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LIBRARY ASSOCIATES LOOK FORWARD IN 1980s

Chairman's Message

Last year the Associates made modest contributions to refreshments at programs presented at the Manoa Library. Among these programs were the dedication of the new wing of Hamilton Library, the rededication of May Fraser's remarkable mural installed in the building, and the presentation of the second increment of the John A. Burns recording tapes and transcripts. References to these occasions appear elsewhere in this issue.

Programs initiated by the Associates had largely to do with outstanding editions of books. An evening was devoted to an account of the publishing of a fine example of such books, "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa," and another evening to the collection of rare volumes of Pacificana. These programs are reported in this issue.

As we enter the 1980's the Associates focus attention less on notable acquisitions such as the Cook "Floralegium" and the Severson kapa book and more on the fundamental and basic library needs of the various instructional and research areas in the University, in accordance with the suggestions of the University Librarian. This change in emphasis is described in the following article.

This message would be incomplete if mention were not made to the contribution in terms of time and inspiration by some of our more active chairmen. They include Frances O'Halloran, a new member of our board, together with the support of Program Committee members Sarah Vann, Annabelle Takahashi, Fred Munchmeyer, a board member, and Mary Shaw, a former member of the board. Mary has co-chaired with Margaret Ayrault, also a new member of the board, the very important Membership Committee. And in many ways we are deeply indebted to Dr. A. Grove Day of the Publication Committee and Barbara Frissell, assistant to the Librarian.

"Shot-in-the-Arm" Program

Last year the Associates initiated a program suggested by Librarian Bosseau whereby the Associates will appropriate funds each year to provide a "shot-in-the-arm" to one or more needy instructional or research areas for the purpose of securing library materials.

A group of librarians under the leadership of Barbara Frissell made a survey of needy areas, with the

result that the Associates' Board of Trustees, at its meeting on January 17, 1980, appropriated \$1500 for Undergraduate Science; Public Health, in which a doctorate program has recently been established; and world literature in English translation.

In acknowledging this grant, Mr. Bosseau expressed the hope that the practice would be a yearly one "so that the instructional and research areas on campus will learn that there is a small ray of light in the otherwise seemingly cloud-filled atmosphere at UHM." The Associates plan to make the practice a yearly one as the Librarian has suggested.

At the time that this grant was made, the Board appropriated an additional \$1000 for the Librarian's discretionary or contingency account.

Annual Luncheon

This year the Associates will make a departure from holding their annual meeting at night. The newly established Plaza Club, with its sumptuous quarters high atop the Pioneer Plaza and its magnificent panoramic view of the city, will be the scene of an annual meeting luncheon on Tuesday, April 29, at 11:30 a.m.

The first speaker will be Don L. Bosseau, University Librarian, who since his appointment to that position has introduced telecommunications to the Hamilton Library. Mr. Bosseau will summarize the collections, facilities, and services available to the community.

The principal speaker will be J. Russell Cades, local attorney at law. Few people have had such broad exposure as he to cultural aspects of the community. He has served as regent of the University of Hawaii, as commissioner of public education, as treasurer and trustee of the Honolulu Art Society, and as member of the board of trustees of the Honolulu Academy of Arts. For thirty-eight years he was violinist in the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra. He has likewise been a frequent visitor to the Manoa campus and a user of the University Library. He will speak on the advantages to the community of the availability of a research library such as that to be found at the University of Hawaii.

This presentation furthers one of the principal objectives of the Associates: To make known to the community at large the valuable library resources available to it in Manoa Valley. It has been said that a first-rate research library is essential to any flourishing community. And surely the University of Hawaii Library is that. The late Dr. Thomas Hale Hamilton in his dedication of the new wing labeled this library "a national treasure."



An outstanding event of the year, to which the Associates made a monetary contribution and provided personnel, was the installation and rededication of Juliette May Fraser's remarkable "Makahiki Ho'oku-pu," a mural originally painted forty years ago for the Hawaiian Building at the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco. Stored since then at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, where it was briefly exhibited in 1940, it has found its final home in the outer entrance lobby of Hamilton Library.

The warm flesh tones of the multitude in the mural, foregrounded at the annual Makahiki Festival, blend into a bronze background to create glowing and

luminous overtones. The panel fits gracefully along the passageway as if tailor-made for it, and no one is discommoded by the fact that it was created to hang ten feet higher. But as a wisecracker observed, one can enjoy it if one wishes to stretch out on the floor.

More than two hundred and fifty persons turned out on Sunday, January 27, to hear Bronwen Solyom trace the history of the mural with interesting detail, and to honor the beloved artist on her ninety-third birthday. The late Jean Charlot referred to the work as "an unforgettable image of premissionary Hawaii . . . as one of the clearest images of ancient Hawaii, totally devoid of condescension."

