

Keeping Hawaii Clean, Green and Beautiful

HIGHLIGHTS

- **1912** - The Outdoor Circle established
- **1918** - Founded the first plant nursery in Waikiki (1918), gave to city in 1946, now the C&C nursery in Kapiolani Park
- **1922** - Establish the “Shade Tree Commission” which became the Honolulu City and County Department of Parks and Recreation
- **1927** - Spearheaded the enactment of Hawaii’s first billboard and signage laws
- **1955** - Started the first campaign to place utility wiring underground
- **1957** - Spearheaded enactment of Hawaii State Sign Ordinance banning billboard advertising
- **1978** - Dedicated Diamond Head State Monument, opening the crater to the public, and eliminating signs there
- **1981** - Founded the Hawaii Nature Center in Makiki
- **1993** - Initiated legislation to underground all utilities along federal aid highways
- **1997** - Established the “Green Hawai’i Coalition” to promote the planting and better maintenance of trees
- **2004, 2006** - Spearheaded the enactment of Hawaii’s laws banning vehicular and aerial advertising
- **2013** - Established the “Exceptional Tree Initiative” to preserve and replant our exceptional trees
- **2014** - Successfully helped uphold challenge to aerial advertising ban
- **2014** - Played a key role in establishment of Hawaii’s Environmental Court, the second in the nation
- **2015** - Recipient of prestigious Community Service Award from national “Keep America Beautiful” organization
- **2016** - Citizen Forester Mapping of tree inventory on Oahu begins with partners and volunteers
- **2017 - 2018** - Virtually map over 50 sites of scenic beauty across Hawaii using Google Trekker
- **2018** - Collaborated to save the Monkeypod trees at Manoa Marketplace

AND MORE

- **1912** - Planted mahogany and coconut trees along Kalakaua
- **1912** - Planted scores of trees and flowering plants at A’ala Park, Thomas Square, Alapai Plaza
- **1914** - Hired Honolulu’s first City tree trimmer
- **1920** - Landscaped military bases for camouflage
- **1920** - Planted Banyans at Ala Moana Beach Park
- **1920** - Planted 5,000 street trees in Kaimuki
- **1920** - Planted hundreds of street trees along Vineyard, Piikoi, Tantalus and Round Top Drive
- **1922** - Rehabilitated the grounds of Iolani Palace
- **1920-30s** - Planted hundreds of trees at Kamamalu Park, Kalihi Park, Pauoa Park, Queen Emma Park
- **1930** - Rehabilitated the grounds of Washington Place
- **1932** - Donated the Thomas Square fountain in honor of TOC President Beatrice Castle Newcomb
- **1937** - Planted Banyans along the Ala Wai Canal
- **1930s-40s** - Planted scores of trees at Fort Kamehameha, Fort Armstrong, Fort Ruger, Fort DeRussy
- **1939-45** - Planted thousands of trees at Schofield Barracks
- **1947** - Landscaped and planted trees at over 80 public schools on Oahu
- **1950** - Landscaped the entire Keahole Road entrance to Kona Airport
- **1950** - Planted scores of trees on Ka’ahumanu Highway, Maui
- **1960** - Provided 154-woman all volunteer staff (363 days/year) at Foster Botanical Garden
- **1960** - Spearheaded preservation of Kawainui Marsh through the “Kawainui Heritage Foundation”
- **1970** - Successfully preserved Mount Olomana, Kailua, from development
- **1972** - Successfully helped create City and County height limits for development in Kailua, Oahu
- **1973** - Conceived the “Lei of Green” allowing shorelines to be primarily devoted to parks and open space
- **1975** - Spearheaded the enactment of Hawai’i’s Exceptional Tree Act, to protect magnificent historical specimens for future generations
- **1976** - Opened Hawai’i’s first recycling facility on Sand Island
- **1981** - Planted 1800 hibiscus in the median at the entrance to Waikiki
- **1980** - Spearheaded efforts to create the tree-shaded park at Aikahi Park, Kailua
- **1982** - Planted 200 hibiscus on the State Capitol grounds
- **1984** - Began Kona’s Environmental Education Center
- **1991** - Established the Sadie Seymour Botanical Garden in Kona
- **1992** - Established the “Ho’oma’oma’o Restoration Project” to replant hundreds of endemic species on Kauai, after Hurricane Iniki
- **1993** - Saved 600 trees on the Puna Coast
- **1998** - Established the “Hawai’i Environmental Coalition” for more effective legislative action
- **1999** - Established the Waimea Ulu La’au Tree Park in Waimea, Hawai’i Island
- **2000** - Spearheaded the planting of hundreds of street trees in downtown Kailua, Oahu
- **2000, 2001, 2004** - Planted over 160 trees at Magic Island in Ala Moana Beach Park
- **2005** - Created the “Urban Reforestation Master Plan” for City and County
- **2005** - Helped preserve Irwin Park from development
- **2005** - Provided tree pruning workshops to the Depts. of Transportation and Education
- **2006** - Preserved Waimea Valley, Oahu, as historic and cultural site, in partnership with Audubon Society and OHA
- **2008** - Protected 15-20 mature trees threatened with removal for a music festival on Magic Island
- **2008** - Protected one of the last remaining, historic (15th century) coconut groves, Helumoa, in Waikiki
- **2009** - Partnered with State Forest Stewardship Program to preserve remaining Uhiuhi trees in Waikoloa, Hawai’i
- **2010** - Joined the “Complete Streets Initiative” to make our communities more livable
- **2012** - Helped spawn the “Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative” which protects and preserves endangered native trees
- **2013** - Helped preserve and protect the Kanaha Wetlands from development
- **2014** - Gave away over 1,000 plants and trees in communities state-wide
- **2015** - Recognized by the Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and the City and County for crafting Bill 84 to update and expand Hawaii’s Exceptional Tree Program
- **2015** - Created a public access interactive digital map of all Exceptional Trees and their environmental benefits.
- **2015** - “Next Generation” branch created
- **2016** - Greater Waikiki Branch created
- **2017** - East Hawai’i Island branch created
- **2017** - Spearheaded creation of Trees for Honolulu’s Future and became a founding member
- **2017** - Carbon Neutrality project began
- **2019** - Advocated for sound policies on the proposed Ala Wai Watershed Project, Oahu
- **2019** - Established an ongoing relationship with the Arbor Day Foundation to collaborate on tree projects throughout the state
- **2019** - Grove of Monkeypod trees on Kapiolani Blvd. added to exceptional tree registry
- **2020** - Saved trees at Diamond Head State Monument and at Magic Island, Ala Moana Park
- **2020 and beyond** - The Outdoor Circle continues to advocate, protect, and preserve the scenic beauty of Hawai’i statewide.