



GREENLEAF

The Newsletter of The Outdoor Circle

Christine Snyder, Outdoor Circle Project Manager *August 12, 1969 – September 11, 2001*

She never made it home. We will never know what her last moments were as that plane nosedived into a Pennsylvania meadow.

What we *do* know is that in only six years she impacted our community as few people can, even over a lot of years. Arborists, landscape architects, developers, university professors, tree trimmers, and individuals with whom she had worked were shaken by an overwhelming sense of loss and profound grief when told of her death.

Christine started working for The Outdoor Circle in 1995 on a day which perfectly reflected who she was — May Day — the day of flowers and lei and smiles. She was hired as receptionist, chosen from among some 37 applicants. It's safe to say, though, that no one had any notion of what she was to become. We never could have guessed that this personable, beautiful, intelligent young woman would decide that due to her passion for trees, she wanted to become a Certified Arborist. She wanted to learn everything about trees, and to learn so that she could pass on this knowledge and advocate on their behalf. With much hard work, Christine Snyder became a Certified Arborist, the first one ever on the staff of The Outdoor Circle in its nearly 90-year history.

She was a natural, and before it seemed possible, she became a vital part of the network of hardworking environmentalists who care especially about trees. She was key in making so many good things happen, in keeping trees alive, in helping to train others in proper trimming techniques and in arranging to have trees placed properly. Thomas Square, Magic Island, Schofield Barracks, 'A'ala Park,



Board member Lester Inouye and Arborist Abner Undan enjoy a quiet moment with Outdoor Circle Project Manager Christine Snyder, who was killed Sept. 11 in the terrorist downing of a United flight in Pennsylvania. Chris was on her way home from an urban forestry conference.

Kapi'olani Park, and countless DOE campuses — the list is endless — are all places that bear her imprint.

In her memory, the Christine Snyder Tree Education Fund was born. Voted unanimously by the Board, its purpose is to teach in every way possible the importance of trees not only in the lives of human beings, but also in the lives of every other single living plant and creature on the earth. We think Chris would say, "Very cool!"

Aloha pumehana, Chris. You cannot be replaced, but we are committed to continuing your work.

Wa'ahila Ridge – Beauty or Blight?

November 1 is the date set to begin hearing the contested case on Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) request of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to place a 138 kilovolt transmission line on Wa'ahila Ridge. Since these 100 to 130-foot high steel towers will traverse conservation land, the BLNR must grant the utility company a Conservation District Use Permit before moving forward.

At the March 22 hearing to consider the Conservation District Use Application, three organizations (The Outdoor Circle, Life of the Land and Malama o Manoa) asked to be parties in a contested case hearing, claiming HECO's proposed route is an inappropriate use of conservation district lands. A pre-conference hearing was conducted

by Judge E. John McConnell (Ret.), the hearings officer appointed by the BLNR. The hearing is estimated to last about seven days.

We are confident that Judge McConnell will agree that this scenic ridge, designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of America's Eleven Most Endangered Places, is not an appropriate location for high voltage transmission lines. We are sure that his recommendation to the seven members of the BLNR will be to DENY the permit for Hawaiian Electric's outdated, unnecessary and ill-conceived proposal. If you are interested in attending the hearing and would like to help fight this proposal, email mary@outdoorcircle.org.

President's Message



We all have been touched in a special and unique way by Christine Snyder. We will remember her passion for the mission of The Outdoor Circle, her intelligence, and her ability to get things done.

JO ANN BEST

Chris cannot be replaced in any sense of the word, but her position in our organization can and must be filled soon. She would want that, and she would be proud of us all for going forward with the projects she started, as well as with those still in the planning stages.

In order to accomplish these goals we must recommit to this organization with new energy and enthusiasm. At our September Board meeting, members took responsibility to complete the many projects Chris was working on such as the Tropical Urban Forestry Master Plan, tree planting on Arbor Day (Nov. 2nd), Magic Island Planting (Nov. 10th), and answering hundreds of calls each month on tree protection and care.

We have received word from around the country that trees are being planted in Chris' name by people who only just met her at the American Forest Urban Forestry Conference where she was before the attack — a thoughtful indication of the effect her enthusiasm had on everyone.

The Christine Snyder Tree Education Fund has been established by our Board. Proceeds will be used to educate the public on the importance and value of trees, passionate concerns of Chris. Please consider a donation to help build this special fund.

With Aloha,

JoAnn Best

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The *Greenleaf* contains information of interest to our members and supporters about the organization's environmental education, conservation and beautification programs throughout the State of Hawai'i.

