The Friends of Iolani Palace supports, guides, and manages Palace activities, providing caring stewardship for this Hawaiian landmark and national treasure. It currently administers the Palace under a lease with the State of Hawaii.

Mrs. Liliuokalani Kawananakoa Morris, grandniece of Queen Kapiolani, founded The Friends of Iolani Palace in 1966. Since that time, The Friends have supported and guided the restoration and management of the Palace building by obtaining donations and grant monies, spearheading efforts to acquire original Palace furnishings, many of which have been scattered throughout the world, and actively managing and assisting with Palace activities.
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Aloha Friends,

We just finished our busiest summer ever at Iolani Palace, which is a testament to the strong desire for people to learn about the stories and history of this special place. It also shows a yearning to connect on a deeper level with Hawaii in general.

Since our last newsletter, we hosted the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting in the Hale Koa Barracks on the Palace Grounds. We provided an update on our financial well being and showcased completed as well as planned projects. We bid a fond aloha to several departing board members as their terms came to a close, and also welcomed our newest class of directors for the 2017 – 2020 term. Learn more about the meeting on page 3. As for our other volunteer corps, including docents and guardians, please read about their incredible contributions and passion for the Palace on pages 4 and 5.

We also had the pleasure of first partnering with OpTerra Energy Services, and then worked closely with Lumenal Lighting and Hawaii Energy to finally complete the LED Retrofit Project. This involved replacing every single light fixture in the Palace (nearly 700 bulbs) with energy-saving LED lights. See the full story on page 3.

In other exciting news, we recently announced Phase II of our Alii Garment Reproduction Project, through which we will unveil recreations of gowns and uniforms worn by our ali‘i. Enjoy a sneak peek at the planned designs, then learn more about how you can be a part of this fascinating (and fashionable) project on page 6.

We remain deeply appreciative of your continued support as we continue to enhance this living restoration of the official royal residence of the Hawaiian monarchy.

Aloha pumehana,

Kippen de Alba Chu
Executive Director

QUEEN KAPIOLANI EVENING TOURS

In honor of Queen Kapiolani’s birthday, Iolani Palace will continue its beloved tradition of hosting its evening tours from December 28 – 30, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the revelry and beauty reminiscent of Palace celebrations during the reign of the Hawaiian Monarchy.

The exclusive evening tours kick off on Thursday, December 28 with a VIP experience limited to 300 guests, featuring captivating live entertainment and delicious food courtesy of Pili Group and Young’s Market (limited to reservations only). The tours will continue Friday and Saturday evening with performances by Keauhou, Hina, Iwalani Apo and many others, along with delectable food courtesy of Burgers and Things. Throughout the evenings, visitors will be treated to a first-hand experience of viewing the Palace by moonlight, serenaded by Monarchy era music and beautiful hula performances by various halau.

For more information on the Queen Kapiolani Evening Tours, visit www.iolanipalace.org or email pacletickets@iolanipalace.org.

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UPCOMING PALACE EVENTS

KING KALAKAUA’S 181TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, November 16, the Friends of Iolani Palace along with the Royal Guard of the Hawaii Air National Guard will celebrate King Kalakaua’s 181st birthday with a day of festivities. Drawing on the styles and inspirations of the King’s Birthday Jubilee in 1886, the celebration will feature live entertainment by the Royal Hawaiian Band, Monarchy era bunting and décor, and special birthday tributes. For more information on this free event, call (808) 552-0822 x122 or visit www.iolanipalace.org.
In a continuing effort to promote Hawaii's prominence in today's tech-forward world, Iolani Palace is leading the way with energy-efficient efforts and other new technological advancements.

Recent progressive updates have culminated in the LED Retrofit Project, designed to provide necessary quality lighting to showcase the Palace's authentic interior. Through the newly launched project, the Palace has been outfitted with LED lights to replicate lighting during the time of the Hawaiian monarchy. These new LED lights bring the interior rooms of the Palace to life, while also illuminating the Hawaiian flag at night.

Working closely with Hawaii Energy and OpTerra Energy Services to incorporate this meaningful and energy saving solution, the Palace will now boast a more authentic representation of how it appeared during the Kalakaua period, mimicking both the lighting as well as the fixtures. This project has also significantly reduced the monthly lighting energy costs by 7.8 percent, and has resulted in savings of nearly $1,200 per month.

We're so excited to announce these groundbreaking advancements to benefit both the Palace as well as its visitors. These new modernized features not only align with King Kalakaua's vision of embracing technology, but they also preserve the Palace's historic past in a unique and meaningful way.

