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# SOCIETY FOR HAWAIIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

NEWSLETTER

## HUI! ORGANIZING ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

APRIL 20-28, 2002

**Archaeology Week** is set for **April 20-28, 2002**; the timing was suggested so that the event will fall after Easter, but before the end of the DOE school year. It is also more than one month after the SAA Meetings in Denver, and the nine-day schedule allows for two weekends of activities.

The biggest hurdle in past years has been getting events arranged in time to advertise them. Martha Yent at Hawai'i State Parks has been the main contact, but she relies on recruiting **Archaeology Week Island Coordinators**. One suggestion was put forward that we develop a coordinator theme this year, with **consulting firms** seizing the opportunity of coordinating Island events to help build bridges within the community in a very public way. Several firms in Hawai'i have also sponsored production of the Archaeology Week posters in recent years, and it is hoped that SHA can build on these past successes this year. If post-

ers are designed and printed before the SAA conference in March, they can be entered in the annual poster contest. Any takers?

Archaeology week will only be as successful as SHA manages to make it, and much of that success will depend on early planning. SHA members are asked to please consider how they can contribute on two levels:

First, please consider taking on the task of being an Island Coordinator, and contact Martha Yent ([hi.parks@pixi.com](mailto:hi.parks@pixi.com)) as soon as possible.

Second, all SHA members are asked to consider designing one event that they could lead, from a site visit, to a school presentation in your community. Consider contacting a school directly rather than waiting for a school to contact you. As Island coordinators are identified, their names will be published in upcoming SHA newsletters, and SHA members can then contact the appropriate coordinator directly.

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### Pending cave legislation makes the news

The Hawai'i Cave Task Force (H.B. 375) has been formed to draft legislation pertaining to the protection of natural and cultural resources in Hawaiian caves. Hawai'i currently has no statute regarding cave law. A risk has been perceived regarding these resources, given popular interest in exploring caves, and the fact that complex volcanic tubes often contain irreplaceable cultural features such as petroglyphs and burial remains, as well as fragile and rare

flora, fauna (such as insects that have evolved with no pigmentation or eyes), and natural formations. The bill includes imposing fines "of not more than \$10,000 for each separate offense." Recent news stories such as one appearing in the *Mau'i News*, Oct 23, 2001 by staff writer Valerie Monson suggest that the pending legislation may pit Native Hawaiians interested in the preservation of

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#### Calendar of Events:

- January 9-12, 2002 *Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, Mobile, Alabama*
- March 20-24, 2002 *Society for American Archaeology Conference, Denver* ([www.saa.org/Meetings/](http://www.saa.org/Meetings/))
- April 20-28, 2002 *Hawai'i State Archaeology Week*

## JOB BOARD

Theresa Donham reports that there is an archaeology position available on the Kaho`olawe cleanup, working with the KIRC on restoration of the island. It is a Navy position, however, it is being filled by Westaff in Honolulu; applicants should contact Westaff at 524-0411. The position will be filled by the end of November.

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burial caves and sacred sites against entrepreneurs. Chuck Thorne, owner/operator of a tour operation at Ka`eleku Caverns in Hana, Maui, however, sits on the task force, and has offered testimony in support of the bill. Some individuals giving testimony at the October 25 meeting suggest that Ka`eleku caverns should not be open for tours because of reports that it had (or does) contain burials, and that it is particularly significant in Hawaiian history, and demanded more Native Hawaiian involvement in the decision-making process for deciding when and who could access caves.

## Membership Update...

During the Board Meeting on November 14, thirteen new members were accepted to the society, six of which were introduced in the October newsletter. The seven other new members are:

**Amy Buffum** (regular member), with a B.A. from UH West O`ahu.

**David Dillon** (professional member), with a B.A. from U.C. Davis

**Ana Dittmar** (professional member), with a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Rutgers University, and employed by the War in the Pacific NHP in Guam.

**Lisa Rotunna-Hazuka** (Associate member), with a B.A. from an unstated University.

**Andre` Conley-Kapoi** (Professional member), with an M.A. through studies at C.U. and U.C. Santa Cruz.

**Lloyd Loope** (Professional member), with a Ph.D. from Duke University, with interests in conservation biology and ecosystem changes following human settlement in Hawai`i. He is currently employed through the U.S.G.S. Haleakala Field Station.

**Max Putzel** (associate member), with no biographical information.

**All members:** Please note that the membership renewal form is not included in this newsletter. Instead, there is a ballot in its place to vote on new membership categories, a new fiscal year, and reduced number of Annual business meetings. Please cut out and return the ballot to the SHA PO Box:

PO Bx 23292, Honolulu, HI 96823

## Items of Note...

The SHA Board Ethics Chair **Lynn Miller** has a **new email address** (millerp004@hawaii.com). The ROPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists) ethics code is emerging as the best-fit model from which to fashion a SHA ethics code. Look for the ROPA code to be posted on the SHA web page, and contact Lynn Miller with any comments that you may have on how ROP's code might be better adapted to suit SHA's needs. This issue should be on the table at the next board meeting, and will be

put to a ballot before the general membership in the coming months.

Some **2001 SHA T-Shirts** are still available. Although the newsletter editor does not control the post-conference prices, he believes that the price is still \$10.00. Contact either Theresa Donham (TKDonham@msn.com) or Martha Yent (hi.parks@pixi.com) to place your order.

# SHA BALLOT ISSUES

1) SHA's annual dues and membership categories will be revised in the By-Laws to:

Regular [with voting privileges] \$30 per year;

Students [Full-time which will include Graduate and PhD. Students as determined by the Institution]  
\$15 per year

Institutional: \$35 per year.

2) The fiscal year will be revised in the By-Laws

**From:** November 1 to October 31

**To:** January 1 to December 31

3) Annual Meetings will be revised in the By-Laws to one (1) annual meeting per year instead of two (2).

Please **Detach the lower half of this ballot**, and return to: SHA Ballot Box, PO Bx 23292, Honolulu, HI 96823. Note: if you tear out the whole page, your address sticker will be on the back side, which we would prefer to avoid!

Item # 1: Dues and Member Categories    Agree \_\_\_\_\_                      Don't Agree \_\_\_\_\_

Item #2: Fiscal year                                      Agree \_\_\_\_\_                      Don't Agree \_\_\_\_\_

Item #3 : Annual Meetings                              Agree \_\_\_\_\_                      Don't Agree \_\_\_\_\_

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