

## Grow! Expand! Explore!

This past year was exciting as we progressed forward with the Museum's expansion plans. Here is a timeline of what we have accomplished so far:

- ◆ **July 2017** - Signed a thirty-year lease with Alexander & Baldwin LLC, for the existing properties (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 growth. This additional acreage will provide space for expansion.
- ◆ **September 2017** - Board of Director's engaged the services of Chris Hart & Partners, a planning firm, to update the Master Plan.
- ◆ **December 2017** –Through a generous donation from the Crawford Family Foundation, we were able to complete the infrastructure for our irrigation water.
- ◆ **May 2018** - Transferred electrical services to Maui Electric Company.

### Long Term Outcomes

Our long-term outcomes are to become a major visitor destination, and an educational and community resource. In order to improve visitor experience and service more students and grade levels, broaden our network of cultural, museum and library groups, and to remain relevant in the community, we must expand our museum buildings, exhibits and programs. This is important to maintain our connection to the community, keep Maui's history alive and continue to educate visitors, residents and future generations.

Our presence in the community reminds people of their cultural heritage and has the capacity to change their thinking. Every person who passes through the museum, participates in our education program, or comes in contact with our outreach efforts, has the ability to carry our message into their community, thereby strengthening the connections between us and creating a legacy for future generations.

For the remainder of 2018, our goals are to complete the following processes:

- ◆ Conditional Use Permit Status
  - Find out what if any conditions need to be met so we may proceed with the expansion.
- ◆ Landscape Design Proposal
  - Receive bids for the Heritage Garden area and start the grounds preparation and relocation of the field equipment.
- ◆ Architectural Drawings Proposal
  - Send out Request for Proposals.

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We are very excited about the future of the Sugar Museum. The exhibit building will be approximately 6,000 square feet and will house the Claus Locomotive, Kalakaua Coach Car and the steam engine that once powered the Kahuku Mill on Oahu.