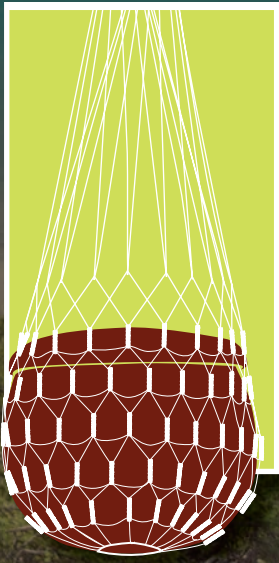


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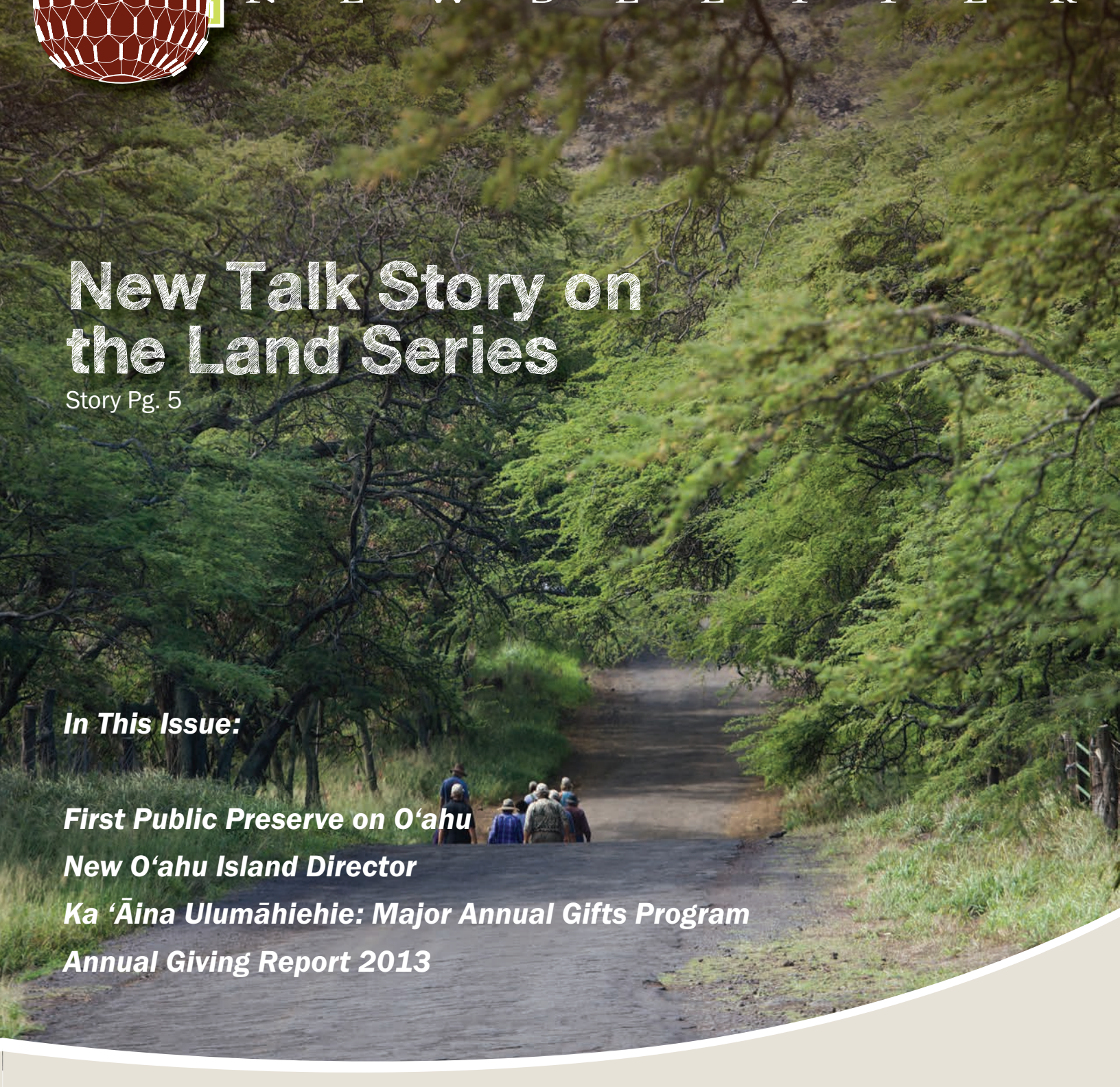
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Aloha HILT 'Ohana,

