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Kauai Outdoor Circle
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Abstract

The Kauai Outdoor Circle has donated to the Kauai Historical Society a selection of materials from their beginning in 1975 to 2003. Included in the collection are policies, organizational documents, board of director lists, bylaws, newsletters, newspaper clippings, membership lists, brochures, and miscellaneous documents pertaining to their operations. This is part of a larger collection which is stored elsewhere.

Historical Background

The Outdoor Circle began in Honolulu in 1910 when a group of about 30 women concerned with beautification and sanitation in Oahu united. The organization worked in various ways to complete their objectives – planting of trees and shrubs was started in 1912, and tree-trimming to support the planting projects began in 1914. Many Oahu parks were beautified, along with the Schofield Barracks, Forts Kamehameha, Armstrong, Ruger, DeRussey and Shafter. A plant nursery was maintained for more than 20 years for nursery stock. Plants were placed along highways, on school grounds, cemeteries and in other public areas

An early project -- to eliminate the use of billboards in the Honolulu area, took many years to obtain – and only by buying the last few existing bill boards; additionally, the organization helped draft legislation in 1927 banning bill boards. When large store signs began to become too prevalent in the 1950s creating unappealing vistas, legislation was drawn up to establish a sign ordinance for the county, and passed in 1957.

As the years passed, the organization grew – branches were established in various communities on Oahu, then on neighbor islands (beginning in 1949 with Kona) and allowing men to become members (1950).

The Kauai Outdoor Circle was formed in October 1975 – the first newsletter issued that December, with charter membership of 200. Also known as TKOC (The Kauai Outdoor Circle) early on and later as KOC, the organization became active in various arenas on the Garden Isle. Special emphasis on litter eradication, recycling, and underground wiring are examples of the KOC's work on Kauai.

Scope

Early background materials in the collection deal exclusively with the parent organization in Oahu, followed by the Kauai Outdoor Circle's organization data beginning with its formation. Report files include annual reports, project reports and selected minutes which highlight the history and growth of the program on Kauai. Additional materials relating to signs, underground wiring, awards and a collection of brochures and printed materials complete the collection.

Container List

Box 1 Folder

- 1 The Outdoor Circle (Oahu parent organization) documents: policies, history, brochures, plans
- 2 Kauai Outdoor Circle – organizational items: bylaws, board of directors policies, procedures, charter
- 3 Newsletters
- 4 Awards, recognition, etc.
- 5 Membership lists and forms
- 6 Annual and project reports, news items, minutes, litter and recycling issues
- 7 Signs
- 8 Supporting underground wiring
- 9 Publications and miscellaneous documents

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