



WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

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Natural Selection Shop Opens



(Photo by Mike deGruy)

With State Senator Jean S. King representing the Governor's office and the people of the State of Hawaii, the Waikiki Aquarium marked the grand opening of its Natural Selection Book/Gift Shop on November 17, 1977, with an invitational reception held at the Aquarium. Senator

King graciously accepted an original lithograph of our state mammal, an Hawaiian Humpback whale and her calf, done by Richard Ellis, distinguished author and wildlife painter of whales and sharks, who came all the way from New York to wish the Aquarium well, and help start the

new venture off on strong footing.

Also invited to the reception were several well known local authors whose works are available in the shop. Dr. Isabella Abbott, author of the popular book Limu; Dr. George Balazs, author of Hawaii's Seabirds, Turtles, and Seals; Dr. John Bardach, author of Harvest of the Sea; Dr. Andrew Berger, author of Hawaiian Bird Life; John Clark, author of Beaches of Oahu; Dr. E. Alison Kay, author of A Natural History of the Hawaiian Islands; Will Kyselka and Ray Lanterman, co-authors of North Star to Southern Cross; former Aquarium director Spencer Tinker and Charles DeLuca, Curator at the Aquarium, authors of Sharks and Rays; Margaret Titcomb, author of Native Use of Fish in Hawaii; and Doug Wallin, author of Underwater Photography autographed copies of their books for those who attended the reception and made purchases.

The Natural Selection Shop is an off-spring of the Friends of the Waikiki Aquarium and the University of Hawaii Foundation, and the fact that it is a reality today speaks well for the interest and support the Friends have in marine education here in Hawaii because your donations paid for its construction. The shop is fully staffed by volunteers and proceeds from sales go towards the expansion and improvement of the Aquarium's

* Kilo i'a means "watcher of sea life". For more information on Kilo i'a, see next page.

Education Program. The Natural Selection Shop represents the first vehicle through which the Aquarium can generate funds from its attending visitors; funds that go into improving programs and return to the visitors through better displays and educational services.

So many persons and organizations provided guidance and support in the planning and construction of the Natural Selection Shop and it seems only fitting that they should be recognized. For their vision and innovation since the inception of this project, many thanks to Donald C. Mair, Director of Development for the University of Hawaii Foundation; Keith Snyder, Vice Chancellor for Administration, University of Hawaii-Manoa; Karl Bloede, Contracts Officer; Alan Cason, General Manager of the University of Hawaii Bookstores, and special thanks to the Board of Trustees of the University of Hawaii Foundation whose support made this project possible. Thanks also go out to the entertainers of the Hawaiian

Airlines Music Troupe for providing the entertainment and warm local flavor to the reception, SAGA Food Service of the University, for providing beverage service, the Waikiki Aquarium Docents, who provided pupus and acted as hosts and hostesses for the evening, Lynn Dunne, a docent at Steinhart Aquarium, California, who acted as the bookshop's mainland buyer, and Steinhart Aquarium for its support and kindred feelings, and, of course, much credit and thanks go to the Shop's Manager, Karon Chang, for her efforts in putting the store together and making the opening a success.

The efforts expended by all these people and all who contributed time and/or funds were rewarded in a highly successful opening and hopefully in an equally successful existence for the Natural Selection Shop, and if figures from the last two months are any indication, the Education Program at the Waikiki Aquarium also has a great future.

Les Matsuura

Aquarium Adventures in Learning

In June 1977 the Aquarium sponsored its first Marine Life Study Tour to the beautiful and unspoiled Micronesian Islands of Ponape and Palau. Participating in the three week expedition were nine students and three biologists, including Bruce Carlson and Mike de Gruy, who stayed in Palau an extra week to collect our now legendary *Nautilus*.

The Aquarium will offer this tour again in June 1978 and Truk will also be included. Truk is famous for its wreck diving on the many ships sunk in its lagoon during World War II. These wrecks are now festooned with an incredible array of marine life. The Aquarium tour, however, is not strictly a "dive" tour. We accommodate both scuba divers and snorkelers, and are just as likely to go reef walking as scuba diving. We also make it a point to see places of cultural or aesthetic interest on each island.

The June 1978 trip will include seven days in Ponape, three days in Truk, and nine days in Palau. Ponape is a beautiful, lush, high island with good diving and the friendliest hotel

and best food in Micronesia. Palau is a very special place for students of tropical marine life. A reef and island complex of great ecological diversity, it has fringing reefs, barrier reefs, patch reefs, lagoons, sea grass beds, submarine caves and more than 20 exquisite marine lakes. This great variety of habitat is centered in the Western equatorial Pacific which contains the richest and most diverse marine biota in the world. It is the only oceanic island where both saltwater crocodiles and dugongs live and breed. Palau's breathtaking variety of marine life and marine habitats has been recently spotlighted because of plans for an oil superport to be built there. Many biologists fear that the marine life and culture of this jewel-like archipelago risks total destruction within the next ten years. But right now, Micronesia offers beautiful islands, interesting cultures, friendly people, and rich marine life. For more information on the Aquarium's tour call the Education office, 923-4725.

Ann Fielding

Anticipation-- Dates to Remember

"Ten Days Alone on Necker Island - Photographic Reflections of a Sea Turtle Biologist" is the provocative title of the bimonthly "Friends" lecture to be given February 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Aquarium's foyer. George Balazs of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology will be the guest lecturer. Necker Island, which provides the setting for this lecture, is a tiny uninhabited island in the Leeward Hawaiian Islands where Monk Seals, green sea turtles and many sea birds live. In the distant past however, this lonely island was visited by ancient Polynesians who left images and heiaus there which still remain. Mr. Balazs has photographed and will discuss both the biology and archeology of this little known island.

The Aquarium will be sponsoring a tour next August to the National Marine Education Conference in Olympia, Washington, and to Aquariums in Vancouver, Seattle, and San Diego. Call the Education Dept. for more information.

About Kilo i'a

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Kilo i'a means "watcher of sea life", or "watcher for fish" and refers not only to the ancient Hawaiian fishing specialists who aided others in finding fish but, herein, to all who find sustenance and pleasure in merely "watching sea life".

The editors welcome your comments, suggestions, and contributions for future issues.