The installation was made possible through the generosity of Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the University of Hawaii Foundation, the Women's Campus Club, and the Library Staff Association.

An Appreciation

By Thomas Nickerson

Ever since the founding of the Associates, Dr. A. Grove Day has been mainly responsible for our publication program. He has himself composed pages by hand-set type to print at his private press at the Arcadia Retirement Residence. Items include bookplates, meeting notices, and certificates of award. He printed in 1979 an eight-page keepsake of remarks delivered by the late Thomas Hale Hamilton upon the occasion of the dedication of the new wing of the handsome library named for the former president of the University. Dr. Day has edited every issue of our newsletter. In addition to heading the Publication Committee, he has also chaired the committee that wrote our By-laws, as well as the Carl Stroven Portrait Committee.

Dr. Day's work on behalf of the Associates has closely aided your chairman in his duties. This collaboration goes back to 1947, when Dr. Day served on the founding editorial board of the University of Hawaii Press. Personally, as well as on behalf of the Association, I wish to acknowledge indebtedness to this active and loyal friend. His expertise has done much to maintain the scholarliness and high standards for which the Associates is known. My most sincere and hearty thanks go to the proprietor of the White Knight Press.



Dr. A. Grove Day



Juliette May Fraser's massive mural, "Makahiki Ho'okupu," dedicated on the artist's ninety-third birthday.

MONUMENTAL ART ACCESSION

Annual Award

The Associates' third Annual Award went to Albertine Loomis, great-granddaughter of a printer and his wife who came to Hawaii as members of the first missionary company. She was to become author of *Grapes of Canaan*, a documentary novel about early missionary days in Hawaii. She has also written a book dealing with the Revolution of 1893, as well as an account of a hundred years of community support of our public library system.

The award certificate, hand-printed by A. Grove Day, read: "Teacher, author, scholarly researcher, she is truly representative of those who have served the community well in library and literary affairs."



Albertine Loomis

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

The purpose of the Associates of the Library of the University of Hawaii at Manoa is to stimulate greater understanding and appreciation of the resources and services available at the several libraries on the Manoa campus, and to maintain continued excellence in the library's collection, facilities, and services.

The Association welcomes new members. To enroll, please clip, complete, and mail the adjoining form, together with your check or money order.

Membership in the organization is tax-deductible, since the Associates are affiliated with the University of Hawaii Foundation. Members are also invited to participate in various organizational activities and committees. Please indicate your special interests.

Please make check payable to: *UH Foundation, Library Associates*, and mail it with this application to University of Hawaii Foundation, Hawaii Hall 6, 2500 Campus Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (Apt.)

(City) (State) (Zip)

PHONES _____
(Office) (Residence)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

- Student \$5.00
- Regular 15.00
- Contributing 50.00
- Institutional 75.00
- Sustaining 100.00
- Patron 500.00

COMMITTEES:

- Community relations
- Membership
- Program
- Publication

OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS OF THE YEAR

Voyages to the Pacific

C. Wendell Carlsmith, local attorney at law and premier collector of Pacificana, gave members and their guests a stimulating evening showing slides of his magnificent collection. The rich, gold-embossed bindings lent themselves admirably to his excellent color photography.

Mr. Carlsmith interspersed his slides with stories of how the various editions — particularly those of Cook and La Perouse — came into being; with historical anecdotes (he is a collector who reads as well as collects); and with personal accounts of the successes and disappointments of a venturesome book collector.

He pointed out the scarcity of volumes of Pacific voyages on the market and the phenomenal increase in their value. He congratulated the University on its rare book holdings and admired the security of the extensive vault which houses them.



C. Wendell Carlsmith

Burns Oral History Project

On August 9 a ceremony was held in Room 1, Hamilton Library, at which Dr. Stuart G. Brown, director of the John A. Burns Oral History Project, who serves as our vice chairman, presented to the University of Hawaii Library a second increment of recording tapes and transcriptions.

The presentation was attended by the former governor's widow and son, as well as by other interested persons. Refreshments were served under the direction of Barbara L. Frissell, assisted by Sarah K. Vann.

Hawaiian Kapa Books

Some half-hundred book lovers met in Room 501, Hamilton Library, on October 3, 1979, to honor the acquisition of "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa," to the purchase of which the Associates made a substantial contribution, and to hear two speakers discuss this remarkable publication. The first was Don Severson, its publisher and editor, who spoke on "The Trials and Tribulations of Fine Editions." His presentation was accompanied by slides. He was followed by Dr. Adrienne L. Kaeppler, Bishop Museum anthropologist, who spoke on "Kapa Books in Historical Perspective," exhibiting interesting examples of early publications to make her points. The presentations were followed by refreshments.

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