



GREENLEAF

The Newsletter of The Outdoor Circle

Wa'ahila Ridge — Power to the People

The New Year began with a crucial victory! Judge E. John McConnell (ret.), hearings officer for the contested case on the proposed Kamoku-Pukele 138,000 volt transmission line, recommended DENIAL of Hawaiian Electric's Conservation District Use Application. HECO's plan calls for marching nine 75-110 foot high steel poles across Wa'ahila Ridge.

This decision endorses the position of the three community organizations that challenged HECO's project—The Outdoor Circle, Life of the Land, and Malama O Manoa. TOC's CEO Mary Steiner said, "We are very pleased with the judge's decision. Judge McConnell fully validates our position. We only regret HECO's tremendous waste of ratepayer dollars over the last several decades on this unnecessary proposal."

The three groups argued that HECO's proposal is not an appropriate use of the historic ridge between Palolo and Manoa Valleys. Judge McConnell found, "HECO has failed to establish that there is a public benefit for its proposed project which outweighs its adverse impacts on conservation district lands."

Magic Island Planting November 10, 2001

It was a beautiful November morning with more than 200 people gathered at Magic Island to honor Christine Snyder, TOC's project manager who was killed on September 11. As a tribute to Christine, the day's agenda included the planting of 75 trees on the Ewa end of Magic Island, a project she had planned to complete. Many knew her well and respected her vigor for planting and preserving trees. Some only knew of her, but wanted to honor her for the incredible contribution she made to the beauty of our State.

Mihana Aluli Souza's voice rang clear and hopeful on that morning. People closest to Christine spoke about her vitality and her commitment to protecting Hawaii's natural beauty. Kumu John Lake led everyone through the ceremonial shoveling onto a Milo tree that was planted in Christine's honor. The Milo tree, and an inscribed bench, were donated by the City and County of Honolulu, Abner Undan from Trees of Hawaii trimmed and prepared the tree for planting and Steve Nimz of The Tree People relocated it to its present location on the Ewa side of Magic Island.

Students from Kaimuki, Roosevelt, McKinley and Punahou High Schools planted, mulched trees and walked through the park distributing pamphlets about the negative effects of placing hot coals against trees. Food for our army of volunteers was donated

Among the many findings and conclusions described in his 71-page recommendation, Judge McConnell noted significant adverse visual impacts from UH and Manoa Valley locations, as well as on the profile of Kauhi, also known as the Sleeping Giant. In addition, spiritual practices by Native Hawaiians on the Ridge would be negatively impacted.

Beyond the tangible effects of this project, the spiritual and emotional loss that people throughout the island would experience as a result of these unnecessary power lines would be immeasurable. O'ahu's dwindling wild places should never be sacrificed for such a short-sighted project. The National Trust for Historic Preservation selected Wa'ahila Ridge as one of America's Eleven Most Endangered Places, and we should care for it as the treasure that it is.

The recommendation to deny HECO's Conservation District Use Application is being forwarded to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a final ruling, which is expected no later than July, 2002. If you are interested in helping The Outdoor Circle defeat HECO's proposal once and for all, email mary@outdoorcircle.org.



Friends and family honor Christine Snyder at Magic Island.

by McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Zippy's, Lion's Coffee and our North Shore Outdoor Circle Branch. Eddie Bauer, Creative Impressions and Signs Today also helped to make the day a grand success.

That morning showed the true spirit of what Christine was trying to accomplish during her life. Even though she is no longer with us, she continues to bring people together who care deeply about keeping Hawai'i "clean, green and beautiful." Her legacy is firmly entrenched in anyone who was ever touched by her. Mahalo nui loa, Chris.

President's Message

Greetings,

The beginning of a new year always seems to spawn a renewed sense of enthusiasm for finding fresh approaches to

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This holds true for The Outdoor Circle as well. With the help of our dedicated staff, volunteers and members, we will work together to ensure that 2002 brings Hawai'i even closer to the "clean, green and beautiful" ideal that The Outdoor Circle founders envisioned 90 years ago.

Our first major environmental victory for 2002 was the recommendation handed down by retired Circuit Judge E. John McConnell that HECO not be allowed to place 75-110 foot steel poles and their conductors on Wa'ahila Ridge. Congratulations to TOC staff, Attorney Guy Archer, Life of the Land and Malama O Manoa who worked with us on this issue. The battle isn't over yet, but this ruling was a huge step in the right direction to ensure that Wa'ahila Ridge remains pristine for future generations.

