

**Our Mission:** To preserve & protect the coastal lands of Maui Nui for the benefit of the natural environment and of current and future generations.



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## REFUGE REPORT

An ever-evolving celebration of restoration and education at the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge

- **New:** Restoring a Mala'ai (traditional Hawaiian garden) at the Refuge. An exciting new project is underway: we're cleaning out a mala'ai (traditional Hawaiian garden) to provide traditional techniques of mulching, improving the quality of soil, and increasing yield. We'll be growing kalo (taro), 'ulu (breadfruit), 'ohia'ai (mountain apple), 'uala (sweet potato) and bananas.

- **'Onipa'a O Na Hui Kalo**  
Over Memorial Day weekend, 85 people from all across the state came together to rebuild the lo'i that had once been in this ili of the refuge. Mahalo to all of the volunteers who spent their holiday weekend working the land.

For more information, reservations and volunteer opportunities call 244-5263

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VIEWS

## FROM GOOD TO GREAT

In early August of this year, the four main land trusts which cover all the counties of the State of Hawaii signed a memorandum of agreement to merge into a single islands-wide organization, the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust. The four merging land trusts include Kauai Public Land Trust, Oahu Land Trust, Maui Coastal Land Trust and Hawaii Island Land Trust. This decision followed more than a year and a half of discussions among Hawaii's conservation organizations about how we can most effectively collaborate and maximize the many conservation opportunities throughout the islands. While we all have worked very well together in the past, we all recognize that land conservation on all our islands can be increased with more efficient uses of our resources. Reduction of overlapping position duties at the four land trusts is one of the great benefits of merger. Being able to centralize services such as bookkeeping, database management, stewardship planning, etc., will allow staff to focus more on our professional areas of individual expertise rather than having to be jacks-of-all-trades!

A major concern for the working group over the last year and a half has been to establish a permanent organizational mindset of being islands-wide, and

minimizing the possibilities of the organization becoming focused on any one county to the detriment of conservation in the other counties. Having a board that truly represents all counties and their constituencies is a guiding principle of the new organization.

By the end of 2010 the four organizations will merge under the 501(c)(3) nonprofit status of Maui Coastal Land Trust and the name will change to Hawaiian Islands Land Trust. The national accreditation status currently held by MCLT will transfer to the new organization and all current staff (continued on pg 2)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SAVE THE DATE - PARTY WITH MCLT '11

LEGACY OF THE LAND AT THE MACC

REFUGE REPORT

# Currents

## Legacy of Land at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center Schaefer International Gallery

The scenic lands on Maui under the protection of Maui Coastal Land Trust are giving local artists inspiration for new works created for an upcoming exhibition: Legacy of Land. This multi media invitational art show will be at the MACC Schaefer International Gallery from January 9 until February 19, with an opening show on January 8th at 5pm. The exhibition will include a talk with an illustrious panel of speakers on February 5 in the McCoy Theater. Joining our nation's Poet Laureate William S. Merwin on the panel will be research biologist Art Medeiros; artist and MCLT Educational Coordinator Denby Freeland Cole and MCLT's own Projects Manager Scott Fisher. Check out our website and our next newsletter for more information on this exciting exhibition.



'Onipa'a O Na Hui Kalo



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Kimeokeo Kapalehulehua leads the blessing



The Erdmans receive Conservation Award at Lu'au

### FROM GOOD TO GREAT (cont.)

will be retained in their respective counties. While the central office will remain on Maui, additional staff may be added on any of the islands, as appropriate to both local and islands-wide needs. Fortunately with our technology today, professional staffs do not have to be in the same place but can work effectively from separate locations. The board of the new organization will have representatives from all four counties and will include some of the current board members as well as new members from throughout the islands that represent the diversity and constituencies which

will support the growth of the new organization. The four existing boards will become Island Councils will that will help identify appropriate projects, assist in constituency building and local events and serve in an advisory capacity to the board. Representatives of each Island Council will also serve on the central board.

Maui Coastal Land Trust's first ten years has been an exceptionally successful decade, and this new direction provides the opportunity to accelerate that success. I am reminded of an essay written by Dr. Clarissa Estes Oakes, in which

### MARK. GET SET. GO!

Break out your calendars and mark these days off—you have a date with the Maui Coastal Land Trust!

