

Thank you for your kokua and support through the years. We're sending this brief update of our institute and activities along with an invitation to join our annual membership for a \$25 tax-deductible donation. Our history and accomplishments are described below and are detailed on our website: www.kaimi.org

Ka Imi was founded on Kauai in 1976 as a tax-exempt Hawaiian cultural and educational organization by kumu hula Roselle Keliiahonipua Bailey with the mission to: "search for the truth of the Hawaiian culture; to educate the populace for its understanding, enjoyment and appreciation of medicine, art, language, crafts, philosophy and religion of the Hawaiian people, through hula."

Today Ka Imi Naauao o Hawaii Nei Institute includes members throughout Hawaii, in Samoa, California, Virginia, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Hula classes for adults and children continue the work of restoration and preservation of Hawaiian values – acknowledgement of Akua, recognition and respect for kupuna, support for ohana, helping each other, continuous study and learning, planting and caring for the garden, and demonstrating these values for our children. Our work to preserve and maintain our beloved and historic Puuhinahina cabin in Kokee is an integral part of that mission.

Through Roselle's leadership, the Institute has a long list of accomplishments, with the uncovering and establishment of maintenance for Ke Ahu a Laka hula platform in Kee, Kauai more than 30 years ago topping the list. Our cultural exchanges enriched both Hawaiians and natives of New Zealand, British Columbia, and Nebraska. In partnership with Punanaleo, Ka Imi organized La Houlu Olelo Hawaii (Hawaiian Language Day) in the days before public school Hawaiian immersion programs were established. We have a long-standing relationship with Friendship Force, and perform for their cultural exchanges and World Friendship Day. At Roselle's instigation, Hui O Laka founded the annual Eo Emmalani I Alakai celebration in 1989. Ka Imi members have danced there every year in celebration of Queen Emma's 1871 journey into Alakai swamp. More recently, Ka Imi performed the opening ceremony for the first-ever Hawaiian plant exhibit at the National Botanical Garden in Washington DC. Ka Imi's association with the Vaka Taumako Project involved travel to remote Solomon Islands to participate in launching ceremonies for long distance sailing canoes, which were the first to be built by the islanders in more than 50 years. In 2004, Hawaiian and European hula students performed spiritual restoration for Thingstätte, an outdoor amphitheater in Heidelberg, Germany built by Hitler and abandoned by the community. Today this amphitheater is clean, maintained and visited with respect. Through our association with Kauai Museum, Ka Imi has done opening ceremonies, educational programs and cultural presentations for many years. Roselle was honored by the Museum in 2007 as a Living Treasure.

For the past six years, Roselle provided protocol instruction for nine Ka Imi kumu hula from Kauai, Oahu, and the mainland. During the past two years, the kumu have been tested for knowledge and practice. Last year, Roselle brought her hula students from Europe to experience cleaning and performing at Ke Ahu a Laka, and the kumu were responsible for presenting Ahu protocol. The January 2007 trip to India also put the kumu to the test of organizing, rehearsing, and presenting programs throughout southern India to audiences ranging from 150 to 1200 students, parents and teachers.

We ask for your renewed commitment through Ka Imi membership to support our work and continue Roselle's legacy. We kumu are active and persistent in our dedication to preserve and perpetuate these Hawaiian values in the community.

We invite you to attend these upcoming events.

Kauai Ho'ike: Sunday June 8th, 3 PM at Island School. FREE. Public invited.

Ke Ahu a Laka: workday, cleaning, Saturday, June 14, 8 AM noon. Bring lunch and water, and garden tools.

Kapaa hula classes for beginners and advanced haumana begin August 27th at Kapaa First Hawaiian Church hall. Contact Keahi 822-9447. Children age 9 and over and adults are welcome.

Saturday October 11th, the Eo Emmalani I Alakai Hula Festival in Kanaloahuluhulu Meadow in Kokee will celebrate 20 years. To honor Ka Imi and Roselle, European, California, Samoa, Maui and Oahu haumana and kumu will join together in one program to celebrate.

Beautiful Ka Imi T shirts and note cards will be for sale at Ho'ike. Or contact Keahi at 822-9447 or Moanikeala at 823-8464 to buy.

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