





ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Collections

To celebrate Lei Day in May 2023, the late Aunty Doreen Henderson's Lei Hulu o Hilo returned to the Museum with a very special exhibit of traditional Hawaiian featherwork pieces. Lei Hulu artists demonstrated how the exquisite creations are made, and visitors were shown how to make a feather flower to keep.

This past summer our Collections volunteer Elena-Marie Lehua Waianuhea joined us as an intern. For this internship Lehua catalogued 13 historic ledgers from the Hilo Drug Co. (1896-1950) which were donated to us last year. She created condition records for and updated each object in our collections database so the ledgers can be digitized in the future and made accessible to researchers. The completion of her project, Cataloguing the Hilo Drug Pharmacy Ledgers, earned Lehua 3.0 credits in History that specifically contribute toward her Certificate in Public History from UH-Hilo.

Mahalo nui loa to our donors for fiscal year 2023, whose mindful giving of personal and family collections have greatly enhanced our current holdings:

Anonymous - An old Hilo County Jail log book, handwritten entries from 1934-1940.

Anonymous - B&W panorama photo of large group of people at the funeral of Heikichi Kitaoka, died July 26, 1969, funeral, July 28, 1969. Pahala Hongwanji Mission.

Jan Becket - Sketches and water colors on paper of Hawai'i scenes by Jan Schaafsma, 1885-1980.

Jamie K. Bell-Kaaihue - 17 photographs, possibly from photo shoot for Shaheen's clothing designs, Island of Hawai'i, from 1946-1960s.

Jeffery A. Cho, The Kanaka Foundation - B&W photo of Hawai'i County Band with majorettes on the steps of Hilo Post Office and of staff and students in front of Hilo High School. A clarinet with case.

Charles and Suzanne Chapin - 41 postcards of scenic places, people, buildings, and hula portraits on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu, circa 1914-1918.

Kalea Chapman - Non-collection donation to benefit Lyman Museum. Collection of Oceanic cultural items, map, pamphlets, and artwork, 1960s-1970s.

Harvey Carlsmith, in Memory of Jean Carlsmith - Lei niho palaoa of braided human hair and carved whale tooth pendant, c.19th century. Pendant of marine ivory on a twisted cord similar to a lei niho palaoa with a matching pair of earrings. Pendant of marine ivory with carved ivory beads strung on black ribbon similar to a lei niho palaoa. A framed oil on board painting by Martha Lowrey Greenwell, 1920-2014. Scene of two nēnē geese on a path, 1982.

Collections (continued)

Tiffany Edwards - Additions to Big Island Press Club archives.

Roy A. Forbes - B&W photos of Hilo Hospital, Queen Victoria Annex, train passenger car with adults and children, old Hilo Hotel, and old landing at Wailuku River.

Mr. and Mrs. Custis and Annette Green - 2 color photo postcards of Punalu'u Village Restaurant, Ka'ū coast, Black Sand Beach of Punalu'u, operated by Hawaiiana Resort Villages, a Brewer company.

Dr. Mark A. Goldman - Raffle tickets for the American Legion 5th War Loan Drive. Drawing at Kalakaua Square, Hilo, Saturday, July 15, 1944, 3:00 p.m. "Keep This Ticket It May Win A Bond."

Myron O. Isherwood, Jr. - Album containing 126 B&W photographs of sugar plantation operations from 'Ōla'a, Waiākea, Hakalau, HCS on Maui, circa 1930s- early 1940s.

Halena Kapuni-Reynolds - Book, Curating Ali'i Collections: Responsibility, Sensibility, and Contextualization in Hawai'i-based Museums. A Thesis Presented to The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Denver.

Andrew Kawabata - Non-collection donation to benefit Lyman Museum. Kava bowl, tanoa faiava, attributed to Sāmoa, 20th century.

Phyllis Lillie - Album of ~100 photographs taken on Island of Hawai'i, by donor's grandfather who served in the U.S. Navy, circa 1931-1932.

Elizabeth Matsuura - 2 knob-top pounders, stone squid-lure sinker, and a large adze preform.

Cynthia Gillette-Wenner - Child's kimono with Japanese propaganda of military scenes: airplanes with bombs, horses, and battle scenes on land. Possibly Second Sino-Japanese War era, circa 1937-1945. (see images below)





Collections (continued)

Native Books, Inc. - Book, Nā Ala Kūpuna o Kaʿū: Place Names and Legends. Moʻolelo by Tūtū Herbert Kūʻumi Kin In and Tūtū Mary Kawena Pukui, by Richard Kekumuikawaiokeola Paglinawan.

Russel Sasaki - 21 photographic images taken by Ralph Takeshi Kanemori (1911-2002) of early Hilo scenes circa 1912-1930s, including high-resolution digital scans of some images produced by donor.