Hawai'i is the 8th smallest state in the nation, and it is in the upper third of most densely populated states. There are about 212 people per square mile in Hawai'i. The average in the United States is 87.4 people per square mile. In Hawai'i there is a population of about 1.4 million people and almost 1 million of those people are on O'ahu. ***New Jersey is the most densely populated state with about 1,195 people per square mile. O'ahu has about 1,600 people per square mile.***

In Hawai'i, and on O'ahu in particular, we run the risk of loving and living paradise to death. Hawai'i's long-term well being, environmentally, economically, and culturally, is directly linked to the land and the choices we make about it. Human systems ultimately rest upon and rely upon the land. We as a species need healthy lands, with the numerous conservation values such lands afford (wildlife habitat and biodiversity, water resources and clean drinking water, beautiful scenic vistas, outdoor recreation areas, agricultural resources and fresh local foods, cultural/historic values, etc.), for our survival and long-term well-being. Such important natural lands also distinguish Hawai'i as a desirable place to live, work and visit, which are critical factors for the economy.

Thus, Hawai'i is fortunate to have a statewide, non-profit land trust, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust ("HILT"), the first nationally accredited land trust in Hawai'i, with a mission to protect the lands that will sustain us for current and future generations. The merger of four preexisting non-profit land trusts in January 2011 which created HILT provides an important model to other states struggling with too many inadequately funded land trusts. To date, HILT has conserved over 17,000 acres on a number of properties with

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Letter from the Executive Director

- Edward Sortwell Clement, Jr.

various conservation values important to residents and visitors alike.

HILT must increase the pace of its land conservation work while at the same time setting up systems to steward our lands long-term. We recognize that Hawai'i's remaining and unprotected open space lands are under immense pressures from development and other activities. Therefore, we must act now to conserve many unprotected and critical lands, which sustain us and distinguish Hawai'i. While acquiring interests in new lands, via perpetual Conservation Easements or Fee Simple ownership, we must also put in place strong systems so that we can oversee these lands long-term.

HILT has developed a new program for O'ahu, which will be fundamental to growing HILT's support base so that it has more resources to increase the pace of its conservation work while also addressing our long-term responsibilities. This new program for O'ahu is multi-faceted and involves hiring a full-time O'ahu Island Director, setting up an office on O'ahu, creating our first public preserve on O'ahu, holding our first gala on O'ahu, and running new education and outreach efforts on O'ahu, such as our Talk Story on the Land series. O'ahu is the population and power center of Hawai'i, the island most in need of land conservation, and HILT must increase its presence and activities there in order to grow its support base which will provide more resources to further its mission for the lasting benefit of all who love Hawai'i. We are well underway in implementing our new O'ahu program, thanks to your support, and it is exciting to watch.

Mahalo,

Edward Sortwell Clement, Jr., Executive Director



Maunawila Heiau

Hawaiian Islands Land Trust's First Public Preserve on O'ahu

After years of work, the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (“HILT”) plans to complete its acquisition of the Maunawila property, which is about 9 acres, near Hau'ula town on O'ahu from the McGregor family in the next few weeks. This property will become HILT's first public preserve on O'ahu.

The Maunawila property was purchased by Louise Aoe McGregor on August 25, 1906 from the Territory of Hawai'i. Her husband, Daniel Pamawaho McGregor Sr., was born and raised in Hau'ula. His grandfather Kalimaha'alulu had been a konohiki (overseer) of an ancient land division there.

The couple and their children lived at Maunawila for about a decade. After a fire destroyed their home, they moved to Honolulu and then to Kaluanui, a valley in Hau'ula. Subsequent generations of McGregor descendants inherited Maunawila but chose not to live there. Thus, the property remained unoccupied from the 1920s to the present.

A heiau, one of the last remaining relatively intact heiau in the Ko'olauloa region, covers about 2.5 hillside acres overlooking the sea. In recent years, members of the McGregor family, the Hau'ula Community Association and the Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club have cleared overgrown vegetation, revealing remnants of the heiau's two terraces, some of the stones for which stand about 7 feet high. Oral history indicates the heiau was likely a healing temple.

Once the property has been successfully acquired by HILT for conservation purposes, HILT will carefully work to finish the site's management plan, design infrastructure for the preserve (trails, interpretive signage, etc.), raise funds for such infrastructure and then install it. Thereafter, the preserve will be opened to the public so more people can connect with the land and HILT's land conservation work.