The New Year has also brought two new staff to TOC! Eileen Helmstetter is our Project Manager and Kimberly Hillebrand has taken the reigns of our Membership program. Read more about these two dedicated people in this issue.

On May 3, we are planning a special celebration for our annual membership meeting to commemorate our 90th birthday. So mark your calendars and save the date—more details to follow!

Thank you for your support of The Outdoor Circle. Because of you, we continue to be a very influential organization in our communities.

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.

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In honor for Irma Cunha's birthday
Mary Steiner & David Atkin
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In celebration of Christmas to Helen
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Irma Cunha

Tree Planting & Preservation Fund

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In memory of Pinky Thompson
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In memory of Christine Snyder
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New Faces at The Outdoor Circle!

Eileen Helmstetter, TOC’s new Landscape and Planting Manager earned a B.S. in Biology at the University of Alaska. In Alaska, she performed varied remote botanical fieldwork, including developing a herbarium collection for the Chugach National Forest. In addition, Eileen owned and operated a small interior plantscape business in Fairbanks, Alaska, for eight years.

After arriving in Hawai‘i in 1992, Eileen worked as a Botanical Garden Supervisor at Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Gardens. She has been a Certified Arborist since 1994.

Married to Dave Plaskett, Eileen has two children, Arnica and Tate. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, running, long distance paddling and adventure traveling.

Kimberly Hillebrand, TOC’s new Membership Manager, is relatively new to Hawai‘i, but not to environmental efforts. After earning degrees in both Biology and Cultural Anthropology at Western Michigan University, Kimberly worked with The Wilderness Society in Washington, DC in various capacities—assisting Senator Gaylord Nelson (Founder of Earth Day) in developing Earth Day activities across the country, writing

grant proposals and co-leading a land ethics team.

Kimberly most recently served as Membership Coordinator for the Michigan-based Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

In her spare time, Kimberly enjoys creative writing, painting, snorkeling and scuba diving, traveling and new cultural experiences.



Outdoor Circle members Lani Lam, Sally Edwards, Irma Cunha and Susan Spangler are greeted by Kimsheree Napiewocki (middle) of The National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii as they board the “Radiance of the Seas.” A joint fundraiser between The Outdoor Circle and NKFH, The Way It Was III, was held in October, 2001.

Flying Billboards No More

In April 1996, The Outdoor Circle's phones were ringing off the hook. Callers were complaining about the "flying billboard" which in reality was a helicopter flying over Waikiki beach and Aloha Stadium towing an electronic sign 8-feet high and 35-feet long. This lighted billboard advertised everything from restaurants to church functions.

When the City and County of Honolulu acted to stop Skysigns International, which was responsible for this unorthodox method of advertising, the company fought back by filing a lawsuit. Skysigns argued that state laws do not apply to the skies, and that all regulation of air traffic was the responsibility of the FAA.

A move by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in early January upheld Honolulu's ban on aerial advertising once and for all. The Appeals Court wrote, "...we therefore presume that federal law does not displace Honolulu's regulatory authority over advertising..." The court also stated that when the FAA granted permits to Skysigns it was explicitly noted that the operator be aware of local ordinances relating to aerial signs.

In her original 1998 decision, U.S. District Judge Helen Gillmor ruled that the state had an overwhelming aesthetic interest in what happened in the air because our economy depends heavily on the beauty of the Islands. We agree and want to thank all of our vigilant members who were willing to speak out in protest about this visual and auditory assault by Skysigns. Without their help, this ruling would not have been possible.



TOC President, Jo Best and some very enthusiastic Royal Elementary school heiki at our Arbor Day Planting at Magic Island on November 2, 2001.

In Memoriam...

The Outdoor Circle is saddened by the death of Life Member Myron "Pinky" Thompson. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Save The Dates

MARCH

Saturday, March 2, 2002

- ☺ Waimea Outdoor Circle
Volunteer Work Day
Waimea Nature Park
Contact **WOC** at (808) 885-5210

Saturday, March 16, 2002

- ☺ Waimea Outdoor Circle
Malama 'Aina Day
From Church Row Park to the intersection of
Mamalahoa Highway and Kawaihae Road
Contact **WOC** at (808) 885-5210

APRIL

Friday, April 5, 2002

- ☺ Waikoloa Outdoor Circle
Waikoloa Road Median Strip Dedication
Roussels Restaurant in Waikoloa
10:00 A.M.
Contact **Cindy Evans** at (808) 883-9029