Jon Ono for Dennis Sekine (Dann Seki) - *B&W photo of the Local Board #2 U.S. Military Selectees, November 12, 1941 at the Hilo Armory.*

Teresa Spinola-Campbell - Papers, photographs, military memorabilia of Stanley R. Spinola, 1925-2000 and items featuring the family, Hawai'i Island, O'ahu, Kaua'i, and Chicago-1933 World's Fair.

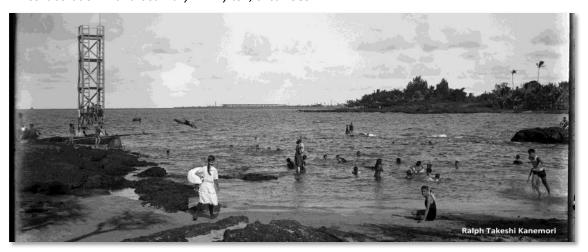
Aileen Suzuki - Political campaign memorabilia for the State of Hawai'i and County of Hawai'i. Buttons for Kimura, Dick Matsuura, D. Inouye and Burns, and a Mink mending kit.

Rod Thompson - Big Island Press Club Board minutes, 1986-2010.

Colin K. Watanabe - Slides and other ephemera related to Hawai'i Island history.

Daniele Chongsang Young - A "penu" from Raiatea, Tahiti, used for pounding laau (medicine) and maa (food). Similar to Hawaiian knobbed-top, flared-based pounders.

Leilehua Yuen - The original mold/cast of "Pele Dreaming" created by artist Herb Kāne in collaboration with artist MaryAnn Hylton, circa 1989.



The Museum exists to collect, preserve, and exhibit artifacts, artwork, and memorabilia relating to the culture, art, and historical heritage of Hawai i.

Archives

The Lyman Museum Archives preserves and makes accessible local history documents spanning more than 240 years. The documents include papers of kanaka maoli (the Hawaiian people), Christian missionaries, and immigrant families as well as records of past Hawaii Island businesses, organizations, and schools.

Reference Requests — During the past fiscal year our Archivist replied to 113 research requests. This reference service is utilized by a diverse group of researchers, most remotely. Other researchers travel long distances to conduct their own extensive research in our facility. Questions relate to Hilo buildings and businesses, Maunakea, Portuguese genealogy, sugar companies, the town of Volcano, and many other Hawaii-specific topics. Our photograph and library collections remain the most utilized. The largest number of requests for historical documents this year were for the records of the Hamakua Sugar Company and the Hilo Boarding School. The income from reproductions and usage rights totaled \$722.

Volunteer Contributions — The contributions of our Archives volunteers are essential. The records we preserve are best utilized when they are thoroughly organized and described. Our dedicated volunteers attentively catalogue books, categorize John Howard Pierce photographs, describe architectural plans and technical drawings, organize maps, scan photographs, and transcribe and translate handwritten documents.

Presentations — During the year, four collections-related presentations were provided for a total of 70 people. A Museology class and two Anthropology classes from the University of Hawai'i-Hilo visited, as did a church group. All toured the Archives and were shown some of our primary resources.

Online Special Exhibits — Each month the Archives features a special online exhibit of photographs and documents from our photographic collection. For this fiscal year the exhibits included Lā Hoʻihoʻi Ea (Sovereignty Restoration Day); Island Doctor: Charles Wetmore; Hawaiʻi Workers and Labor Day; Filipino American History Month; Sarah Joiner Lyman; Snow in Hawaiʻi; Volcano Awareness Month: Barbara Brown Photograph Collection; 'Ōlelo Hawaiʿi Month: Joseph Nāwahi; Hinamatsuri: Girls Day in Hawaiʿi; The Renewal of Hula; Asian American and Pacific Islander Month: United Chinese Club of Kohala; and Portuguese National Heritage Month. The online exhibits are accessible through the Museum website at lymanmuseum.org.

Professional Activities — Reese Sako (Visitor Services) and Eric Page (Archives) continue to serve on the Board of Directors for the Association of Hawaiii Archivists. Eric Page also served for the seventh consecutive year as a judge for the annual Hawaiii History Day in February 2023, part of the National History Day program, a history and civics competition for students in grades 6 through 12.

Education and Public Programs

The Museum's mission "to tell the story of Hawai'i, its islands and its people" is carried out in large part through the provision of exceptional learning experiences to Hawai'i's students of all ages. In FY 2023 the Museum provided educational tours of its galleries and the Mission House to more than 2,000 students from schools and student programs throughout the State and across the country, together with their teachers and chaperones. The majority of schools we serve are located on Hawai'i Island, but schools from the neighbor islands and the U.S. mainland are also represented. The ages of these students range from prekindergarten through university level.