- Oct 22nd, 5:30pm Moonlight Hike: Explore Waihe'e Coastal Dunes & Wetlands Refuge by full moon on these special guided night hikes. Refreshments and snacks will be served before heading out on the easy two-mile walking path. The event is open to the public for a \$25 donation. Call for reservations.
- Oct 23rd, 11am - 2pm (New Date!) Coastal Dunes & Wetlands Refuge Annual Picnic. You and your family are invited to join us for our annual picnic at the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes & Wetlands Refuge. The event is open to the public, but please call for reservations.

- Nov 18th, 6pm Join us at Bistro Casanova in Kahului for 'Intimate Dining with MCLT & Friends'. This small, yet special dinner fundraiser will surely dazzle and inspire. \$100/ticket. Limited seating, so reserve early. Please call for reservations.

- Jan 29th, 2011: Our 10th Annual "Buy Back the Beach" Lu'au on the beautiful grounds of the Old Lahaina Lu'au, Front Street, Lahaina. Fabulous Food, Live Auction, Special Entertainment. You won't want to miss this very special celebration. \$150/per person \$1200/table of eight. Sponsorship opportunities available!

To register or find out more info about these events, call 244-5263 or visit [www.mauicoastallandtrust.org](http://www.mauicoastallandtrust.org)



Helen Nielsen  
President, Maui Coastal Land Trust

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A great deed was done and MCLT is proud to have inspired and facilitated this. History was made this past year as Ulupalakua Ranch donated a conservation easement on over 11,000 acres of prime agricultural land to MCLT, the largest privately - donated conservation easement ever made in Hawaii.

Ulupalakua Ranch was recognized for their "Commitment to Conservation and Restoration of Native Hawaiian Resources" when Senator J. Kalani English presented them with a Senate proclamation at the September 'Ulupalakua Cares' event. This vision of greatness continues as MCLT looks forward to working with land trusts across the Hawaiian Islands to become a stronger venue for protecting important places we all know and love.

As MCLT evolves, so does our staff: sincere gratitude to Sally Gretz, our office manager; we wish her well in her new endeavors. Congratulations to Sara DePalma Smith on the birth of her son in August!

There are so many exciting events and activities coming up with MCLT. Show your support! Attend our events; take a moonlight hike in Waihee; make a donation! Your support is important and appreciated. Mahalo for being a part of our ohana.



Ulupalakua Easement



J. Kalani English and Sumner Erdman



Ulupalakua Easement

## Musings From The Shoreline

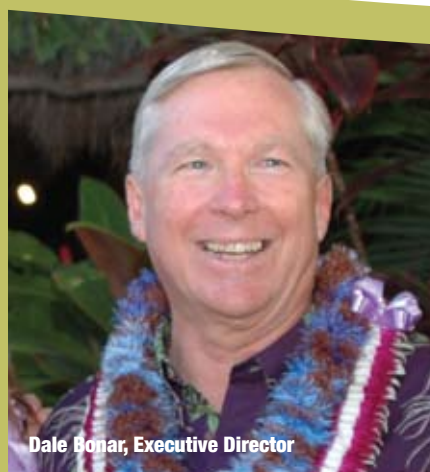
Sus-tā in-a-bi'-li-ty: the condition in which an entity maintains its ability to function in a fully operative manner". Not only has sustainability become part of our everyday conversations here on Maui, but it has become part of almost every aspect of what Maui Coastal Land Trust is doing as an organization. It was an honor to be recognized for our sustainability efforts along with so many other notable Maui organizations in the new documentary "Ho'okele Wa'a" (Turning the Canoe) which won the Audience Favorite award at the 2010 Maui Film Festival and presented a vision for Maui to be a world leader in sustainability (see [www.turningthecanoe.org](http://www.turningthecanoe.org)).

Our sustainability efforts cover a wide range of areas including habitat restoration, promoting alternative energy on lands protected by conservation easements and the organizational statewide expansion presented in the lead article. Organizationally, the four main land trusts representing all counties of the state have recognized the strength we can all gain by combining resources, reducing redundancy and ensuring sustainability. Though a challenging time from an economic standpoint, we are all excited about the opportunities presented by our efforts and look forward to expanded success throughout the state. I'm honored to be a part of these efforts and hope all of you realize

she noted: "When great ships are moored in harbor they are safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for!"

It is an exciting, though somewhat daunting time, and we will be relying on the continued support of our many friends and supporters as we sail from the harbor. Please continue with us on this voyage!

For more information about this exciting development, visit: [www.hawaiianislandslandtrust.org](http://www.hawaiianislandslandtrust.org)



Dale Bonar, Executive Director

that we can only do what we do because of you. Thank you for the support and encouragement you've provided. We will continue to do our best.