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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS APPLAUDED AT 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
PRESERVATION HONOR AWARDS CELEBRATION ON MAY 23**

**Robert J. Schleck, Past Director and Curator of Wai'oli Corporation on Kaua'i to Receive  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Frank Haines Award for Lifetime Achievement**

Historic Hawai'i Foundation will honor exemplary achievements in the field of historic preservation at a ceremony and celebration at Fuller Hall & Courtyard, YWCA Laniakea in Honolulu on May 23, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This special event will include presentation of the Honor Awards and a reception in the outdoor courtyard.

The annual Preservation Honor Awards offer the local community an opportunity to share, recognize and applaud excellence in historic preservation in the Hawaiian Islands. Presented annually since 1975, the awards bring together architects, contractors, planners, developers, historians, archaeologists, landowners and others who contribute to preservation projects.

Kelly Simek of KHON2 will serve as host. Tickets for members of Historic Hawai'i Foundation are \$50.00 per person; General Admission is \$60.00. Event sponsorships are available. To purchase tickets or learn more about sponsorship packages, please visit [www.historichawaii.org](http://www.historichawaii.org) or call the HHF office at 808- 523-2900.

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“Since 1974 HHF has committed itself to the preservation of places that help tell Hawaii’s unique, multifaceted and fascinating story,” states Pat Griffin, chairperson of the Awards committee. “One happy pleasure in fulfilling that mission is our annual celebration of others’ success in completing exemplary preservation projects. This year’s dedicated committee reviewed numerous efforts to repair and rehabilitate buildings and objects, interpret historical sites, prepare manuals for appropriate maintenance techniques, and more. The committee was well pleased with the quality of work we reviewed that is taking place around the state.”

The awards ceremony will include presentation of the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Frank Haines Award** to Robert J. Schleck, Past Director of Wai‘oli Corporation, Kaua‘i.

Schleck has been involved in the preservation of Wai‘oli Mission House, Grove Farm and other historic sites on Kaua‘i since 1971 when he began working for Miss Mabel Wilcox, the benefactor who directed her family home and other historic buildings be left as museums for the public upon her death. Since that time, Schleck has helped to preserve the culture, buildings, landscape and lifestyle of numerous sites around the island, including the restoration of Wai‘oli Mission House in 1997, the ahupua‘a of Lepeuli, the plantation and immigrant stories of Grove Farm, as well as the Farm’s sugar plantation locomotive collection in Līhu‘e. He also helped initiate the Sugar Plantation Locomotive Interactive Learning Park. The project, which is currently underway, was awarded a Grant in Aid from the Hawai‘i State Legislature in 2017.

Schleck served as the project supervisor of the historic Kaua‘i County Building restoration in Līhu‘e which began in 1982 and spanned 22 years. He also served as president of the Hawai‘i Museums Association, a board member of the Kaua‘i Historical Society and Līhu‘e Cemetery. He is the author of the book, “The Wilcox Quilts in Hawai‘i”.

The Haines Award was established in 2009 and named for master architect Frank Haines, FAIA. It is presented to individuals who have demonstrated sustained and outstanding achievements in the areas of preserving the significant historic and cultural places of Hawai‘i.

The Haines Award headlines the annual ceremony, which also includes Preservation Honor Awards in four categories:

- *Preservation Award*: specific projects that preserved, rehabilitated or restored a historic property
- *Preservation Commendation*: organizations or government agencies that engaged in advocacy, educational, programmatic or other activity supporting preservation efforts, either for a specific historic property or through a broad-based program
- *Achievements in Interpretive Media*: a printed publication or visual presentation that interpreted the history, preservation or physical characteristics of a historic property
- *Individual Achievement*: individuals that engaged in advocacy, educational, programmatic, or other activity supporting preservation efforts, either for a specific historic property or through a broad-based program

The ceremony also includes *Anniversary Recognitions*, in celebration of the rich history of the kama‘āina companies, organizations and institutions that are an important and integral part of the singular culture of the Hawaiian Islands.

