MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 22 and 23 have been chosen as the dates for the Hawaii Museums Association Spring Meeting. Full information on place, time and registration will be sent at a later date.

April 20 and 21 will be the dates for the seminar on Legal Aspects of Museums Operations, to be sponsored by HMA. Additional information on the seminar will be sent to all institutions as soon as details are finalized. Registration will be limited to 25, with an additional session open to trustees. A selection committee will evaluate all applications based on the qualifications of the applicants and the potential value of the seminar to their institutions.

Several grants have been received recently which are of interest to HMA members.

The Association received $2000 from the National Museum Act to assist in the presentation of the Legal Seminar. In addition to the Federal Grant, $500 has been made available by the Hawaii Foundation for History and Humanities to cover printing and other expenses. Services are also being contributed by HMA institutions. Anita Manning is chairman of the committee planning the seminar.

The Hawaiian Historical Society was notified by the National Endowment for the Humanities that it has been awarded $52,000 to cover the cost of an Inventory of Agricultural Records in Hawaii. The inventory will be made to identify the location, condition and content of agricultural records throughout the State. A small amount was included to microfilm records in imminent danger of destruction. Dr. Edward Beechert, University of Hawaii, will be the project director.

The State Historical Records Advisory Committee has received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to cover the cost of copying nitrate negatives in seven local institutions. The grant from the Commission for $9,820 has been supplemented by $5,625 received from the Ather­ton Family Foundation, the McInerny Foundation and the Trustees of Charles M. and Anna Cooke, Ltd. The work will be done at the Bishop Museum, under the direction of Lynn Davis. A total of 21,500 negatives from the Bishop Museum, Hawaiian Historical Society, Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, Kauai Museum, Lyman House Museum, Punahou School and the State Archives will be copied at no cost to the institutions. The National Commission was particularly impressed by the cooperative nature of this project from Hawaii.

The Pacific Conservation Center received two grants from the National Museum Act. One is for a seminar on curatorial conserva­tion to be held in Fiji in May and the second is for two trainees from the staff of member institutions to receive six months tech­nical training beginning in January 1978. Information on these programs has been sent to all member institutions.
In addition, the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission gave funds to the Daughters of Hawaii towards the restoration of Hulihee Palace and to the Friends of Iolani Palace to assist in acquiring and restoring furnishings for Iolani Palace.

**PUBLICATIONS**

The American Association for State and Local History has recently issued two publications of interest to historical museums. These are "Exhibits for the Small Museum" by Arminta Neal and "Collection, Use and Care of Historical Photographs" by R. A. Weinstein and Larry Booth. Membership in AASLH entitles purchasers to a discount, but they are available to non-members. Address for additional information is 1400 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Free information is available from two sources. "Museum Scope, a National Journal of, by and for Museums" is available free to the directors of non-profit, educational institutions; for $8.00/yr. to individuals and libraries. Write to Dr. Alden Redfield, Suite 5, 111 South 9th Street, Columbia, MO 65201. Kissiloff Associates, 909 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, would like to add the names of museum professionals to their list for mailings concerning exhibits planned and carried out by their staff.

**EDUCATION**

In addition to their publications program, AASLH carries out a program of seminars. The Seminar on the Interpretation of History by Historical Societies and Museums, to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, from May 2-13 is open to 20 beginning professionals and directors of societies west of the Mississippi. Fellowships are available to cover travel and partial maintenance costs. Application deadline is March 15, 1977. Additional information is available from Agnes Conrad, State Archives.

**HMA NEWS**

Members are reminded that the annual dues have been increased to $5.00 for individuals, $10.00 for institutions. Dues are payable now to Tadao Okimoto, Treasurer, Box 4125, Honolulu, HI 96813, or at the meeting in April.

A resolution was adopted at the Fall meeting asking the Governor of Hawaii to request the Queen of England to bestow knighthood upon Captain James Cook as part of the 1978 Bicentennial. An inquiry to the British Consul General in Los Angeles has brought the reply that knighthood is always bestowed on a living person, and is never granted posthumously. The HMA Board has decided to withdraw the resolution.

Questionnaires were distributed by the Standards Committee at the Fall meeting asking for an evaluation of the institutions visited. This was the first step towards establishing standards for Hawaii's museums. Only two were returned, and any members who still have theirs are urged to complete and return them. A panel presentation on standards, chaired by Robert Van der Wege, will be on the Spring program. The answers to the questionnaires will aid the speakers. Since the State Historic Preservation Act of 1976 grants special privileges to "qualified museums" it is essential that HMA take an active part in setting standards.

Robert Schleck has been appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee, with Jane Silverman and Jim Purstenberg as members. HMA By-laws require that notice of nominees be sent out 30 days before the election, or by March 22. Any suggestions should be sent to the Chairman, Box 1631, Lihue, HI 96766.

**FLASH**

The Spring Meeting will be held at the Lung Doo Chung Sing Tong Hall, Cultural Plaza. You can be sure that at least one excellent Chinese meal will also be on the program.