

Keeping the North Shore - Clean, Green, and Beautiful

NORTH SHORE OUTDOOR CIRCLE

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An exciting new year for the North Shore Outdoor Circle



WHAT'S IN THE WIND

NEW BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN

On September 28th, the annual membership meeting was held at the Sunset Beach Rec Center where outgoing President, Carolyn Sandison and The Outdoor Circle President, Mike McFarlane installed a new NSOC board of directors for 2016.

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FIRST NEW BOARD MEETING

On October 28th, the NSOC board met at Waimea Valley to discuss and vote on changes to how our meetings would be run.

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EVENTS

Workshops, Micro-fundraisers, and Parties - oh my. It has been a busy year, and is sure to continue with activities to engage and encourage.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Kerry Germain's (Gidget) personal mission statement, a meeting and a yard sale.

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TOC President Mike McFarlane



New Board Meeting



Shopping bag

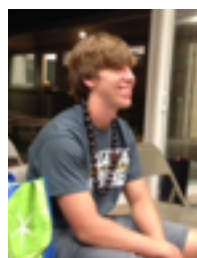
A special message from our new President, Kerry Germain on the final page of this newsletter



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*New NSOC
Board being
sworn in*



Vance Farrant



President Kerry Germain (Gidget)



Joan Gossett, Rex Dubiel Shanahan, Diane Anderson



Loko Ea Pond



NEW NSOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

President - Kerry Germain (Gidget)
1st Vice President - Rex Dubiel Shanahan
2nd Vice President - Kathy Whitmore
Treasurer - Yvonne Alexander
Recording Secretary - Ruth Holmberg
Corresponding Secretary - Ed Shanahan
Membership Chair - Peggy Cutting
Publicity/Newsletter - Vera Stone
Beautification Chair - Dawn Peerson
Weed Circle Chair - Jeff Dorr
Sign Chair - Carolyn Sandison

alternative plan. We hope Loko Ea Pond, its history, and importance to the community, can be preserved for generations to come.

MALAMA I KA KE ALA PUPUKEA

High School student Vance Farrant told us all about his organization, Malama I Ka Ke Ala Pupukea. It's mission is to maintain the bikepath begun by NSOC many years ago. You can find out more at <http://www.kcalapupukea.org>

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on September 28, 2015. It was a busy, informational and fun evening.

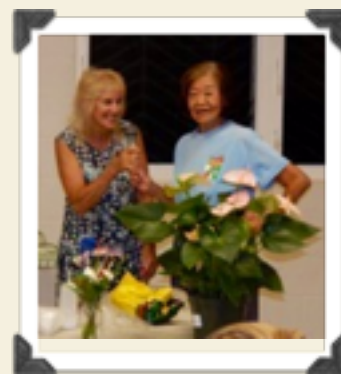
LOKO EA POND

At that same meeting NSOC member Bill Quinlan brought the proposed project, The Shops at Loko Ea, to our attention. Because it falls into part of the NSOC mission statement of protecting open spaces, view planes, and environment preservation, we contacted the landowners to oppose the project and offer help along with other community groups, individuals, and government leaders to work for an

ANTHURIUM ELUCIDATION

Our keynote speaker that evening was the vivacious Shirley Head, who taught us all about Anthuriums. Her position as one of the founders of the Hawaiian Anthurium Society made her a prize source for information about this beautiful tropical plant. Some attendees won bouquets and plants created by Shirley.

Carolyn Sandison and Shirley Head



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Previous and Upcoming Events

ALL THE GOOD THINGS HAPPENING WITH THE NSOC

BOARD MEETING

On October 28th, the NSOC board met at Waimea Valley to discuss and vote on changes to how our meetings would be run. We unanimously voted to open up the meetings to all members and non-members. We set a very busy calendar for 2016 with fund raisers, events, workshops and general meetings.

MICRO FUNDRAISER

In fact, our first Micro-Fundraiser is already up and running. Consider purchasing a reusable shopping tote from us for \$15 and help us keep the North Shore - clean, green, and beautiful. Please contact Vera Stone at verastone60@gmail.com to find out more about the bags.

WORKSHOP

On December 2, 2015 a floral workshop was held on creating a

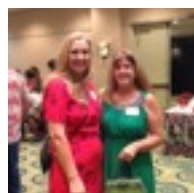
Christmas center piece for a round table with seating for eight. 36 centerpieces were made with a donated pineapple, mock orange and lauae fern. The fun twist was that the pineapple crowns were painted with floral paint in red, gold and white. Gidget designed the centerpiece and ran the workshop at The Turtle Bay Resort with NSOC members Yvonne Alexander, Peggy Cutting, Ruth Holmberg, Dawn Peerson, and Vera Stone who put them together and placed them on the tables for the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party. We received many compliments that night as our board members attended the festive affair. Marianne Abrigo Properties enjoyed them so much her company made a \$100.00 donation to the NSOC. Mahalo nui Marianne!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 17, we had our Christmas Party, and it was quite an occasion. Jim and Dawn Peerson graciously opened their home to us for the event. The decorations were festive and set the tone. Some people dressed as their favorite characters from Christmas movies. We had wonderful food from some of the best food trucks on the North Shore, played "Christmas Charades" and caught up with old and new friends.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

A festive evening on the polo fields at Mokuleia. Vice President, Rex Dubiel-Shanahan, presented Douglass Cole of the North Shore Community Land Trust a donation of \$300 from NSOC, to support the ongoing work of the Trust in its mission of preserving and protecting the North Shore's priceless natural resources.



Workshop to Turtle Bay for NSOC Christmas Party



Christmas at the Peersons



Our capacious shopping bag! \$15



Rex Shanahan with Douglass Cole



Bob Leinau - our very own Santa!

President's Message

ALOHA KA KOU,

The North Shore Outdoor Circle has been near and dear to my heart since becoming a member in 1988. Not only do I believe in the work the organization has been doing for the past 104 years; I have also met and worked with interesting and dedicated people who have become long time friends with the same passion and motto: To keep Hawaii Clean, Green and Beautiful.

I look forward to serving the NSOC as president for 2015/2016 and will do my best to provide information on how members can keep up with and get involved in our activities such as workshops, workdays, fundraisers, fieldtrips etc... Beginning January 2016 board meetings will be open to all members and non-members.

This year's board of directors and committee chair-people are an outstanding group of individuals who I look forward to collaborating with to bring fun and interesting programs and events to our membership and community.

Our Facebook page will be posting information not only about our branch but also will provide links to all branches of the statewide organization. Please check in often. We can also be reached at: nsoutdoorcircle@hawaii.rr.com

Mahalo nui!

Gidget



SAVE THE DATE

The NSOC has another Micro Fundraiser coming up. We're doing a colossal YARD SALE Saturday, March 19th, 2016. 9am to 3pm. Location TBD. Looking for donation items. Please start saving up your gently used or vintage items that need a new home. Contact our Vice President Rex Dubiel Shanahan for more information (808) 393-7122.

We welcome members, past members, and non-members to come to a meeting. The first one of the year will be held January 12th at 3:30pm in the Pikake Pavilion in Waimea Valley. The group meets every other month.

Find more information about meetings, events, and our mission on our Facebook page, North Shore Outdoor Circle, and on The Outdoor Circle's website, www.outdoorcircle.org. We'd like to wish a Happy New Year to the community we care so much about.

