

Newsletter

EASTSIDE HUI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



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YOU ARE THE HUI

"I 'aina no ka 'aina i ka aumakua; a i wai wai no ka 'aina i ke kanaka." (The land remains the land because of the aumakua; prosperity comes to the land because of its people.)

"Our guardian spirits are one and the same as our resources. We honor them by caring for that resource which feeds our body and soul, perpetuating a lifecycle and rooting us to the aina."

Dear Eastside Hui members and all Keiki O Ka 'Aina:

In acknowledging Eastside Hui Resource Management, you are showing your respect and responsibility toward your fellow man and all residents of East Maui. You are the kind of person who has compassion for our 'aina and its resources. You are the kind of person who stands up when our lands, seas, and mountains call to its people to kokua and malama.

The purpose and mission of Eastside Hui is to manage and protect East Maui resources for present and future generations.

Since knowledge is power, we will begin this year first, by educating ourselves and outsiders on traditional cultural rights and practices of East Maui resources; second, by surveying and recording our resources and its boundaries; third, by acknowledging organizations, private or government, to work together in the spirit of community to achieve our purpose; fourth, to set-up Eastside Hui Resource Management to receive funding through grants by forming a non-profit or by some other means that is most appropriate for our organization. Fund raising, donations, and our T-shirt sales are currently our sole source of kala.

We, the "Keiki O Ka 'Aina" are directly affected by the overuse of our resources. If we don't convey our feelings and express our concerns for our lands, seas and forests, we are partly to blame.

It is time to come out, speak up, and express yourselves. This newsletter is open to all Eastside Hui members and keiki o ka 'aina. We will gladly print your articles, short stories or any pertinent information to communicate amongst our Eastside community. We are thinking of quarterly newsletters. Hunting and fishing stories are welcomed, also conversations about aloha 'aina. Whatever you write about, we'll print it word for word, so make sure it makes sense.

Our resources are not endless! E ho'oponopono na keiki o ka 'aina. (The children of this land shall make right!)

'O au iho no me ka mahalo
Kema Kanaka'ole

SALT 'EM

By Kamaui Aiona

I remember growing up, we used to have this slang – "Salt 'em." When all the kids got something, like candy for example, there was always one person who wouldn't eat all of it right away. "Brah, you ate 'em all already?" "No, I goin' salt 'em..." Basically meaning 'when you all run out, I still going have.'

Later on in life I learned this Hawaiian saying: "E 'ai i kekahi, e kapi i kekahi." Eat some now, salt some for later. I can only assume that this refers to how the old timers used to eat some of the fish/meat and then salt the rest to preserve for later, especially reserving this cured food for when the ocean was rough.

There is value in this old saying that still carries meaning for our generation. Let's not take more than we can handle from the mountains or the ocean. Take only what we can mahele and eat and salt the rest for another time.

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AIA KE OLA I KA 'AINA

By Kau'i Kanaka'ole

The land is alive. It is a living, breathing, vital source of mana for us as native people. The land gives us what we need to survive physically and spiritually. Thus, we have a responsibility to take care of it. This relationship between kanaka and 'aina goes much deeper than just stewardship. We look to the land as the source of life in two ways—as a basic source of sustenance and as a manifestation of greater spirituality. The relationship is intimate and necessary in order for us to be healthy and prosperous. Knowing this, the question arises, "How can we maintain this type of relationship in the society we live in today?" It can be done, because it must be done. We must begin with educating our keiki about this relationship between kanaka and 'aina. They are the vital link between our today and tomorrow. They are the carriers of knowledge between generations and our focus must be on their rearing.

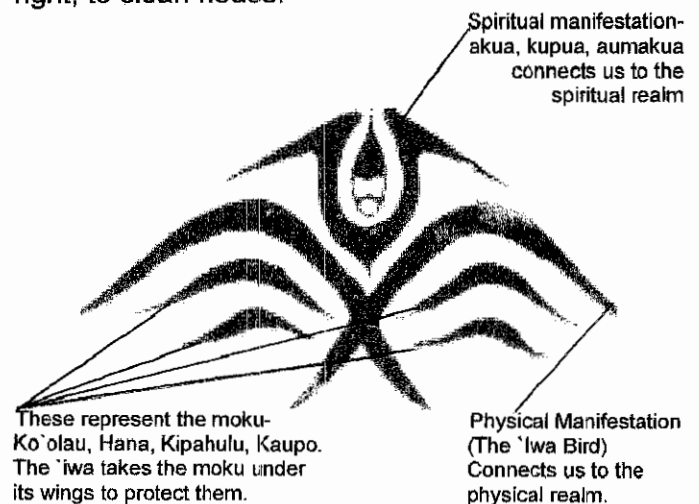
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 20--Membership mtg at Hana Bay Pavilion
At 6 pm
- May 21-22--OHA mtg at Hotel Hana Maui.
To register get in to touch with Pomai
Konohia or Terry Poaipuni
- May 27--Rally 12 noon – Sunset at Koolau
Moku (Honomanu), Kaupo Moku (Nu'u)
- May 28 --Rally Sunrise – 12 noon Koolau
Moku (Honomanu), Kaupo Moku (Nu'u)

EASTSIDE HUI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LOGO

By Kema Kanaka'ole

The old ones return...the guardians of the ancients...the aumakua of original aboriginal. "Do not be afraid, for they come to equalize, to make right, to clean house."



The image of the 'iwa bird came to me one night while drawing on a piece of paper. A few other images came to mind but the 'iwa kept returning. I decided to go with this image for the Eastside Hui logo, not knowing exactly how to interpret it. I put the paper away and thought, "it will come to me when I am ready for it."

A few months later I was talking story with one of our kupuna. She told me a story of these great 'iwa birds she had seen. Here is her story.

"The 'iwa birds were very large and scary. They first came out of the ground. They flew overhead then swooped downward and then out to sea." When I told my kupuna of the image I had seen, he said to me, "Don't be afraid of these beings, for they are the guardians of the ancient ones. We cannot kapulu (disrespect) these lands. The great birds come to eliminate the evil and make right the wrongs to the sacred land."

This kupuna's story confirmed the image of the 'iwa bird I received months earlier as I was searching for a logo. Thus, the logo for Eastside Hui Resource Management was born.