



Jackie Pualani Johnson as
Lili'uokalani



Denyse Woo-Ockerman as Emma

Nā Wāhine Ali'i: *A Visit with Emma and* *Lili'uokalani*

Saturday - February 13, Church of the Pacific, Princeville, 7:00pm

Sunday - February 14, St. Michael & All Angel's Church Hall, 2:00pm

Donation \$20 in advance - \$25 at the door

Two dramatic interpretations of the inner thoughts and personal perspectives of these noble queens. In *Vespers at Hānaiakamalama*, Denyse Woo-Ockerman portrays Emma, who suffered family tragedies, yet remained strong in spirit.

In *Lili'uokalani at Washington Place*, Jacquelyn Pualani Johnson relates the personal turmoil and musings of a queen who loved her people above herself. Ms. Johnson, Professor of Theatre at UH-Hilo, wrote both plays.

SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVATIONS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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Seeking YOUR Input!

The Royal Pā'ina has been our primary fundraiser for many years. Attendance has dwindled from over 500 to some 200 so we're asking for your opinion.

Please go to our [website](#) take a short Fundraising Survey.

A word from Our President

Mahalo to all of those who attended the Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 23 at The Island School. A special *mahalo* goes out to Mark Rossi, father of Board Member Pua Rossi-Fukino, for his beautiful *mele* and guitar playing accompanied by the impromptu hula dancers Donna Stewart and Pua. The presentation *Online Hawaiian Resources* presented by our Executive Director Helen Wong Smith was well received by the audience. We will continue to provide interesting and informative presentations at the Annual Meeting. Remember, next year's meeting is Saturday January 21, 2017! Only 358 days!



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DONATIONS

December 1, 2015 - January 26, 2016

\$1.00 to \$50.00

Kumu Roselle F. K. Bailey
 Ron Hanson
 Glenn Mason (Mason Architects)
 Robert McGinty
 Edie Moe

\$51.00 to \$100.00

Helen Cox
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 Dr. John Lydgate
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\$201 to \$500.00

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\$501 to \$1,000.00

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Mahalo for their support of our events

Līhu'e Safeway
 Kukui Grove Starbucks Coffee

HIDDEN HISTORY OF KAUA'I



Captain Cook Landing Site on the Waimea River.
 Foreground: breakwater at the mouth of the
 Waimea River, background: Waimea Bay
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THIS INAUGURAL COLUMN FEATURES LITTLE KNOWN FACTS OF KAUA'I'S HISTORY.

Although he sighted O'ahu first, prevailing winds prevented Captain James Cook from landing there, so on January 20, 1778; he made his first Hawai'i landfall at the mouth of Waimea River on Kauai. The next day, he made an excursion up the valley, taking note of the village, people, temples, cultivated trees and crops. At the time of Cook's arrival the ruling chief of the island was Ka'eo. Native Hawaiian historian Samuel Kamakau relayed the response of the residents,

"The valley of Waimea rang with the shouts of the excited people as they saw the boat with its masts and its sails shaped like a gigantic sting ray. One asked another, "What are those branching things?" and the other answered, "They are trees moving about on the sea." Still another thought, "A double canoe of the hairless ones of Mana!" A certain kahuna named Ku-'ohu declared, "That can be nothing else than the heiau of Lono, the tower of Ke-o-lewa, and the place of sacrifice at the altar." The excitement became more intense, and louder grew the shouting. [Kamakau 1992:92]

When the priest's prayer had freed the tabu and his words were ended the chief asked, "Would there be any harm in going to the heiau of the god?" The kahuna reassured him, saying, "No harm at all, for I did my work well. Only do not meddle with the things belonging to the god." [Ibid: 93-94]

Unwisely, one of Ka'eo's warriors, Kapupu'u, filched several iron objects and was shot dead by a crewmember.

Some chiefs cried, "Let us kill these people for killing Ka-pupu'u!" but the kahuna Ku-'ohu said, "That is not a good thought, for they were not to blame. The fault was ours for plundering, for Ka-pupu'u went to plunder. I have told you that we live under a law; if any man rob or steal, his bones shall be stripped of flesh. The proper way to do is to treat these people kindly. [Ibid: 94]

For more information click on the following: [National Park Service](#)

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Helen Wong Smith

The popular *‘ōlelo no‘eau* (proverb) *I ulu no ka lālā i ke kumu* (The branches grow because of the trunk) refers to the understanding that “Without our ancestors we would not be here.” Assuring the knowledge of our ancestors is available requires identification, accession, arrangement and description, preservation, and finally, access. Institutions and groups who are dedicated to preserving and relaying history seek diverse opportunities to capture the knowledge of our ancestors, including written, visual, and oral traditions.

Our mission statement (seen at the right of this column) provides the focus of our efforts. Our collection reflects an excellent cross-section of the people and events of Kaua‘i County comprising of government, business, and personal collections of both published and unpublished records, i.e. manuscripts, reports, correspondence, translations, maps, and photographs. Our extensive photo collection presents not just the notable people and places but the lives of the general populace.

However, simply possessing such records is of little use if they are not cataloged (published items) or processed (archival items) to facilitate discovery and access. By performing these processes employing professional standards, records then become available to researchers, whether it be genealogical, place-based, or event subjects. Adhering to established metadata, controlled vocabularies, and other best practices for historical collections increases collaboration and discovery of related material. Increasing these efforts decreases the need of individuals’ memories of what we hold and where they may be located.

While we do not circulate our library collection, the library catalog (now listed under the Research heading of our website) allows you to search almost 6,000 records including maps, audiovisual, books, and serials. Also listed under the Research heading are Finding Aids which provide descriptions and scope of processed archival collections. An effective feature on our website is a search box which searches all our finding aids for these collections simultaneously. Our 13,000+ digitized historic photos have rudimentary indexing and keywords and we are seeking affordable methods to place them online allowing you to search the collections yourself.

In my short tenure with the Kaua‘i Historical Society a bounty of treasures have been shared with me which remain hidden from the public until they are processed or cataloged. This is painstaking work requiring training, time, and of course, funding. Currently, grants from Young Brothers and the Hawaii Council for Humanities are dedicated to processing the Kekaha Sugar Plantation Maps which include government and private activities on plantation lands. While notable collections such as Guslander’s and the Coco Palms are often given limelight, the lesser known records of our ancestors possess insight to our past and enlighten our future. In coming months, such records will be highlighted, allowing you the opportunity to support our efforts to preserve and share the knowledge of our ancestors.

‘A‘ohe mea nana e ho‘opuhi, he moho no ka lā makani

There is no one to interfere, for he is a messenger of a windy day.

Said in admiration of a person who lets nothing stop him from carrying out the task entrusted to him. [Pukui 1983 #189]

Our Mission is to collect, preserve and disseminate the oral, written and pictorial history of Kaua'i County and to educate ourselves and the public about the history and cultures of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

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