

Museum Celebrates Pearl Jubilee

The First Thirty Years

On July 15, 2017, the Sugar Museum will celebrate thirty years of telling the history of sugar on Maui. The majority of island residents have a connection to the sugar industry and camp life. Keeping this history alive and educating future generations about how the sugar industry and plantation lifestyle helped shape our society provides the community with a connection to their history.

For thirty years we have maintained the connection for the community through the following programs:

- **Education Program**

The education program provides essential learning tools that assist students in understanding Hawaii's plantation heritage and how it helped shape our current island society.

- **Community Outreach Program**

Our community outreach program enriches the lives of the various cultural groups by keeping their history alive. Core values, such as a sense of community and strong work ethic, teach the younger generations of the sacrifices made for them so they would have a better life. The Camp Registry continues to serve many individuals studying their family genealogy.

- **Archives**

Our collection is a valuable resource for the community as it is the repository for one of the most significant and influential periods in Maui's history. It helps people understand Maui's history and the role of particular organizations, individuals, and events in shaping that past.

The Next Thirty Years

Currently, the Board of Directors is reviewing a proposal from Alexander & Baldwin LLC, which provides for a thirty-year lease of the existing property, (1.79 acres) as well as adjoining property (2.308 acres) for a total of 4.098 acres. Securing a long-term lease is the first step towards the museum's future expansion. With the signing of a long-term lease for the existing property as well as adjoining property, the museum has the opportunity for growth.

The Board will revisit the conceptual Master Plan completed in 2009 to see if there are any changes to make before proceeding. The expansion plan includes a train museum, plantation village, increased outdoor displays of mill and field equipment, and a large grassy area for community events. The outdoor space will

provide the community with a venue for their cultural festivals as well as a gathering place for reunions and other social events.

These are exciting times for the Sugar Museum. The Board, staff and volunteers are committed to seeing that the museum continues to play a major role in telling the story of sugar and the plantation culture. Come along with us on this journey of future growth!

Mahalo for your continued trust and support,

Roslyn Lightfoot

Museum Director