Mission

Preserving the Past...

• **Honoring** our senior-most Hula Elders through digital documentation of their hula life stories, training, experiences, and mana’o

• **Helping** digitally preserve critical hula resources already in existence (video, audio, photo, and print)

• **Caring for** physical cultural treasures given to HPS by hula elders of Hawai`i

...Sharing the Future

• **Supporting** our global hula community and their efforts to perpetuate hula through development of an online Hula Research Library based on the resources gathered above

• **Working toward** building a Hula Resource Center in Hawai`i featuring physical & digital archives, a museum, and access to our digital library for teachers, students, producers, authors, and other researchers to gather, collaborate, and further their understandings and education related to hula and Hawaiian culture

Mahalo a nui loa!

We are grateful to the following agencies for their support in 2007

Core Oral History Work & Kupuna Public Programs:
• National Parks Service Tribal Heritage Fund
• Hawai`i State Foundation on Culture & the Arts
• McNerny Foundation
• Baldwin Memorial Fund (work on Maui)
• Kamehameha Schools (Kona panel discussion, 2/07)

Kent Ghirard Collection Digitization & Research:
• Hawai`i State Foundation on Culture & the Arts

Website Redesign & Updating:
• Entreprenuer’s Foundation of Hawai`i
  **New website to be released in Spring 2008**
  Please come visit us online!

New HD Digital Video Equipment:
• Friends of Hawai`i Charities

Organizational Capacity Building:
• Hawai`i Community Foundation

Website Hosting & DSL Services:
• Net Enterprise, Inc.

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In 2007, we were pleased to provide assistance to the following hula & culture-related projects:

- **National Dance Association**
  HPS authored hula entry and provided historical photos for new Nat’l Dance Assn high school textbook on dance & culture

- **Turkish Dance Magazine “Sempatik Dans”**
  Worked with magazine editors on the first comprehensive article on hula in Turkey, a country which has had little exposure to hula, its history, and its significant role in Hawaiian culture

- **German Television Documentary**
  “Hawaii - Inseln unterm Regenbogen”
  Educated producers on hula and how it is studied in Hawai’i

- **Kumu Keali’i Reichel’s “Kūkahi” HD DVD**
  Provided photo of the late Uncle George Holokai from his section of the HPS Archives (resources gathered with Uncle from 2001-2006 until his passing)

- **Paniolo documentary, the third in a Vaquero Series**
  Produced by J&S Productions, Santa Barbara, CA
  Provided references for research and production

- **“Ancient Hula Hawaiian Style” CD**
  Provided oral history research and references for old-time chanters from Hilo area. CD is a compilation of hula ‘alapa chants originally issued on 49th State and Waikiki Records. Amy Stillman, Editor, & Cord International, Publisher. Release: 2008

- **ʻUniki Documentation**
  Provided professional documentation services for first-ever ʻuniki program of Kumu Hula Rae Fonseca, haumana of Uncle George Naope, in Hilo, Hawai’i

- **2007 Highlights**

  - **Kahili Award**
    In August, 2007, HPS received the prestigious Kahili Award from HTA’s “Keep it Hawai’i” program

  - **Oral History Work**
    Continued statewide 1:1 work with kūpuna hula, expanding to include direct research on Moloka’i hula traditions and lines, resulting in just over 100 hours of “new” raw footage in HPS’ Digital Library

  - **PBS Hawai‘i Partnership**
    Began partnership with PBS Hawai‘i to help preserve the important hula and culture-related programs they have produced over the last 30 years

  - **Public Programs**
    Held five public hula programs led by our Kūpuna Hula from Feb - Nov 2007:
    1) He Lei Hiwa No ‘Iolani Luahine Festival honoring the late Kumu Hula Auntie ‘Iolani Luahine (Kailua-Kona)
    2) Voices of our Esteemed Kūpuna featuring Auntie Nona Beamer, Uncle George Naope, and Auntie Joan Lindsey
    3) The Nuances of Hula & Storytelling with Auntie Nona
    4) Step Back in Time with Kent Ghirard & the Hula Na‘i
    5) Tribute to ‘Iolani Luahine featuring Uncle George Naope, Auntie Queenie Ventura Dowsett, and filmmaker Tip Davis

