Hale Pulelehua Turns 1!
April marked the 1-year anniversary of HPS’s studio, Hale Pulelehua. We celebrated with an Open House and have continued to make upgrades, adding a 40” flat-screen TV, DVD player & laptop hookup, revamped the sound system, and rearranged the layout for maximum open floor space. We also added “child-proofing” options with baby gates and 120 s.f. of colorful padded inter-locking squares. Day & weekend times available!

“Queenie, Spirit of a Dancer” Debuts
HPS was blessed to be a part of the first ever ‘Oiwi Film Festival at the Honolulu Academy of Arts in May. Our 10-minute piece highlighted hula elder Queenie Ventura Dowsett’s hula upbringing, lessons from her Kumu ‘Iolani Luahine, and advice for “young” dancers. It premiered on the Opening Night, May 1st. Auntie was there in person to share and hula. U’i maoli nö! We hope to release the piece on DVD, accompanied by additional oral history segments.

Meet Our Team
With many new projects and increasing requests for hula research, we were extremely pleased to be able to expand our team in 2010.

What’s up in 2011?
• Release of 1st DVD “Voices of Our Küpuna” featuring Auntie Nona Beamer, Uncle George Naope, and Auntie Kahili Long Cummings
• Launch of 1st public workshop offering at Hale Pulelehua entitled “Honoring the Ancients” focused on experiencing rare implements of the hula. Pilot schedule: August - December 2011 (held 2nd week of each month)
• Continued cultural work with Women’s Way treatment program for pregnant women & moms

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