

north shore outdoor circle

keeping the north shore clean, green, and beautiful



Once again, the intrepid members of the NSOC went on an adventure with the aim of helping keep the North Shore Clean, Green and Beautiful.

Mt. Kaala Explorers

Left to Right - Front row; Carolyn Sandison, Jennifer Ueno. Back row; Kim Welch, Celeste Hanley, Gidget Germain, Jennifer Smith.



Lichen Moss



Ahihi Ohia- Oahu Ohia



koli'i (Trematolobelia kaalae)



Endangered Oahu Tree Snail

A small, but hearty group joined Kim Welch and Celeste Hanley with the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program, group and made their way - way up to the top of Mt Ka'Ala, to do some hiking, some invasive species weeding and cleanup, some enjoying of the view and a lot of learning about native flora and fauna. See what's up at <https://oanrp.com>

During the holidays, North Shore Outdoor Circle provides centerpieces for the North Shore Chamber of Commerce holiday party and we buy a table to show our support for this vital community organization.

Our own Dawn Peerson generously provided her home again, for our NSOC Annual holiday party. It was potluck, with great food, sing along to carols and good conversation.

NSOC and NSCC know how to have a grand time.



Cell Tower near Bonzai Pipeline Skate Park

Negotiations continue, but it looks like a resolution between the provider and a land owner is imminent for the placement of a new cell tower on the north shore. It will be tucked among iron woods, between the access road to the skate park and Pukea Road. The owners of these lots would have had an in- your-face view of the tower between their homes and the skate park. The latest proposed site will place the tower well to the Haleiwa side of the skate park access road and away from Sunset Beach Elementary School and the Land Trust. Pukea home owners have been queried and appear to be okay with the proposed site.

This is part of the kuleana for North Shore Outdoor Circle. If you have concerns about view planes with regard to these necessary but often visually obtrusive structures, please contact us.



Plumeria Pruning Workshop

On Saturday morning, April 7, 2018 several NSOC members gathered with tools in hand at Weed Circle where we were treated to a plumeria pruning



workshop given by NSOC member, arborist and orchid "Guru" Doug Demoss. A big mahalo to Doug for sharing some great information, demonstrating how it can be done and letting us give it a try. There were lots of questions answered and we all felt happy with how the tree trees looked when we finished. It was nice to talk story with friends as we worked.

The idea for this session was to clear out the dead wood, and lift the trees a bit so State Workers can mow and weed whack under the trees. Once the trees recover from this pruning we'll go back and take the height down just a bit so that the overall shape of the trees will be suited for showing the flowers off but they'll remain at a picking height. Only one tree was in distress and we talked about removing it and replanting another variety of plumeria. We hope to continue with a few more pruning days this year at the circle, working on the Kou trees and Kukui. Hope you'll join us sometime.



Ocean Friendly Restaurants

The North Shore Outdoor Circle (NSOC) applauds the efforts of North Shore eateries that have made the commitment to be ocean friendly. This commitment includes meeting the criteria to eliminate plastics and polystyrene established by the Surfrider Foundation in their salute to ocean friendly restaurants. At the same time, the NSOC also remains dedicated to a clean, green and beautiful Hawaii that includes keeping the ocean that surrounds our island home free of pollution. North Shore eateries that the NSOC applauds for implementing ocean friendly practices include:

Banzai Sushi Beet Box Cafe Cre8 Cafe at Celestial Natural Foods Cholo's The Coffee Gallery
 Sprout Sandwich Shop Wow Wow Lemonade Ke Nui Kitchen Turtle Bay Resorts: LeiLei's
 Roy's Beach House Kula Grill

The NSOC encourages members and their families as well as their friends and acquaintances to learn about and encourage ocean friendly restaurants and ocean friendly behavior. Ocean friendly criteria established by the Surfrider Foundation include: No use of polystyrene AKA styrofoam so that all take out or to go orders must be in compostable or recyclable containers; All proper recycling practices are followed; Only reusable tableware is used for onsite dining; Utensils for to go orders are provided only upon request. Please go to oceanfriendlyrestaurantshawaii.com for more important information on the need to eliminate the plastic and polystyrene pollution of the Pacific Ocean.

*** Please Join Us ***

**For A Special Earth Day Celebration
 Mauka to Makai Volunteer Work Day
 Saturday, April 21, 2018**

8:30 am

Waimea Valley

RSVP

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Waimea Valley and

North Shore Community Land Trust

Signs, signs, everywhere signs!

