

Finding Aid

to

**Peter K. “Pohaku” Nishimitsu Slide Presentations**

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**Title:** Peter K. "Pohaku" Nishimitsu Slide Presentations

**Extent:** Five slide carousels and notes for presentations

**Abstract:** This collection contains several hundred slides taken by Pohaku Nishimitsu during his tenure as an instructor and as a hula kumu.

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**Restrictions:** These records are open to research

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## **History:**

Pohaku Nishimitsu, born in Lihue in 1957, acquired an interest in hula and all things Hawaiian during his high school years. He graduated from Kapa'a High School in 1975 and went on to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa where his love for the Hawaiian language, culture, song, and dance continued to grow. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies (Hawaiian Studies) and Anthropology in 1978, his Professional Diploma from the University of Hawai'i's College of Education in 1980, and his Masters in Education from Heritage College in 1992.

In 1980 Pohaku established Halau Kanikapahuoalohi'au, which translates into "The Drumbeat of Lohi'au." The name was bestowed upon the Halau by Kumu 'Olelo and Mo'olelo Rubellite Kawena Kinney Johnson.

Pohaku began his career with the Department of Education in 1981 as a Hawaiian Studies resource teacher for Kaua'i District. He then worked as a Social Studies teacher at Kapa'a High School, following which he taught at King Kaumuali'i School and Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School, both of which were named by Pohaku. (He served as Vice Principal and acting Principal at Chiefess and acting Principal at Koloa Elementary School.)

Pohaku taught courses for Kaua'i Community College, the University of Hawai'i's College of Continuing Education & Community Service, Chaminade University, Chapman College, the Hyatt, the Department of Education's summer and adult education programs, and Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate Continuing Education Series. He served as a Historic Preservation Review Commissioner, court chanter and treasurer for Aloha Week – Kaua'i, and as an adjudicator for the Surrey Musical Festival (Polynesian Section) in Vancouver, B.C., as well as at other festivals on the island of Kaua'i.

Pohaku was fluent in the Hawaiian language and was the recipient of the Hawaiian Language Award at the 1996 Kamehameha Hula Competition, Kahiko Division, the Hawaiian Language Award for the Mokihana Composer's Contest, Kaua'i in 1994 and 1996, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mokihana Composer's Contest, Hawaiian Category in 1996. He wrote songs and chants and always shared his talents with generosity and grace. He was sought after as an expert in the Hawaiian language, protocol and history, including providing the Hawaiian name for Kaua'i's new courthouse – Pu'uhonua Kaulike. Many of Kaua'i's youth bear the names bestowed upon them by Pohaku.

Pohaku took numerous photographs at various Hawaiian events as well as photographs to support and supplement the various courses he taught.

In June 2006 Pohaku was diagnosed with Leukemia and subsequently passed away at Queen's Medical Center on Oahu in November 2006 at age 49. In July 21, 2007 he was posthumously awarded Living Treasure status by the Kauai Museum.