Hali'a Aloha

Mahalo to all the following individuals for their contributions to The Outdoor Circle between April 2001 and September 2001.

For the Norma Michaels Fund

In celebration of Sally Edwards' birthday:
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In honor of the late Norma Michaels' birthday:
Lani Lam

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Our thanks to Ryan's Graphics for donating the cost of typesetting this newsletter — a tribute to Chris Snyder who worked with them to produce it in the past.



Life member Jim Stubenberg hands over to CEO Mary Steiner the keys to his pickup truck, which then was sold with proceeds going to The Outdoor Circle. Many thanks, Jim!!

Cars for the Environment

Did you know that The Outdoor Circle accepts donations of various vehicles, running or not? With the help of Kokua in Kind, we are able to accept cars, boats, motorcycles, and more! Your contribution is sold and The Outdoor Circle benefits by receiving the profits of the sale. You benefit by helping us keep Hawai'i "clean, green and beautiful."

When you are ready contact us at 593-0300.

Save The Dates

NOVEMBER

November 2, 2001

- ☉ *Arbor Day Tree Planting*
Magic Island, 10:00 a.m.

November 3, 2001

- ☉ Koa'i Outdoor Circle
Arbor Day Tree Give Away
- ☉ Waimea Outdoor Circle
Makahiki O Waimea – Fundraiser for Waimea Nature Park
Call (808) 885-5210 for more information

November 6, 2001

- ☉ Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Fall General Membership Meeting
Contact **Holly Turl** at (808) 261-6035

November 10, 2001

- ☉ *Tree Planting for Christine Snyder*
Magic Island, 8:00 a.m.

November 17, 2001

- ☉ Kona Outdoor Circle
Wreath making class by Scott Seymour
8:00 A.M.–Noon
Call (808) 329-7286 for more information
- ☉ North Shore Outdoor Circle
Weed Circle Garden Tour, Lunch and Silent Auction
Contact **Barbara Gerstenberger** at (808) 293-2764



Friends gathered near Dillingham Fountain in Waikiki June 29 to plant a shower tree in memory of Outdoor Circle activist **Celia Podorean**, who died June 12. Left to right, **Carol Franklin, Kathleen Sattler, Janet Foytich, Kai Ostrem, and Aileen Nielsen.**

Save Irwin Park

As reported in the last issue of the Greenleaf, The Outdoor Circle, Scenic Hawaii, Life of the Land, Hawaii's Thousand Friends and Historic Hawaii Foundation came together as one and requested to be interveners in the Irwin Park litigation. Although Aloha Tower Development Corporation (ATDC) requested that he refuse, Judge Gary Chang granted our motion. In addition, the City and County of Honolulu's motion to intervene also was granted. After the intervention hearings, the Judge assigned a trial date of April 15, 2002, which will be a jury waived trial. In the meantime, documents are being exchanged and discovery is taking place.

This is a long, drawn-out process and also an expensive one. Thousands of dollars have already been expended by Scenic Hawaii on legal fees. To sustain this effort and to assure funding for both the Land Court trial and the possibility of appeals, we need to raise money. Toward that end, the Save Irwin Park Fund has been established. As an Outdoor Circle member you understand the need to protect this small oasis of green located in downtown Honolulu from becoming a three-story parking lot. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: Save Irwin Park Fund, c/o P.O. Box 10100, Honolulu, HI 96816. Thank you for caring.

Arbor Day Planting at Magic Island

This year the City and County of Honolulu together with The Outdoor Circle will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, November 2, at 10:00 A.M. with a special tree planting at Magic Island. Everyone is invited to attend this joyful event.

More Beauty for Magic Island— Volunteer Today

Last year's joint planting by The Outdoor Circle, the City and County of Honolulu and Eddie Bauer on the Koko Head side of Magic Island resulted in greatly beautifying the park. Altogether 50 trees, huge coconut palms, beach heliotrope, and milo were planted with the help of dedicated volunteers. This year, we will plant the Ewa side as a special tribute to Christine Snyder. Please help us on Saturday, November 10. Call 593-0300 or email mail@outdoorcircle.org to sign up.

Remember The Outdoor Circle

When you name The Outdoor Circle as beneficiary and owner on a life insurance policy your premium is 100% tax deductible. You simply pay it to The Outdoor Circle, which in turn pays the insurance company. Call us. Our insurance agent will be happy to work with you. This surely is what's called a win-win!

In Memoriam...

The Outdoor Circle is saddened by the recent death of longtime Kona Outdoor Circle member **Vonnie Lyons**. Many wonderful cartoons drawn by her late husband **Harry** adorn The Outdoor Circle conference room. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

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