In FY 2023 the Museum 'ohana was dealt a personal blow with the passing of our beloved benefactor: Museum member (and former volunteer docent) Dr. Patricia E. Saigo, who for years had subsidized the provision of our public programming. Her generous bequest to the Museum makes it possible to continue offering the Patricia E. Saigo Series of Public Programming to the community she loved. These programs, usually scheduled on Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons throughout the year, comprise lectures, performances, demonstrations, "talk story" sessions, book signings, and other presentations of community interest on Hawai'i-related natural and cultural history topics. In FY 2023 this abbreviated series featured the following:

Patricia E. Saigo Public Program Series FY 2023

Catch and Release: 20 Years of Freeing Entangled Whales in Hawai'i Waters: Edward Lyman

The Conservation Story of 'Alalā: Past, Present, and Future of Reintroduction Efforts to Save the Hawaiian Crow: Rachel Kingsley

Kazakhstan and Hawai'i: Some (Unexpected!) Shared History (1799-2023): Paul Dahlquist

Road Scholar Program

For many years the Museum has operated as a provider of Elderhostel (now Road Scholar) programs in the State of Hawai'i, leading participants in unique learning experiences on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, and Molokaʻi. In FY 2023 the Museum conducted three offerings of "Best of Hawaiʻi, Maui, Kauaʻi, and Oʻahu" and four offerings of the Molokaʻi portion of "Exploring Four Islands from Volcanos to Pearl Harbor." Income from these Road Scholar programs contributed significantly to the Museum's FY 2023 revenues.

Visitor Services and Volunteers

In FY 2023 the Museum's visitor levels grew slowly but steadily in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this period we welcomed nearly 10,000 general admission visitors, including a few groups of cruise ship passengers and individual visitors from ships in port. Visitor Services staff, including full-time Museum Assistants, serve regular Museum visitors as well as student tours, groups of ship visitors, and other group tours; their responsibilities include admissions, public information assistance, providing guided tours of the Museum galleries and the Mission House, conservation activities, service in the Museum Shop, daily sanitizing of public surfaces, and security measures for the Museum and Mission House.

During the past fiscal year a total of 34 much-appreciated volunteers assisted the Museum on a weekly or monthly basis with school and ship tours, public tours of the Mission House, admissions, visitor hospitality, newsletter production, Archives projects, Saigo Series evening programs, and general office tasks. In addition, our volunteer Board of Trustees provided many hours of assistance to the smooth functioning and special needs of the Museum. In all, more than 2,200 volunteer hours were contributed.

Development and Marketing

For more than 13 years the Lyman Museum has held an annual Golf Tournament fundraiser. The first year of the tournament, in 2009, was played at the Volcano Golf and Country Club. In 2017 the tournament was renamed the Fred Koehnen Memorial Golf Tournament and the Whitey Rose Perpetual Trophy was introduced. Since its inception the tournament has been played at courses all over Hawai'i Island. In 2021 the tournament was held virtually due to the COVID pandemic; golfers played over a two-month period and handed in their scores by the deadline. In 2022 we returned to in-person play and the tournament was held at the Waikoloa Beach Golf Course on October 22. A total of 76 golfers enjoyed the Beach Course while raising much-needed support for the Museum, in an amount exceeding \$25,000.

The Museum exists to educate and encourage awareness of our heritage through visually exciting and interpretive exhibitions, informative tours, special programs, and activities.

Facilities, Physical Plant, and Grounds

Mission House:

In October 2022 the process of hand constructing replacements for the House's damaged shutters began. Historic carpenter Peter Mott repaired weather-damaged sections of exterior trim around the windows, in preparation for receiving the new shutters. He then created a pair of shutters that are exact replicas of the historic pieces they are replacing. Priming and painting of the shutters was carried out by Museum Trustee and volunteer Pat Engelhard. Mr. Mott has been contracted to complete an additional six pairs of shutters, for a total cost of \$10,800.

Funding is still being sought to repair the foundation under the makai side of the House, which needs to be reinforced, and to replace the ground-floor lanai. Grant applications have been submitted to fund the \$350,000 project.