The following honorees will be recognized this year:

Preservation Award Category:

- **Battleship Missouri Memorial Preservation of Superstructure and Bridges, Pearl Harbor, O‘ahu**: Comprehensive repairs and preservation to the exterior of the Battleship Missouri Memorial’s superstructure above the 05 level, including the forward fire control tower, forward stack, and forward mast. It was the largest repair and preservation effort to take place on the battleship since the ship was decommissioned in 2010 and returns it to her former glory, helping to educate present and future generations about her historic role in times of peace and war.
- **Ford Island Building 39 Window Restoration, Pearl Harbor, O‘ahu**: All of the original 1932 steel multi-lite pivot industrial windows of Building 39, a former engine

and aircraft overhaul shop, were restored. The shop has served an important function in national conflicts since World War I. Because this project was not required to be AT/FP compliant, the original windows were retained and restored, rather than replaced, in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, helping to preserve the building's integrity.

- **Fort Shafter Building 112 at Palm Circle Rehabilitation, O'ahu:** An exemplary model of preservation, this project rehabilitated the building's character-defining features, completed structural improvements and enabled the building to be repurposed as dental facilities and offices. The building received LEED Silver certification for its energy use and environmental design.
- **Fort Shafter Building 339 Rehabilitation, O'ahu:** Historic features, such as the gable roof and original windows, were preserved and the building's interior was made useful for current needs. The upper floors of the building were converted into office space and the single-story warehouse is now a medical facility.
- **Center for Labor Education and Research, University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu**  
**Isami Enomoto Labor Murals Preservation:** Awarded for the restoration, relocation, and re-installation of five ceramic murals created in 1961 by artist Isami Enomoto that vividly capture the rise of the labor movement and the Democratic working class. The murals were restored beautifully and relocated to the Center for Labor Education and Research, University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu, an impactful, publicly accessible location.
- **Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Service Building Rehabilitation, Kilauea, Kaua'i:** Meticulous detail was given to preserve the windows, interior finishes and other character-defining features of this historic building, while updating the building's infrastructure to current industry codes.
- **Kona Coffee Living History Farm Farmhouse Roof Rehabilitation, Kona, Hawai'i:** The roof replacement protected the farmhouse from damage by rain leakage and termite

infestation. Through the use of appropriate materials and rehabilitation strategies, attention was given to retain an aged and used appearance, maintaining the historic integrity of the farmhouse.

- **Kunia Village Housing Development Rehabilitation, Kunia, O‘ahu:** The former plantation camp was rehabilitated to provide low-income housing to farm workers and their families. The goal of providing housing was met in two ways: the rehabilitation of existing housing (45 historic homes) and the construction of 37 new homes designed to be compatible with the historic ones. All sewer, water and electrical lines to the rehabilitated houses were replaced and a pump house was installed to increase water pressure to all 83. This project is an exemplary master plan for plantation housing rehabilitation.
- **Makapu‘u Lighthouse Preservation, Makapu‘u, O‘ahu:** Restoration of the Lighthouse’s exterior, including the roof, door panel and ladder rails, following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to ensure its continued operational use by the U.S. Coast Guard. The project overcame the challenges of difficult access conditions, high winds, and being located in a high-profile area frequented by thousands of kama‘āina and visitors on a daily basis.
- **Pacific Aviation Museum Midway Murals Preservation, Pearl Harbor, O‘ahu:** Preservation of six murals painted by Victor Nels Solander depicting Naval Air Station Midway Islands during World War II. Through meticulous cleaning, repair and research of these murals, this project provides a visual record of one of the most pivotal battle sites in the world and helps to honor the sacrifice and courage of the men who fought there.
- **Schofield Barracks Macomb Gate Rehabilitation, O‘ahu:** Awarded for the cleaning, repair, and painting of the two concrete guard buildings, concrete wall extensions and decorative features of the Gate. Macomb Gate represents one of the first of several structures built in the Art Deco style of the 1930s by the 3rd Engineers Division and is one of two entrances to Schofield Barracks, the largest Army base outside of the continental United States.