Report from the Signs Committee

The Signs Committee met on Friday March 16 at Kahuku Farms Café. We were delighted that Winston Welch and Jackie Wah of The Outdoor Circle statewide office joined us. After enjoying a lunch of farm fresh food, we talked about concrete steps we can take to reduce sign clutter on the North Shore.

Reporting sign violations: Whenever we see violations of the sign code of the City and County of Honolulu, we need to report them to the Department of Planning and Permitting (768-8152). But, signs in the right-of-way of state highways (such as Kamehameha Hwy) need to be reported to the State Department of Transportation (831-6714).

There are two more big issues going on at Honolulu Hale that can help control sign clutter in our area:

1. The County is doing a complete review of the Land Use Ordinance including the **sign code**. They have asked The Outdoor Circle to suggest improvements to the sign code. Our next sign committee meeting will address this opportunity. Those attending the meeting received copies of the sign code for review and suggestions.



2. A proposed new ordinance to regulate **food trucks** throughout the island is making its way through the Planning Commission and City Council. An additional ordinance will amend the Haleiwa Special District to designate where food trucks can operate within Haleiwa. These ordinances can help preserve the visual environment and they need our feedback and support.

To get involved in our work to reduce sign clutter and preserve the visual beauty of the North Shore, contact sign committee chair Kathy Whitmire at kathyjwhit@aol.com and attend the next meeting of the sign committee.

DPP Complaints 768-8000

DOT Complaints 831-6714

TOC Hotline 593-0300

Presidents' Message

**We are 70 members
strong now,
small but mighty.
We hope you'll join us for an
event or activity this year.**

Aloha!

As co-presidents we hope to see our members as well as interested citizens at the **General Membership Meeting, Monday, April 23, 2018, at 6:00 pm** at the **Waiialua Court House** in **Haleiwa**.

It has been a busy and fruitful six months since the last general membership meeting for the North Shore Outdoor Circle (NSOC). Members attended a wonderful holiday celebration at the Peerson home in Pupukea and participated in learning how to prune plumeria trees, do volunteer work in Weed Circle in Haleiwa and atop Mt. Kaala as well as created the floral centerpieces for the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Dinner in Waimea Valley.

Concerns over view planes kept members involved in attending meetings on the cell phone tower originally slated for construction behind Sunset Beach Elementary School, and the elimination of trees and plant life fronting the collapsing Sunset Beach bike path. The maintenance of trees on the rest of the Sunset bike path, the maintenance of the view of Waimea Bay and the building of a strip mall fronting Loko Ea Fishpond all sparked the interest and involvement of NSOC members.

Sandwich signs and other illegal signs advertising wares or services continued to pop up across the landscape and attracted members who still work hard to ensure that signage laws are enforced and that people are educated regarding what is legal.

Board members addressed the NSOC stance on double telephone poles as well as polystyrene containers and attended city council meetings to support or oppose various resolutions.

As co-presidents, we conducted bi-monthly board meetings and with other board members, attended a variety of community meetings where issues that were central to the NSOC mission were brought up for discussion or resolution. We both agree that the mission of the NSOC is the only pivot on which members plan and go forward - addressing what steps need to be taken.

We encourage you to read about events and other NSOC news in the NSOC newsletter. We also agree that there needs to be a substantial and sustained campaign to increase general membership and bring more young people into the fold of the oldest environmental organization in Hawaii. Again, we hope to see NSOC members at the general meetings and would love if each member brought someone who would like to join the North Shore Outdoor Circle.

Lea Albert and Ruth Holmberg Co-Presidents

**We sincerely thank all
members for their good
works and support of the
mission of the
North Shore Outdoor Circle.**

Lea and Ruth



Save the Date...

The North Shore Outdoor Circle Invites Members and Guests to The General Membership Meeting

Monday April 23, 2018

Waialua Courthouse

6:00 to 8:00 pm (light refreshments)

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear from other community groups who share The Outdoor Circle mission:

To help keep Hawaii Clean, Green, and Beautiful!

Angela Huntemer - Lead Teacher - Kahuku Point Restoration

Kelly Perry - Kokua Hawaii Foundation

Melani Spielman - Waimea Valley

They will provide information about the work they are doing in our community and also describe volunteer opportunities.

Hope you can join us!

RSVP by email April 20: holmbergr002@hawaii.rr.com

**This is a great time to donate or
renew your membership - if you
haven't already!**