Iolani Palace
ILLUMINATES THE WAY FORWARD

IOLANI PALACE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

President Robert A. Alm issued a call to order before the approval of minutes from the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting. Executive Director Kippen de Alba Chu then offered his Financial Report, preceding the Nominating Committee Report by Pono Shim, who had the pleasure of introducing the new 2017 – 2018 Board of Directors. The meeting concluded with time for mingling and merriment as attendees were treated to ono food from Chef Mark Noguchi and The Pili Group and entertainment by Hoopono and Lokelani.

At the heart of the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting is the stirrings of The Friends of Iolani Palace Mission Statement: To preserve, restore, interpret, share and celebrate the unique cultural, historical and spiritual qualities of Iolani Palace and its grounds for the benefit of native Hawaiians, the people of Hawaii, and the world.

RESTORING The Palace

While many of you have already heard about the unfortunate incident of vandalism that took place at Iolani Palace, we are encouraged to report that the first steps to restoring the Palace to its monarchy era grandeur are already in place. The interim plan is to replace the historical glass panes with plexiglass sheets padded with a layer of vellum, designed to mimic the likeness of the original panes.

We will continue to work tirelessly to replicate the original glass panes while preserving the beauty and treasure of Iolani Palace.
Meet Our Volunteers

Volunteers lay the foundation for any organization, especially at Iolani Palace. For over 50 years, volunteers have served as the heartbeat of the Palace, offering invaluable time and services to support our day-to-day operations. By the numbers, every month our volunteers share the unique history and culture of the Palace with over 100,000 guests from all over the world. Their efforts certainly don’t go unnoticed, as they play a vital role in preserving the Palace for future generations.

Interested in becoming a Palace volunteer? Read more about the various roles below, from high school volunteer Makana Gomes to Hardy Spoehr, also active with the Hokulea Polynesia Voyaging Society. Meet Lucia Matti, a five year volunteer and beloved member of the Iolani Palace ohana. Since 2012, Lucia has served in a variety of volunteer positions, starting first as a Guardian, a role she still practices today. As a Palace Guardian, Lucia is responsible for greeting and guiding visitors, sharing the knowledge of the Hawaiian Monarchy and the Palace, and ensuring visitor behaviors are consistent with the dignity of this special place. She takes extra care to spread as much joy and aloha as she can!

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Lucia successfully completed her docent training but prefers to serve as a Guardian for the Palace. She also performs a wide range of duties, including guiding VIP tours for Chinese visitors. Fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese and other Chinese dialects, Lucia has the pleasure of interacting with visitors from China while educating them on the rich history and culture of our islands.

In addition to her fluency in multiple Chinese dialects, Lucia boasts impressive sewing skills, and actually had the opportunity to work with a Palace specialist to

Docents

Iolani Place docents are responsible for sharing King Kalakaua's story with our modern day visitors. It is the vision of the King, who took much pleasure in showcasing his beautiful palace to traveling guests, that docents are responsible for realizing as they interpret and share the history of the Palace with visitors from around the world.

Guardians

Guardians play an equally significant role, carrying the responsibility of providing protection for Palace artifacts by guarding rooms and assisting docents as they navigate tour groups.

Palace Shop

We love seeing our volunteers working hard in our shops while meeting and interacting with visitors from around the world. Lovers of the Palace and its merchandise can volunteer at either the Palace Shop, located in the Iolani Barracks, or the Gallery Shop, located in the Palace Galleries for touring visitors.

Clerical

We also offer clerical volunteer positions for those interested in the Palace’s behind-the-scenes happenings. Clerical volunteers provide valuable assistance for Iolani Palace managers and supervisors, supporting their copying, filing and data entry efforts.

MEET & GREET

LUCIA MATTI, VOLUNTEER

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Lucia Matti sewed the curtains and bedding of the King and Queen’s bedrooms in 2013. She has also become the resident “booties” seamstress, extending her responsibilities to keeping the famous shoe covers in good condition.

“My favorite part about being a volunteer is having the opportunity to work with other volunteers to share the special history of the royal residence and Hawaii,” says Lucia.

As a volunteer, it feels like being a part of a happy family committed to the preservation of this important historical landmark. I feel my time spent at the Palace is very rewarding, as it also gives me a sense of belonging.”

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Greeters

Also known as our Ambassadors of Aloha, Palace greeters are responsible for upholding the superior level of service offered on the lanai. They welcome guests while sharing the spirit of aloha so characteristic of the Palace.

Special Events

At many special events, it’s all hands on deck, and as such we enlist a group of volunteers to provide much-needed support and assistance. Volunteers from fantastic organizations like the Junior League of Honolulu and the District 50 Hawaii Lions gather together to aid the Palace at events like the annual Onipaa Celebration.

Board of Directors

Last but certainly not least, our Board of Directors consists of prominent members of the Hawaii community who selflessly volunteer their time to support the betterment of the Palace. From our Officers to our Members to our Honorary Advisors, the Iolani Palace Board of Directors are committed to preserving the Palace as a powerful symbol of both Hawaii’s past and future.