Friday, April 12, 2002

- ☺ Kona Outdoor Circle
Pua Plantasia
Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort
5:00 P.M.
Contact **KOC** at (808) 329-7286

Saturday, April 13, 2002

- ☺ Kona Outdoor Circle
Pua Plantasia Plant Sale
Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Contact **KOC** at (808) 329-7286

Sunday, April 14, 2002

- ☺ Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
10th Annual "I LOVE KAILUA" TOWN PARTY
Behind First Hawaiian Bank Building
11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Contact **Lyn Turner** at (808)254-5477

MAY

Friday, May 3, 2002

- ☺ The Outdoor Circle
Annual Meeting and 90th Birthday Celebration
Kapi'olani Community College, Ohelo Hall
11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Contact **TOC** at (808) 593-0300

Eileen's Corner

Pruning

The most common tree maintenance procedure is pruning.

Why prune?

- To remove dead branches.
- To remove crowded or rubbing branches.
- To remove damaged and potentially hazardous branches.
- To increase light and air penetration to the inside of the tree's crown.
- To develop a stronger tree structure.

What to prune?

Routine pruning involves the removal of the four "D's":

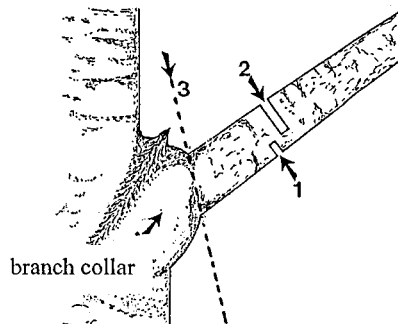
- Dead
- Diseased
- Dying
- Damaged

Never remove more than 25% of a tree's green foliage and branches when pruning.

Proper pruning cuts

A 3 step procedure:

1. Make first undercut about 12-18 inches from limb's point of attachment.
2. Make second cut from the top directly above or a few inches further out on the limb.
3. Make third cut to remove stub by cutting back to the branch collar.



Pruning cuts should be made just outside the branch collar, which contains trunk or parent branch tissue and should not be damaged or removed. New tissue will grow over the area of the pruning cut and prevent decay. Wound dressings are no longer used to cover pruning cuts.

Pruning Tools

- For small trees: a hand pruning shears—scissor type or bypass blade hand pruners
- For cuts larger than 2 inch in diameter: lopping shears or pruning saw
- For large trees: chainsaw is appropriate where the hand pruning saw is too small.
- Never prune with a cane knife or machete.
- Keep tools sharpened for clean and accurate cuts.
- Hire a professional tree service if the desired pruning cut means leaving the ground.

By proper pruning one can maintain good tree health and structure while enhancing the aesthetic and economic value of our landscape.

Mulching Your Trees

What is mulch?

Ground or chipped material placed on the surface of the soil.

What types of mulch are there?

- Organic—wood chips, bagass, grass clippings, leaves. *This is the recommended type of mulch to improve the health of your tree because it decomposes through microbial and insect activity, enhancing the soil structure.*
- Inorganic—lava rock, mineral rock, plastic. *Does not decompose—eventually mixes with soil.*

Where should I place the mulch?

Place under the drip line (where the canopy stops) of the tree. Back the mulch off the tree trunk approximately 2" and spread 3" to 4" thick, depending on the type of mulch used. *Don't apply too deeply or build mulch volcanoes around your trees. Over-mulching causes stress to trees.*

Why should I mulch?

- Prevents damage to tree from lawnmowers or weedwackers.
- Suppresses weeds.
- Retains water.
- Looks aesthetically pleasing.
- Breaks down and enhances the soil, creating better soil structure (if organic type is used).
- Slows erosion.

When should I mulch?

Several times a year, depending on how quickly the mulch breaks down. Drier areas will decompose more slowly.

Where can I obtain mulch?

Bring trash cans or trash bags and your pitch fork to any of the following locations provided by the City and County of Honolulu for *free* mulch pickup:

- Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden—Kane'ohe
- Kalaheo Green Waste Facility—Kailua
- Manoa Community Garden—Manoa
- Wahiawa Community Garden—Wahiawa
- Waimea Valley Adventure Park—North Shore

For more information on mulching or recycling, call the City at 527-5335 or check their website at www.opala.org.

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- 'Wilhelmina Tenney' (pink/orange) [1-20 employees] — \$100
- 'Lunalilo Yellow' (intense yellow) [21-50 employees] — \$150
- 'Queen's White' [51-150 employees] — \$200
- 'Ni'i Gold' (gold/dark yellow) [151-300+ employees] — \$300

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