/Executive Director Dr. Barbara Moir discussed the Museum’s plans for the next several years, focusing on the ambitious Island Heritage Gallery renovation project.

Once again the Museum conducted a very successful silent auction, thanks to the generosity of donors and buyers alike. A very special auction item was a beautiful koa coffee table, lovingly hand made by Fred Koehnen. Noted Hawai‘i Island artist John Dawson donated an original pencil and watercolor bird drawing, Hawai‘i ‘Elepaio. Paul Dahlquist, Museum Trustee, added an exquisite koa frame and matting to the drawing. Board Chairman Richard Henderson donated bottles of premium wine (and somehow, not a bottle was left unsold!). Director Barbara Moir donated a copy of the rare book, D. Howard Hitchcock, Islander ... to name just a few of the many wonderful items contributed for the auction. The guests who placed the winning bids seemed pleased with their prizes.

Many thanks also to Mark Mattos and his staff at the Nani Mau Gardens for a menu that was superb, and a welcoming and friendly environment. A heartfelt thank you goes to David De Luz, Jr. for taking the lead as committee chairman for this year’s banquet, made such a success by the combined efforts of staff, volunteers, and trustees.

Mahalo nui loa to the donors and others in the community who helped create such a memorable evening!
Welcome, New Trustee!

The Museum is pleased to welcome new Trustee Debra Lewis, who was appointed to the Board in August. She retired as a colonel with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, capping a 34-year military career that began in 1976 at West Point, where she was among the first female cadets admitted. Debra served in military zones around the world, including Iraq. Debra and her husband, Douglass Shipman Adams (a Shipman descendant), now devote their time to community service in the hope of inspiring others. She also teaches at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, and is the chair of the local Veterans’ Day parade.

7th Annual Golf Tournament a Swinging Success!

On October 25 the Museum hosted its 7th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser on the beautiful grounds of Kohanaiki Golf and Ocean Club in Kailua-Kona. Thirty-four teams enjoyed sunny weather on that Sunday morning, with a shotgun start. Following the tournament, refreshments and an awards ceremony commenced, with many prizes donated by supportive local businesses.

Richard Henderson, Chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees, remarked that "the Kohanaiki Golf Course was spectacular, the fairways and greens were perfect, and everyone had a great time. As usual, our Golf Tournament Chairman, Warren Lee, did a great job. Our thanks go out to Joe Root and his staff for again facilitating our annual tournament on their great resort course! This year the tournament raised over $26,000 to support the development of educational programs and exhibits for the community.

Mahalo to those to made the Golf Tournament so successful!

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Special Exhibit of Artistic Perspectives of Hawai‘i Closes
The Museum's long-running special exhibit, Nā Kuana'ike Pāheona o Hawai‘i: Artistic Perspectives of Hawai‘i, drew to a close on November 14. Having opened on April 17, the exhibit brought together paintings, prints, and photographs of Hawai‘i from the 18th through the 21st centuries. Five themes were addressed: The Time of Contact, Hawaiian Royalty, Hawaiian Culture, The Volcano, and Hawaiian Landscape.

Each section included a selection of paintings, mostly from the permanent collection of the Museum, with some on loan. Providing a modern counterpart to these historical works were contemporary photographs by members of the Kona Camera Club and the Hilo Photo Club.

Since 1778, when the Resolution and the Discovery under Captain James Cook made contact with the thriving culture and beautiful islands of Hawai‘i, artists have brought their perspectives of "paradise" to a wide audience. Some works were familiar, and others had never before been seen in any exhibit. Many of the works in the special exhibit came to the Museum through the generous bequest of Donn Carlsmith. Others were donated to the Museum by a number of individuals and some were loaned specifically for this exhibit. The Isaacs Art Center of Hawai‘i Preparatory Academy generously loaned works by Herb Kāne.

Paul Dahlquist, former Museum Director and current Trustee, served as guest curator for the special exhibit. Paul did a wonderful job and enjoyed every minute of it. The exhibit received great reviews, with the Isaacs Art Center reporting that many of its visitors mentioned the must-see special exhibit at the Lyman Museum.

Paul said, "Nā Kuana'ike Pāheona o Hawai‘i: Artistic Perspectives of Hawai‘i presents artists’ perspectives of nature and culture in Hawai‘i by joining 18th- and 19th-century paintings and prints with 20th- and 21st-century works by painters, printmakers, and photographers. As curator, I am very excited to have brought these works together in a single show at the Lyman Museum."

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

All you wonderful folks are cordially invited to two special events on January 28, 2016: our Annual Meeting of the Membership, and a Members’ Reception to follow. The membership meeting will be relatively brief (5:15 to 5:45PM), but heartfelt in its expression of appreciation for your support.

The Members’ Reception, to be held immediately afterward on the front lanai, will be an opportunity to express our gratitude in person with light refreshments and good conversation!

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Pierce Photograph Collection Identification Project

This is the nineteenth in a series of images from the Pierce Collection that we are sharing with our members in The Journal.

This photo was taken on January 24, 1967.

We have no further description. If you can identify anyone in this photo, please contact Hannah Loo at 935-5021 or e-mail her at archives@lymanmuseum.org Mahalo!

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