

Notes to Our Friends

The Newsletter of Waioli Corporation

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GALA FOR THE GROVE

A FUNDRAISING BENEFIT FOR GROVE FARM MUSEUM

Please join us for an elegant evening in support of Grove Farm Museum's ongoing restoration efforts. Enjoy an opportunity to gather with community and business leaders, hosted by Waioli & Nuhou Corporations. Featuring live entertainment and a signature culinary experience by award-winning Chef Sam Choy.

Friday, April 10, 2026

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Koloa Landing Resort

2641 Poipu Road, Koloa

Tickets: \$250.00 per person

Tables: \$3,000 for table of 10

To purchase tickets or learn more about excellent Sponsorship opportunities, (early entry for Sponsors at 5:30pm), please visit:

<https://events.cocoatickets.com/waioli-corporation/gala-for-the-grove>



Executive Director's Notes

Grove Farm Homestead Museum Improvements Update

Major Capital Improvement Projects Underway

We are pleased to report substantial progress on key projects at Grove Farm Homestead Museum and Kaipu Camp. These initiatives aim to enhance the functionality and comfort of the camp while preserving its authenticity and fostering a safer, more sustainable environment.

A primary undertaking involves the acquisition and installation of a self-contained waste water treatment facility. The wastewater treatment plant has been delivered and is on property. Laulea Engineering has been hired to assist with this massive project. The scope of work encompasses trenching, piping, and plumbing integration to ensure seamless compatibility with all structures at Grove Farm Homestead Museum. This development represents a significant advancement in modernizing waste management practices and promoting environmental stewardship. Projected completion of this project is June 2026.



Kaipu Camp house #6
The first to undergo restoration

Concurrent with this improvement, all 18 cesspools on the property are being decommissioned. This process will eliminate outdated waste disposal systems and reinforce our commitment to health, safety, and environmental responsibility. Restoration of all Kaipu Camp Cottages commenced on March 2, 2026, and is progressing steadily. BAMF construction has been contracted to work with our team on this restoration project. Comprehensive repair and or replacements are being conducted from the foundation upward, including attention to posts, floor joists, floors, framing, walls, roofing, roofing joists, and purlins. To improve durability and resident comfort, new corrugated roofing, plumbing, restored bath fixtures, sinks, bathroom fittings, and modern electrical systems are being installed for compliance. This restoration will help ensure the Kaipu Camp cottages remain authentically accurate while being secure, cozy and inviting residences for current and future occupants.

We appreciate the ongoing support and patience from all stakeholders as these transformative improvements move forward. Further updates will be provided as the projects continue.

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A Grove Farm guided tour

History Well Told Is Beautiful

If you enjoy sharing wonderful stories and meeting people from both the local community and around the world, becoming a Volunteer Guide at Grove Farm museum may be right for you.

A six-week guide training course will begin in April.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Maile at 808-245-3202 or tours@grovefarm.org

Visitor Comments: "Our guide gave us an incredible review of Hawaii history and a beautiful, beautiful tour." ... "We like taking a tour with different guides as each one tells the history in a unique way." ... "We had a fantastic docent! His stories made everything come alive." ... "There are gorgeous grounds, really interesting stories, and we had a spectacular guide that was so knowledgeable and a joy to listen to." ... "Wonderful guides showing a well preserved plantation home. Great local history lesson."



Notes to Our Friends is going digital!

We are working to have our newsletter be fully digital.

If you don't currently receive it through email, please send your email address to:

secretary@grovefarm.org
and we'll add you to the list.

The newsletter will also be available on our website at:
www.grovefarm.org



Curator's Corner

Washing antique rugs may seem like an ordinary task, yet the moment you lift one of these pieces, a quiet sense of awe settles in. At Waioli Mission House, we are caring for a collection of twenty-two historic floor rugs, each more than a century old, each stitched by hand with an intention that still speaks across generations. Their fibers hold the weight of footsteps long gone, and their craftsmanship reminds us of a time when objects were made to endure, to serve, and to be cherished.



The rug pictured here is the "welcome" rug at the entrance of the parlor, the main threshold into the mission house. This rug was curated in 1922 by E.B. Leete's of Guilford, Connecticut, and was selected to help tell the story of the mission house and the people who lived, worked and dreamed within its walls.

As we wash and restore these rugs today, we are not simply preserving artifacts, we are renewing a connection between past and present. Every visitor who walks through the doors becomes part of the Waioli Mission House story, helping to keep it alive for the next hundred years and more.