Museum:

- **a.** <u>AC Replacement</u>. In early 2022 we were notified that it would cost nearly \$1,000,000 to replace the Museum's aging air conditioning system. Since then there have been numerous discussions among Museum staff and trustees, and with the contractor, of what exactly needs to be done, by whom, by what timeline, and with whose money. While the AC system has continued to operate throughout this fiscal year, it requires repairs and maintenance which are hampered by the fact that the needed spare parts and coolant are no longer manufactured and are very difficult to obtain. Clearly a major capital campaign to remedy the situation is on the horizon, as an accredited museum cannot function without the necessary environmental controls.
- **b.** <u>Museum Gutters</u>. Last fiscal year it became apparent that the Museum's 1970s-era copper gutters need to be replaced or repaired. With a "replacement" figure of roughly \$100,000, strategies to repair the gutters were proposed that included the use of Flex Seal products. Use of such products requires prior clearing the gutters of all debris, and it was apparent that we would need to add debris-excluding gutter screens to the scope of the entire project in order to keep future repairs to a minimum. The project has been rolled over to the next fiscal year as we continue to search for the "right" screen, as the width of the Museum's gutters is greater than screens currently available commercially.

Facilities, Physical Plant, and Grounds, continued

- **c.** <u>PV Panels</u>. Increasing electric bills prompted the Board's Executive Committee to consider the options of upgrading the Museum's PV panels, adding more panels (to the north-facing roof) and/or erecting a PV-covered parking structure. The current panels were installed in 2012, and in 2019 they became Lyman owned after our 7-year lease ended. The committee met with T&T Electric's CEO, Leonard Tanaka, and Frank Fasi Jr., Director of Business Development-Pacific Islands BayWa, to address options. In January, the Board voted to first clean the panels to see what difference that would make, before considering other options. The panels were cleaned in April and the report, on the day of cleaning, showed the panels were now producing 79% of what they were designed to produce, which is better than expected. No further action will be taken at this time.
- **d. Fencing**. The paved area outside the fumigation chamber in the loading zone (Kapi'olani St. side) has been used by the unhoused in disruptive and frequently destructive ways. An area adjacent to the loading zone was also identified as a secondary location that trespassers took advantage of. At the same time, staff have witnessed the frequent occurrence of children jumping off the loading zone wall on to the driveway below, creating a danger to themselves. Fencing and lockable gates were suggested to keep trespassers out. Island Wide Fencing was awarded the bid, and the job was completed in April. There were no further problems in this area, but the unhoused then moved their activities to other parts of the Museum's exterior. New solutions are being sought.
- e. <u>Collections Storage</u>. Additional storage space for collections of artifacts and archives is still a priority. We are working with Systemcenter, a company based in Honolulu that designs and installs Spacesaver compact storage systems. With them we are developing a floor plan to properly house a variety of objects such as textiles, shells, minerals, and paintings, utilizing the small space we have available. The project is currently estimated to cost \$340,700 for manufacturing the units, shipping, and installation. Capital improvement funding must be sought in order to meet this critical need.

The Museum exists to serve as a learning and resource center for those seeking information, entertainment, and knowledge.

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The Museum galleries house exhibits designed to interpret the environment and ecology of Hawai'i as well as the rich and varied ethnic heritage of our island people.

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If it were not for our donors, members, and volunteers, the Lyman Museum would not be where it is today.

Mahalo nui loa for your continuous and generous support.

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Lyman House Memorial Museum - Statements of Financial Position For the Fiscal Year — July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

(The complete audit report with notes is available on request)

<u>Assets</u>	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$437,787	\$319,796
Inventory	13,805	12,083
Investments	5,471,203	5,211,070
Buildings and equipment, net	2,973,956	3,172,057
Land	200,000	200,000
Other	1,390	1,044
Total assets	\$9,098,141	\$8,916,050
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities	68,851	59,660
Net assets		
Net Assets - Unrestricted	3,395,800	3,645,320
Net Assets - Temporarily restricted	158,878	109,144
Net Assets - Permanently restricted	5,471,203	5,101,926
Total net assets	9,025,881	8,856,390
Total liabilities and net assets	\$9,094,732	\$8,916,050

Lyman House Memorial Museum—Statements of Revenues and Expenses All Funds - For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023

(The complete audit report with notes is available on request)

<u>Income</u>

Grants	\$	82,726
Membership and Donations	\$	56,704
Admissions	\$	41,623
Sales and Program Revenues	\$	1,053,807
Investment Income	\$	205,117
Other	\$	1,332
Total Inc	come \$	1,441,309
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Program Expenses	\$	1,090,450
Administration	\$	253,753
Depreciation	\$	200,951
Total Expenditures	\$	1,545,154
Net Expenditures over Income		(103,845)



'ili'ili (flat stones clicked together), 'ohe hano ihu (bamboo nose flute), pahu (carved log drum with a stretched sharkskin head), 'ūkēkē (musical bow), and pū'ili (bamboo rattles), among others. These implements provided the rhythmic and melodic counterpart to chants and hula.



Musicians and hula dancers at Hilo Pier, 1961

Hawai'i's contemporary music.

The 'ukulele, introduced in the late 1800s by Portuguese immigrants, was joined by the guitar, the slide guitar, and other modern instruments to form the foundation of today's Hawaiian music.