- **Schofield Barracks Quad B (Buildings 156, 157 and 158):** This project preserved original architectural features of Quad B—its fenestration pattern, historic window and door types, decorative eaves and concrete roads inside the central courtyard. Interior living quarters were updated with larger rooms, energy efficient air conditioning and solar power, adapting the building to contemporary needs.
- **Tripler Army Medical Center Building 220 Rehabilitation, Honolulu, O‘ahu:** The project restored the building’s original Mission-style clay tile roof and other original design features and enabled the building to be repurposed as functional office space for medical interns.
- **Washington Place Galleries Rehabilitation & Restoration, Honolulu, O‘ahu:** Rehabilitation and restoration of the 1920s second floor structure, removal of the screened porch addition, and restoration of historic site lighting fixtures, gate posts and door hardware. The structural improvement enables the second floor to be open to the public for group classes, lectures, and viewing of historic artifacts in four gallery rooms. Completion of these four restoration projects was a significant step in meeting the overall restoration and preservation goals of the property envisioned by Queen Lili‘uokalani.
- **YWCA Laniākea ‘Ewa Wing Façade and Roof Restoration, Honolulu, O‘ahu:** Awarded for exterior repairs and restoration of the balconies, balustrades, railing and roofing of the ‘Ewa Wing. Aesthetically, the façade of Café Julia and the courtyard is greatly enhanced, with balcony metalwork and concrete repaired and the entire wall fully repainted. Safety concerns have been addressed through improvements to the balustrade system, roof and railings, along with concrete and plaster repairs.

Preservation Commendation Category:

- **E Ala Pa‘aiāu Fishpond Restoration, ‘Ewa, O‘ahu:** A community effort to restore one of the last remaining loko i‘a (fishponds) in Keawalau o Pu‘uloa. By working together to remove invasive plants and restore the fishpond's walls, community stakeholders and

neighbors realized the values and goals that they share in common. Some residents rediscovered old family relationships. This project not only helped to preserve Loko Pa‘aiau, built more than 600 years ago, it also resulted in a sense of healing and renewal for a community.

- **Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Concrete, Masonry and Metal Structures Repair and Maintenance for Historic Facilities Manual, O‘ahu:** This Manual is intended to assist facility managers, planners, architects, officers and maintenance supervisors at various divisions, including, but not limited to, NAVFAC Hawaii EV5 and Capital Improvements, in performing repair and maintenance projects for historic concrete, masonry, and metal structures. A primary objective of this document is to optimize project review and consultation time by the NAVFAC Hawai‘i EV5 team.

Achievements in Interpretive Media Category:

- **“The History of Leprosy/Hansen's Disease in Hawaii: Significant People, Events & Dates” Booklet, Kalaupapa, Moloka‘i:** This sixteen-page timeline is significant as an inclusive history of leprosy/Hansen’s disease and of Kalaupapa. It includes notable dates associated with the historic figures of Father Damien and Mother Marianne, as well as lesser-known events, such as the accomplishments of people who were sent to Kalaupapa and the visits made by members of the royal family who were involved in improving the lives of people affected by leprosy. Personal photographs enhance the historical timeline.
- **Honolulu Hale Through The Times Exhibit, Honolulu, O‘ahu:** Illustrates the history and architectural evolution of the City & County Honolulu Hale Building since it was constructed in 1928. The exhibit documents and helps to encourage public appreciation of this significant Honolulu landmark. It is also a fine example of partnership between the City, State Historic Preservation Division and private firms for historic preservation.
- **Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Exhibit, Waipahu, O‘ahu:** Contributes to the education of the public about a crucial piece of Hawaii's history and Japanese American history that is often overlooked. The exhibit tells the story of the Camp through

an interactive, multi-sensory environment, that helps visitors, especially the younger generation, imagine on a more personal level the struggle that Japanese-Americans faced during World War II and be reminded of a past that should not be repeated.