  - **Happy 89th Birthdays!**
    Held special joint birthday celebration for Uncle Kent Ghirard and Auntie Genoa Keawe who turned 89 in 2007

  - **The Late Uncle George Holokai**
    Conducted documentary work on the continuing legacy of the late George Holokai through his sister Emress Matsumoto, and haumana Ka’anaʻana Akina, Eleena Helenihi, and Sallie Yozza

  - **The Late Auntie Maiki Aiu Lake**
    Continued ongoing work documenting the hula legacy of Auntie Maiki through partnership with Kumu Michael Pili Pang. Professionally recorded and edited his hālua’s American Masterpieces concert on “The deconstruction of hula and music...Kahauanu & Maiki Aiu Lake.” Concert’s first half featured talk-story with Kahauanu Lake, Moni Kepilino, April Chock, and Al Machida

  - **Television Appearances**
    Invited to appear on KHON Morning Show, Howard Dicus’ Everybody’s Business, and OHA’s Ho’oulu Lahui Aloha, to discuss the important mission and work of HPS

- **Kūpuna Hula (to date)**

  HPS is the only non-profit dedicated to preserving the life stories of kūpuna hula, hula elders, who represent our last living link to the time of the Hawaiian Kingdom. HPS’ work ensures that their mana‘o, ‘ike, Hawaiian ways of life, historical knowledge, and traditional values will be transmitted to generations yet unborn. Most are now in their mid 70’s-90’s.

  The kūpuna HPS works with fall into two categories: Nā Kumu Hula (Hula Masters), and Nā Pua o Nā Loa Hula (students & family of late great Masters). They represent a wide variety of island traditions, hula lineages, and family lines.

  What follows is a list of the extraordinary kūpuna we have been fortunate to know and work with to date.

- **Na Kumu Hula**

  - **Gardean Lee Bailey**
  - **Nona Desha Beamer**
  - **Dorothy Johnston Beyer**
  - **Kahili Long Cummings**
  - **Lorraine Joshua Daniel**
  - **Kent Ghirard**
  - **George Holokai**
  - **Robert Lopaka Kalani**
  - **Hilda Keana ‘aina**
  - **Mom Aaron Kepilino**
  - **Mae Kamāmila Klein**
  - **Blossom Joshua Ku‘awoa**
  - **Joan Sniffen Lindsey**
  - **Edith McKinzie**
  - **George Naope**
  - **Minerva Malaka Fong**
  - **Pua’elo Na‘iho Pule**
  - **Kaulua Po ahia Reyes**
  - **Pearl Keawe Souza**
  - **Alexa Keaunui Vaught**

- **Na Pua o Nā Loa Hula**

  - **Rhea Enos Aioi**
  - **Edna Farden Bekeart**
  - **Gladys Joshua Brash**
  - **Pauline Chillingworth**
  - **Queenie Ventura Dowsett**
  - **Leilehua Becker Furtado**
  - **Myrtle ‘Kēhea Hilo**
  - **Betsy Juan Hinou**
  - **The Hula Nani Girls**
  - **Emma Stone Kauih **
  - **Genoa Keawe**
  - **Kāhauanu Lake**
  - **Elizabeth Ho opi’i Lee Loy**
  - **Irene Wakinokona Lum Ho**
  - **Noelani Kanoho Mahoe**
  - **Emress Matsumoto**
  - **Martha Medeiros**
  - **Helie Koehnen Rhoner**
  - **Kamakawanoe Sagote**
  - **Kenneth Sharpe**
  - **Marge Murray Sunner**
  - **Lehuaapane Weathertex**
  - **Lana’eu Malu Mung**

- **2007 Highlights (cont.)**

  - **The Hula Nani Girls**
    Helped arrange for Kent Ghirard and his Hula Nani troupe, comprised of some of his original 1950’s dancers, to share their love of hula at Arcadia Retirement Residence, Polhai Nani Care Center, and Lunalilo Home. Music graciously provided by Doug Tolentino & Pakala Fernandes of Pa’ahana