Many people helped make this project possible, but HILT would especially like to thank the McGregor family, the State of Hawai'i and City and County of Honolulu for providing funding which will enable HILT to purchase the land in the very near future.



Currents

Mālama Kīpuka Buy Back the Beach Benefit Lū'au



Over 500 of the HILT 'Ohana gathered to celebrate under the stars in January at Mālama Kīpuka, our Green Oasis gala, hosted once again by Nā Hoaloha 'Ekolu at Old Lāhaina Lū'au. There was much to celebrate at our 13th annual benefit lū'au: the tremendous increase in our donor base, our tremendous supporters, our audacious plans for the future, as well as the over \$100,000 netted from the evening to support the continued protection of over 17,000 acres throughout the state.

In addition to our 30 Pākauakau Sponsors, Mālama Kīpuka was championed by our generous Pā'ina Sponsors:

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From the welcoming smooth jazz guitar of Gary Larson, to the beautiful sound of the Hawaiian steel guitar by Joel Katz, the rousing performance by the Old Lāhaina Lū'au dancers, and the private concert by the sensational HAPA, it was a picture perfect lovely Hawaiian evening! Added to the ambiance, were the culinary delights presented by the entire Nā Hoaloha 'Ekolu family of restaurants: Old Lāhaina Lū'au, Aloha Mixed Plate, Star Noodle and Leoda's Kitchen and Pie Shop.

A highlight of the evening was our honor to present the 2014 Champion of the Land Conservation Award to our hosts for the past 13 years: Nā Hoaloha 'Ekolu. The Hawaiian Islands Land Trust Champion of the Land Conservation Award was created to show special recognition to those exceptional people who contribute so much towards our mission to protect the lands that sustain us for current and future generations. Michael Moore, Timothy Moore, Robert Aguiar and their staff believed in our land trust from our very humble beginnings, when protecting any land at all was just a dream, and they truly set an example for all of us on how we all can make a difference in our community.

The fabulous evening would not have been possible without our Event Chairs, Susan Kean and Helen Nielsen, as well as the many Event Committee Members, Maui Printing Company Inc., Emcee Makalapua Kanuha, Auctioneers Rusty Conway and Steve Burgess, food and beverage donors, auction donors and event volunteers. Mahalo! Everyone contributed to a memorable evening of fabulous food, friends and funds all to ensure the special places from Kaua'i to Hawai'i Island remain vibrant and protected for current and future generations!

I Hawai'i nō nā Hawai'i i ka 'āina.

"We are who we are because of where we are." ~ Neil Hannahs

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HILT Welcomes New O'ahu Island Director!

Christina ("Tina") Aiu grew up in the ahupua'a of Wailua on the island of Kaua'i, where she spent much of her time hiking Nonou Mountain and riding waves along Wailua beach. Her interest in conservation began from an early age, starting with her love of the 'āina and her community. To Tina, 'āina (land) is also the bridge that connects her to her Hawaiian ancestors.

Tina received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Loyola Marymount University in 2008 and then served as a Team Leader for the Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps in 2009. She then went on to earn her Juris Doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she focused her studies on Environmental Law and Ocean Policy. During law school, Tina worked at Kamehameha Schools Land Assets Division, The Trust for Public Land Hawaiian Islands Program, and The Conservation Council



for Hawai'i. Prior to coming to HILT, Tina was a Food Systems Planner at Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, where she worked with community members to enhance food security and food sovereignty at Kuhio Park Terrace – one of O'ahu's largest public housing neighborhoods. Tina is also an alumnus of the Center for Whole Communities' 2042 Young Leaders Re-Imagining Conservation Fellowship program. In her spare time, Tina enjoys surfing and nature photography.

Amidst HILT's many conservation projects across Hawai'i are a number of new, important and focused efforts on O'ahu. In addition to having just hired an O'ahu Island Director, HILT just opened a new office on O'ahu at 677 Ala Moana Boulevard in Honolulu. In the next few weeks, HILT also looks to protect and take ownership of its first public preserve on O'ahu.



New Talk Story on the Land Series

"Enlightening experience. I have learned so much about native Hawaiian culture, flora/fauna and conservation efforts. I was very inspired and look forward to many more!"
 -Beverly Johnsen

In January 2014, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust ("HILT") launched its new Talk Story on the Land environmental education series. The program has been a terrific success with many of the scheduled hikes already "sold out."