We can’t wait to welcome you into the Iolani Palace ohana. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer today, contact Cindy Ascencio, Guest Services Manager, at (808) 522-0821 or via email at volunteer@iolanipalace.org.
BREATHING LIFE INTO THE ALII GARMENT REPRODUCTION PROJECT

After a successful launch of the Alii Gown Reproduction project, The Friends of Iolani Palace is proud to announce a planned second phase, which will unveil distinctive recreations of gowns and uniforms worn by Queen Liliuokalani, Princess Kaiulani and King Kalakaua during the Hawaiian monarchy era.

What began as an effort to offer visitors a glimpse into both the royal and personal lives of Hawaii’s monarchs, the Alii Garment Reproduction project has grown into an ongoing effort to celebrate the living restoration of the Palace while recognizing its place in Hawaiian history. We’re so excited to announce these exclusive and elegant recreations of such iconic royal designs.

Enjoy an exclusive sneak peek at the inimitable fashion of our royal monarchs below:

**Queen Liliuokalani’s Travel Dress**
Liliuokalani sported this stunning gown as Princess of the Kingdom of Hawaii during her travels to San Francisco. The travel dress was a versatile garment that featured a detachable skirt, which could easily have been worn with other tops to inspire a brand new look.

**Queen Liliuokalani’s Summer White**
Shifting from the Belle Epoch Period of fashion to the start of the Edwardian period, which reflected a slimmer, more delicate style, the summer white gown was regarded as a promenade gown or tea/garden gown constructed with Battenberg lace on batiste cotton. We regard this graceful gown as dayware, given the high neck collar paired with wide brim flume hat and parasol.

**Princess Kaiulani’s Ivory Ball Gown**
At the height of the Edwardian fashion era is Kaiulani’s breathtaking ivory ball gown, which she wore often in London before returning to Hawaii. The gown epitomized the “Gibson Girl” look, which featured a tiny waist and upswept hair.

**King Kalakaua’s Dress Uniform**
This regal display of dress uniform and various royal orders is distinctive of the powerful King and his deep influence. After his world trip in 1881, King Kalakaua worked to build up the Hawaiian armed forces, which included redesigning the uniforms they’d previously worn. Modeling the new uniforms after those of the Prussian military, the most powerful military of his time, the King adopted the basic structure and style while incorporating design features unique to the Kingdom of Hawaii. This included placing on the helmet the Kingdom motto, “Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono,” translated as “the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.”

**King Kalakaua’s Masonic Uniform**
A historical fact many people may not know is that King Kalakaua was a 33 degree member of the Lodge Le Progres de L’Oceanie, a Masonic Lodge still in existence today. During his 1881 World Tour, the King visited several other Masonic lodges, and remained in close contact with his Masonic brothers. The King’s masonic attire was regal and stately, befitting of his grand presence.

Interested in donating to the Alii Garment Reproduction Project or another curatorial/education project? Contact Pomai Toledo, Director of Development for The Friends of Iolani Palace, at (808) 522-0827 or email members@iolanipalace.org.
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Palace Shops SPOTLIGHT

We’re pleased to unveil the 2017 Iolani Palace ornament, which honors the 100th anniversary of the passing of Queen Liliuokalani and the 55th anniversary of the commissioning of the Ceremonial Royal Guard.

The Liliuokalani Regina ornament is designed after an artifact in the Iolani Palace collection: a Royal Guard uniform button dating to the reign of Queen Liliuokalani. The design includes the letters L R, representing Liliuokalani Regina, placed between a crown and an open wreath. Regina is the Latin word for Queen.

Col. Walter Judd created the present day Royal Guard in January 1963. Members of this Ceremonial Royal Guard are members of the Hawaii Air National Guard. They wear uniforms that were fashioned after historical descriptions and photos of the 19th century guards. All commands are given in the Hawaiian language. The Guard, which is reviewed annually on Kalakaua’s birthday in November, also participates in parades and ceremonies.

This limited edition ornament will be available starting October 2, 2017 in the Palace and Gallery shops for $25.00.

IOLANI PALACE RECEIVES USA TODAY 10 BEST AWARD

The votes are in – Iolani Palace has been ranked among the Top 10 Best Hawaii Attractions by USA Today’s readers! The “10 Best Awards” were determined after four weeks of voting and some steep competition.

Mahalo for your support!

2017 ONIPAA CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 3, we had the pleasure of honoring the 179th birthday of our beloved Queen Liliuokalani with the 11th Annual Onipaa Celebration, featuring cultural demonstrations, live music, hula performances, crafts and exhibits, and ono food.

SNAP A SELFIE!

The next time you visit the Palace, be sure to stop at the Palace Shop and use our social media kiosk! Swap out the frame, snap a photo, and share it online for free!