

Pulama Ia Kona Heritage Preservation Council

Annual Report: 2005

- Management Team -- Russell Kokubun manager, Sheree Chase, preservation liaison, Millie Kim, government liaison. Conducted a Workshop on December 10, "Traveling the Kona Region, Past, Present and Future".
- "Traveling the Kona Region, Past, Present and Future" focused on the big picture of the areas surrounding Mamalahoa Highway, the Kona Heritage Corridor. Speakers were Kepa Maly and Valentine Ako who presented cultural aspects of the Kona Heritage Corridor, ahupuaa concept, Aric Arakaki of the National Park Service on the Ala Kahakai Trail, Rob Shallenberger, Hawaii Island Nature Conservancy on trails that connected mauka mountain settlements and Warren Lee and his staff, Curtis Beck and Clyde Nagata on the role of HELCO as it attempts to meet water and power needs along the corridor. Initiated this year was the Pulama Ia Kona Heritage Kupuna Award in Honor of Sherwood Greenwell by the Hawaii State Senate. Our recipients this year were Goro Inaba and Billy Paris. The Heritage Building Plaques were presented to the Daifukuji Soto Mission and Lanakila Church.
- Received a \$24,000 grant award from the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) to design and produce signages along Mamalahoa Highway through the Pilot Kona Heritage Corridor through Holualoa and develop and publish a booklet with enhanced information found in the brochure, "Driver's Guide".
- A \$1,000 grant from Young Brothers will supplement HTA funds necessary to develop and the booklet.
- The Hawaiian Electric Industries Charitable Foundation granted Pulama \$20,000 to fund the December 10 Workshop as well as research and educational activities necessary to continue the Kona Heritage Corridor beyond the Pilot section.

Pulama looks forward to 2006 as a time to provide educational programs to increase our circle of friends. The management team will continue to work with community persons, the County of Hawaii and state agencies to establish the Kona Heritage Corridor through North and South Kona.

The Directors of the Board are grateful to you who have served as volunteers on our projects, supported us with membership dues, made special donations to continue development of the Kona Heritage Corridor.