The purpose of HILT's Talk Story on the Land program is to give the public the opportunity to get out and walk on the land we work to protect, and learn about those lands and our work, so people can better connect with nature and the work of HILT statewide.

Every hike is free and open to the public. However, the special moonlight hikes have a suggested donation of \$25 to offset the cost of the pūpū and refreshments provided. For those that provide the suggested donation they will receive a one-year HILT membership with associated benefits (HILT newsletters, HILT window cling, etc.).

This educational program reflects our belief that experiential education is the most powerful form of environmental education. Direct experience with the land develops love for the land, and love is the basis of good stewardship. This program will help develop more support for HILT's time-sensitive land conservation work and protecting nature in general.

The 2014 Talk Story on the Land series consists of 16 hikes across O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i and Kaua'i. It includes hikes at HILT's Nu'u Refuge on Maui, the Honolulu Coffee Company Farm on Hawai'i, Coco Palms on Kaua'i, Pūpūkea Ranch on O'ahu and many other properties, some of which are not typically open to the public. For the complete listing, visit www.hilt.org. The schedule includes information on how to sign up for a particular hike. Space is limited, and many hikes are already full or near capacity, so sign up quickly! If you cannot get on one of our hikes this year, stay tuned for the 2015 Talk Story on the Land Hike Schedule which will be released early next year as this will be an ongoing annual program.

Talk Story on the Land

"Such a beautiful thing you are doing here! So proud of the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture and 'āina you are doing here." -Taimiroa Pajimola



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Ka 'Āina Ulumāhie Major Annual Gifts Program

Liko, mohala, lehua, and ululā'au represent the cycle of a flower or tree's growth in nature. These Hawaiian concepts of the leaf bud, the unfolding of a new blossom, the beautiful sight of a fully bloomed lehua, and an exquisitely adorned and lushly vegetative ululā'au of 'ōhi'a trees demonstrate how your leadership support of HILT helps us grow our land conservation mission. Be a part of Ka 'Āina Ulumāhie, HILT's Major Annual Gifts Program, and make YOUR contribution toward our 'āina māhie, Hawai'i's richly adorned land. *He kuleana nō ia.*

This group of individuals, through their generosity, long-term vision, and

leadership, distinguish themselves and enable HILT to fulfill its time-sensitive land conservation mission to protect the lands that sustain us for current and future generations. These visionary individuals will be invited to an exclusive event that will occur once a year to E Ola Ka 'Āina Ulumāhie...Let Hawai'i's richly adorned lands flourish.

E ho'oulumāhie kākou iā Hawai'i! Begin your legacy of adorning Hawai'i and making your impact by contacting HILT's Development Director, Carol Gentz, or Executive Director, Ted Clement, at (808) 244-5263. *It is our kuleana.*



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E Mālama Kipuka... Join the HILT 'Ohana TODAY!

Your support is critical to Hawaiian Islands Land Trust's ("HILT") work to protect what we love about Hawai'i: its beaches, mountains, stunning scenic vistas, forests, cultural and historical sites, ranches and farms, and other outdoor recreation areas. By joining the HILT 'Ohana of over 850 members, these kīpuka and special places, wahi pana, will be saved for the lasting benefit of current and future generations.

Together, with our members, we are advancing our mission of protecting, in perpetuity, the lands that sustain us. During the past year, we have completed our Iconic Lands Prioritization Study and continued our work on the most important and strategic open space lands throughout Hawai'i including expanding the Kāhili Beach Preserve on Kaua'i and adding to the Kīpuka Mosaic Project on Hawai'i Island. This year, as we launched our Talk Story on the Land series, opened an office on O'ahu

and finalize additional projects on each of the Hawaiian Islands, we depend on the support of our members. Your gift will be put to good use.

By partnering with Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, the only statewide accredited land trust devoted to the preservation of Hawai'i's precious natural and cultural heritage, you can change history by conserving and caring for the islands we cherish. Become a HILT member TODAY and help us achieve lasting results.

And, if you are already a HILT member...

be sure to renew your membership and continue to make a difference or give the gift of a Maunawila membership to a special person for \$15!

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Founding Few, founders of Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, is a visionary group of donors who each made generous three-year financial leadership level commitments at the time HILT became a statewide land trust. As we move forward in the further development as a flourishing organization, we have established Ka 'Āina Ulumāhiehie as our major annual gifts program.

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- Neil Hannahs



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