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<b>Loc</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b># of slides</b>
<b>Box A</b>	<b>Tahiti Fete July 4, 1975 Coconut Plantation Market Place</b> Notes: Kaleiki Keikis – magenta, Naeole – brown & orange, Kaleiki – large orange, Pupukahi Oka – “heart shapes,” Alicia K. Smith – peacock, KEEA – red & yellow, Leimomi Chung - red	<b>140</b>
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<b>Box D</b>	<p><b>Historic Sites of Hawaii Island</b> Note: E nanea, e ho'omaika'i, a e malama To enjoy, appreciate &amp; preserve</p> <p>1 Mauna Kea, 2 Moana Loa, 3 Waipi'o Valley, 4 Kahuna Falls, Wailele, 5 Akaka Falls, 6 Mokuola, 7 Pu'u 'O'o, 8 Mauna Loa, Kalapana, 9 Kalapana, 10 Kalapana, 11 Pu'u O'o from Kalapana, 12 Chain of Craters Road, Kalapana, 13 Holei Pali Kalapana, 14, Holei Pali Kalapana, 15 Pahoehoe,, 16 Ropey Pahoehoe Kalapana, 17 Kalapana Painted Church, 18 Kalapana interior Painted Church, 19 Kalapana interior Painted Church, 20 Kalapana interior Painted Church, 21 Pu'u 'enuhe, 22 , 23 Punaluu Bay, 24 Punaluu Bay, Kawaihu o Kauila, 25 Spring at Punaluu, 26 Kane'ele'ele Heiau, 27 Kane'ele'ele Heiau, 28 Ka'ili'ili Hanau o Koloa, 29 Ka'ili'ili Hanau o Koloa, 30 Honu'apo, 31 Honu'apo, 32 Honu'apo Spring, 33 Honu'apo, 34 Ka'u Sites, 35 Ka'u Sites, 36 Ka'u Sites, 37 Cave – Ka'u, 38 Cave – Ka'u, 39 Cave – Ka'u, 40 South Point Boat Landing – Ka'u morning, 41 Kalalea Heiau, Ka'u, 42 Waiopalahemo, 43 Waiopalahemo, 44 Pu'umahana, 45 Pu'umahana , 46 Pu'umahana, 47 Pu'umahana, 48 Ka'iliki'i, 49 Miloli'i, 50 Miloli'i , 51 Miloli'i, 52 Miloli'i Church, 53 Hale o Koawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, 54 Papa Konane Hale o Koawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, 55 Wall Hale o</p>	<b>137+ 8 loose slides</b>

