



# SILVERSWORD

Friends of Old Maui High School

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## New Interpretive Signs Preserve Memories at Old MHS Campus Your Generous Gifts Bring History to Life!



**D**istinctive blue and white signs now identify each remaining building at the 1913-1972 Maui High campus at Hāmākuapoko. The recently completed project was funded by your donations, and Friends is grateful for the support you provided!

Each durable sign states the original name and use of the building, its construction year, and current campus designation number.

Friends' Board members participated in recalling facts and memories illustrating the activities and classes pertinent to each site, including favorite cafeteria meals, class highlights, and many other details.

You can view a slideshow of each sign at [www.oldmauihigh.org](http://www.oldmauihigh.org) or our Facebook page. Your feedback is welcome.

Mahalo for helping Friends preserve the legacy and spirit of Old Maui High School!

*Photo Captions:*

*Top, Middle and Bottom: Caretaker Mike Ade, Sr., and volunteer Mike Ade Jr. make sure the new building signs are on the level.*

### Friends' New Website Is Now Live

Friends of Old Maui High is excited to announce its new website! With expanded content it is easier than ever to take a deeper dive into the history of Old Maui High School. Visit [www.oldmauihigh.org](http://www.oldmauihigh.org).



# SABER DONATIONS FUND MHS HISTORIC BUILDING REPORT

Twenty years ago, when Friends stepped in to rescue the derelict campus at Old Maui High School, our goal was to create a future for the school that would honor its history and its accomplished alumni.

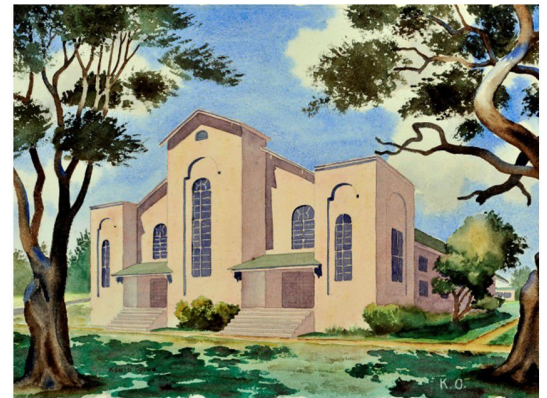
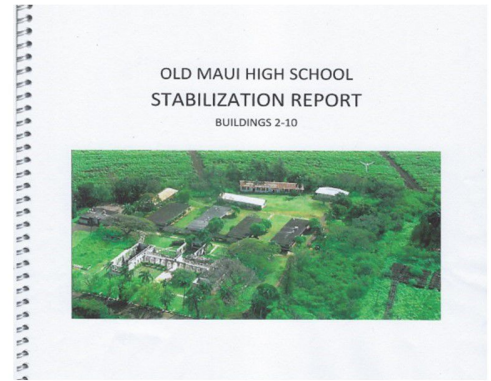
We soon learned there were many challenges to rehabilitating the century-old campus. The school's water and sanitation infrastructures were gone, as were many original classrooms, teachers cottages, ag and athletic Quonsets, the much-loved "Barn," and more.

Luckily, a substantial core of the educational facilities that were part of the school remained, and although they suffered from decades of deterioration, Friends knew their survival was essential to future re-use of the historic school. We needed to save them, and we needed advice.

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to retain preservation specialists, Architects Hawaii Limited (AHL), contracting with them to evaluate existing conditions and prioritize maintenance recommendations for nine of the remaining school buildings.

Last spring, AHL's team of architects and consulting engineers visited the school, inspected and photographed each building, and compiled their findings in a 77-page guide detailing recommendations for "actions needed to prevent further deterioration of the historic structures." Their "*Old Maui High School Stabilization Report*" complies with historic rehabilitation standards, and offers hope for many more years of useful life for these important Maui High School buildings.

Mahalo to the generous donors who help Friends carry out our important preservation work!



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*Photo Captions Top to Bottom:*

1. Architects Hawaii Ltd. Stabilization Report.
2. Iconic image of Old Maui High's beloved "Barn," gone but not forgotten. Painting by Kunio Ogawa, class of 1935.
3. Friends begin work to remove tons of debris, 2002.
4. 2022 fumigation of the 1928 wooden classroom. Also treated were the Band Room and Cafetorium.



## Please Help Friends Keep History Alive!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) First Maiden Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help support Friends' mission at the Old MHS Campus.

Donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Feedback? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Friends of Old Maui High School. Mail to P.O. Box 792165, Paia, HI 96779.

Or, donate securely online at [www.oldmauihigh.org](http://www.oldmauihigh.org). Mahalo!

*Friends of Old Maui High School is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Federal ID #20-1622825*

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## SHARED STEWARDSHIP WORKS AT OLD MHS CAMPUS



*Photo Captions Top to Bottom:*

- 1. Removal of dumped tires at Old MHS.*
- 2. Rusted air conditioners removed and recycled.*
- 3. MISC assisting with campus cleanup.*

### Friends and MISC Dedicated to Preservation, Rehabilitation

The effects of the past two years' COVID-19 restrictions nearly brought Friends' activities at the H'poko campus to a halt. It was difficult to conduct programs and outreach in the face of mandates which limited site access, tours, volunteer help, and even board meetings.

During that period, the presence of MISC - the Maui Invasive Species Committee - at the campus was an enormous boost, as they generously pitched in to assist with maintenance, upgrading the former agricultural and athletic fields and structures, and developed their own baseyard and office.

As long-time protectors of Maui's native ecosystem and environment, MISC personnel have the skills, experience and equipment needed to ensure the Exceptional Trees and original campus landscape are cared for, and that the large, isolated MHS campus is protected and secure from vandalism and harm, 24/7.

We were especially sad to discontinue programs established to connect the legacy and history of the original MHS campus with students (continued on page 4)





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*Stewardship (continued from page 3)*

and staff at MHS-Kahului. These included a Freshman Orientation Tour of the campus and background on the achievements of Sabers that have benefited our community, our state, and our nation. Friends has also worked with Principal Jamie Yap to integrate exhibits, study themes and other legacy-building experiences at MHS-Kahului, which will now have an opportunity to be re-implemented.

Meanwhile, you can learn more about our shared stewardship with MISC and progress to preserve and re-use Old Maui High by checking our Facebook page and re-imagined website, [oldmauihigh.org](http://oldmauihigh.org).

Our intrepid Administrative Assistant, Holly Buland, has worked long and hard to scan hundreds of images from Friends' archive, many of which are available for you to view and recapture happy days at beautiful Old Maui High School. Enjoy!