- **WWII Kīlauea Detainment Camp Wayside Exhibits, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai‘i:** Three interpretive waysides that highlight the history of the Japanese-American incarceration and detainment at Kīlauea during World War II, providing on-site information for daily visitors. The waysides highlight the unique experiences of Japanese-Americans living on Hawai‘i island who were isolated from the immediate impacts of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, yet caught up in the nationwide fear, racial prejudice, and hysteria against people of Japanese ancestry.

Individual Achievement:

- **John B. Williams**, Architecture & Preservation Volunteer: Awarded for his tireless efforts to complete preservation projects for Docomomo US-Hawai‘i, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation, and American Red Cross of Hawai‘i through research, documentation and sharing the history, art and architecture of Hawai‘i.
- **Mikio "Miki" Izu**, Docent and Volunteer, Kona Historical Society: For the past three decades, Miki Izu has contributed hundreds of hours of service every year to Kona Historical Society and its two Smithsonian-affiliated museums and historic sites. A gifted storyteller, consultant, woodworker and carpenter, he has helped restore historic buildings at the Farm and bring Kona’s unique culture to life, particularly through his ability to engage and communicate with visitors.

## Anniversary Recognitions:

### 175 YEARS

- Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, O‘ahu

### 150 YEARS

- Christ Church Episcopal, Kealakekua, Hawai‘i Island (2017)

### 125 YEARS

- Bishop Museum Press, O‘ahu

### 100 YEARS

- ‘Aiea Taiheiji Soto Mission, O‘ahu
- Armed Services YMCA of Honolulu, O‘ahu (2017)
- Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Statewide
- Commanding General's House 227 at Schofield Barracks, O‘ahu
- Consolidated Theaters, O‘ahu (2017)
- Hale‘iwa Koshoji Shingon Mission, O‘ahu
- Hāmākua Jodo Mission, Hawai‘i Island
- Hanahau‘oli School, O‘ahu
- Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, O‘ahu
- Hawai‘i Nurses Association, Statewide (2017)
- Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission Building, Hawai‘i Island
- Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin Temple Building, O‘ahu
- Lyon Arboretum, O‘ahu
- Pu‘unēnē Nichiren Mission, Maui
- Shingon Shu Hawai‘i Temple Building, O‘ahu (2017)

## **About the Preservation Honor Awards**

Historic Hawai‘i Foundation’s preservation awards have been presented annually since 1975. They are Hawaii’s highest recognition of projects that perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or interpret the state’s architectural and cultural heritage.

The honorees are selected by a committee comprised of professionals in architecture, history, planning, landscape architecture, architectural history and media. Each nomination is considered on its own merits and not in competition with others.

### **About the Awards Ceremony**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Honor Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Fuller Hall & Courtyard, YWCA Laniakea in Honolulu from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The event will include a presentation of the awards and reception to follow with heavy pūpū in the outdoor courtyard. Tickets to the awards ceremony may be purchased for \$50 each (HHF members & Award Honorees) or \$60 (General Admission). A limited number of event sponsorships are available at the Gold, Silver and Bronze level (\$1,500; \$1,000 and \$750, respectively). Call Historic Hawai‘i Foundation at 808-523-2900 for details.

Reservations and payment may be made at <http://2018honorawards.eventbrite.com> Deadline to sponsor the event is May 11, 2018. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 16, 2018.

For more information, see [www.historichawaii.org](http://www.historichawaii.org) or contact Historic Hawai‘i Foundation via email to [Awards@historichawaii.org](mailto:Awards@historichawaii.org) or by phone to 808-523-2900.

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### **About Historic Hawai‘i Foundation**

**Historic Hawaii Foundation:** *Helping People Preserve Historic Places.*

HHF is the only statewide non-profit organization solely dedicated to preserving the historic buildings, sites, communities and objects that tell the unique stories of Hawai‘i’s multilayered history. Founded in 1974, HHF has become the driving force behind historic preservation in the state through its core programs of developing a community ethic of historic preservation, supporting smart legislation, offering educational events and training for local communities and providing technical assistance to make preservation accessible.

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