	<p>Keawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, 56 Heiau Hale o Keawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau , 57 Wall Hale o Keawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, 58 Wall Hale o Keawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, 59 Wall Hale o Keawe Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, 60 Fishpond Honaunau, 61 Hale o Keawe at sunset, 62 Sunset – Kona, 63 Honaunau from Kealakekua, 64 Kaawaloa, 65 Ka Pali Kapu o Keoua, 66 Caves Ka Pali Kapu o Keoua, 67 Caves, 68 Caves, 69 Kealakekua Bay, 70 Hikiau Heiau, 71 Spot where Cook died, 72 Spot where Cook died, 73 Cook's Monument, 74 Cook's Monument, 75 Keauhou, 76 Kamehameha III's birth spot - Keauhou, 77, 78, 79 Kapuanoni, Hapai Ali'i and Ke'eku Heiau – pond Kona lagoon, 80 Pond – Kona lagoons, 81 Heiau Kona lagoons, 82 Heiau, 83 Heiau, 84 Heiau, 85 Old Wa'a Kona, 86 Kalakaua's Summer Palace – Kona, 87 Kama'io ku'ula Kona, 88 Ku'ula Kona, 89 Ku'ula, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 Ki'i Pohaku – Petroglyphs, Kona Lagoons, 96 Fishpond wall – Kahalu'u, 97 Fishpond wall – Kahalu'u, 98 Fishpond wall – Kahalu'u, 99 Hulihe'e Palace, 100 Hulihe'e Palace, Ki'ope Pond 101 Hulihe'e Palace, 102 Hulihe'e Palace Ki'ope Pond, 103 Puhia Pele Cone which covered Pa'aiea fishpond, 104 Lava trail – Kona, 105 Lava flow, from Moanuahea, looking toward Maui, 106 Lava flow from Puhiapele– Kona, 107 Cinder Cone – Pu'uanahulu, Kona, 108 Kona – Uka dry land forest, 109 Pu'waawaa cinder cone, 110 Hu'ehu'e, 111 Trail, Kona 112 Missing, 113 Ki'ipohaku - Kona, 114 Kalahuipua'a Fishponds, 115 Kalahuipua'a Fishponds, 116 Kalahuipua'a Fishponds, 117 Kalahuipua'a Fishponds, 118 Missing, 119 Mauna Kea, 120 Mauna Kea, 121 Pohakuloa, 122 Mamane, 123 Mamane, 124 Kohala looking to Kawaihae, 125 Looking toward Kawaihae, 126 Missing, 127 Kamehameha Statue, 128 Kamehameha Statue, 129 Kokoiki, 130 Mookini Heiau, 131 Mookini Heiau, 132 Mookini Heiau, 133 Mookini Heiau, 134 Mookini Heiau, 135 Mo'okini Heiau, 136 'Aumakua, Mookini, 137 Pololu, 138 Pololu, 139 Waipi'o Valley, 140 Waip'io Valley</p> <p>Loose slides – 1 Mookini, 2 Mookini, 3 Mookini, 4 Kalapana, 5 Kalapana, 6 Kona – Hu'ehu'e, 7 Kona – Hu'ehu'e, 8 Petroglyphs – Kona lagoon</p> <p>Note: Notations on slides and handwritten lists often do not agree.</p>	
<b>Box E</b>	<p><b>Native endemic indigenous Hawaiian plants</b></p> <p>1 naupaka kahakai, 2 pohuehue, 3 koali, 4 'ilima ku kahakai, 5 pa'u o hi'iaka and 'ilima kukahakai, 6 'akulikuli, 7 'akulikuli ?, 8 hinahina/nena kipukai, 9 hinahina, 10 hinahina and naupaka – Kahawa, 11 pohinahina/kolokolo kahakai, 12 kauna'oa, 13 ohai, 14 hala, 15 hala, 16 hala, 17 hinano, 18 kao pua &amp; hala o mapuana, 19 hala kaopua, 20 niu, 21 noni, 22 noni, 23 hau, 24 hau, 25 milo, 26 kou maoli, 27 kamani maoli, 28 wiliwili, 29 kukui, 30 pia ?, 31 lo'i kalo, 32 lo'i kalo, 33 kalo, 34 'ape, 35, 'ape pua, 36 'uala, 37 mai'a, 38 pu mai'a, 39 'ulu, 40 'ulu, 41 'uhi, 42 'uhi, 43 ki, 44 ko, 45 uhaloa, 46 pohe kula, 47 elima, 48 ko'oko'olau, 49 laukahi, 50 wauke, 51 namaki, 52 'olena, 53 pua 'olena, 54 'awa, 55 loulou, 56 honohono, 57 moa, 58 fern, 59 lepelepea moa, 60 'ala 'ala wai nui, 61 'ala'ala wai nui, 62 hulumoa HI mistletoe, 63 'iwa'iwa, 64 'iwa'iwa, 65 kupukupu, 66 kupukupu, 66 kupukupu, 67 hi'u i'a, 68 ho'i 'o, 69 laua'e, 70 'uluhe, 71 pala pala'i, 72 pala pala'i, 73 hapu'u, 74 'ama'uma'u, 75 'awapuhi kuahiwi, 76 'ohe Hawaii, 77 'ohe, 78 kokio, 79 kokio, 80 pua aloalo, 81 pua aloalo, 82 'ohelo, 83 'ohi'a 'ai, 84 'ohi'a 'ai, 85 'uki, 86 'uki'uki, 87 pukiawe, 88 kauila, 89 'ie'ie, 90 halapepe, 91 pu'ahanui kanawao, 92 'iliahi, 93 'iliahi, 94 'akala, 95 alani, 96 naupaka kuahiwi, 97 'a'ali'i, 98 'a'ali'i, 99 'a'ali'i, 100 'olapa, 101 'olapa, 102 koa, 103 koa, 104 pua koa, 105 koa, 106 maile, 107 hua o ka maile, 108 liko lehua, 109 liko lehua, 110 liko lehua, 111 'ohi'a lehua, 112 'ohi'a lehua, 113 pepeiao akua, 114-135 not labeled</p>	<b>135</b>

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<b>Box E</b>	<p><b>Various South Pacific figures and artifacts</b></p> <p>1 Maori Kiu', 2 Maori bowl, 3 hei tiki, 4 hei tiki, 5 hei tiki, 6 patu parasa, 7 piupiu, 8 moai kavakava, 9 ua, 10 ivory – Tonga, 10 ki'i Marquesas, 11 ki'i Marquesas, 12 toa – nu'uhiwa, 13 lei nihopalaoa – Marquesas, 14 Marquesas headdress, 15 ha'akai, 16 putaiana, 17 penu - Marquesas, 18 pahu Marquesas, 19 ki'i pohaku Tahiti, 20 tahiri, 21 Tahitian helmet, 22 gorget Tahiti, 23 penu – Tahiti, 23 ike kuku Tahiti, 24 ki'i - Rarotonga, 25 pahu - Australs</p> <p>Note: No handwritten list with slides.</p>	<b>25</b>