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**On the Cover:** Margaret Schattauer's historic home in Captain Cook was built in 1864 by her great-grandfather, John Davis Paris I. A botanist on Captain George Vancouver's *HMS Discovery* planted the orange tree in the late 1700s.

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## FEATURE

Waimea contractor Brett Kennelly redesigned the previously dark and dated kitchen, adding a skylight above a new cooking island and installing new lights and cabinetry. Local talent came together to transform the '40s-era home including interior designer Sue Moss and carpenters Rob Eoff and David Lee.

# NEW OLD HOUSE

*New Year's gatherings are a family tradition at restored, vintage home in Waimea*

It takes vision, skill and determination to transform a dark, aging cottage in Waimea into a residential showplace that truly pays homage to its vintage past. And that's exactly what homeowners Bob and Debbie Creps did with their 1940s-era plantation-style house they purchased in 2013, and renovated in 2015, with the help of some talented, local professionals.

"The homeowners wanted to maintain the vintage theme and were open to doing things right," said

Brett Kennelly, of Kennelly, Watanabe & Associates, a Waimea-based design and contracting firm specializing in remodeling, design and space planning. "The original house looked like an old hunting cabin. Although it was dark, and the previous interior modifications made the space utilization confusing, I could see the potential. We reconfigured everything and made the house a home."

Removing walls, adding a front-porch entry and bringing in more light and space, Brett achieved

a seamless match between the home's original architectural elements and the newly upgraded additions. In the living room, for example, built-in shelves mimic the home's original built-ins in the sitting room. The addition of a new bedroom gives the homeowners more options when family members come to visit.

"We wanted to retain as much of the original house as possible while still making it comfortable for our family," said Debbie. "The

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Adjacent to the dual-sided fireplace, newly built shelves maintain the old-fashioned look of the original built-ins found elsewhere in the home. Interior Designer Sue Moss sourced the custom-upholstered leather couch. North Hawai'i Tile installed the flamed-lava tiles on the fireplace.



The dual-sided fireplace and French doors provide a sense of connection between the family room and the main living area. "The kids can be on one side of the house and the adults on the other," said homeowner Debbie Creps.



two existing bathrooms were overly large for the size of the house, so Brett created a fourth bedroom from one of the bathrooms, and added a half bath off the foyer."

Born and raised in Kailua, O'ahu, both Debbie and Bob had been coming to the Big Island on annual getaways for more than 20 years. They always talked about buying a vacation home in Waimea, but wanted an older home that they could renovate.

Built in 1948, the original cottage was 1,200 square feet with three bedrooms and one bath. In 1987, a previous homeowner added 500 square feet and a second bath. Today, the living area totals 1,700 square feet (2,000 square feet "under roof") with a covered lanai, four small bedrooms and two-and-one-half baths.

Brett installed a dual-sided fireplace to provide a sense of connection between the adjacent

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living spaces. A skylight illuminates the kitchen where the new cooking island resides. Original elements include double-hung windows, Douglas fir floors, built-in shelves, and single-wall construction. The yard is spacious and private.

“We love the cool climate and the quiet location,” said Debbie. “Our neighbor grew up on this street. She told us that the persimmon and loquat trees in the backyard were planted by the original owners.”

For interiors, the couple enlisted the help of Interior Designer Sue Moss, ASID, of Trans-Pacific Design in Waimea. Working closely with the homeowners, Sue sourced furnishings, fabrics, drapes, lighting and accessories to enhance the home’s vintage feel. Sue also collaborated with Brett on many details including paint color and tile. For their teamwork on the remodel, Sue and Brett won



**Nostalgic simplicity defines the bedroom, which features the original double-hung windows and single-wall construction. The reconfigured bedroom replaces a portion of a previously oversized bathroom.**



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**Working as a team on the home's remodeling project, renovation specialist Brett Kennelly and interior designer Sue Moss earned an Award of Merit at this year's Building Industry Association of Hawai'i competition.**

an Award of Merit at this year's Building Industry Association of Hawai'i competition. The Creps appreciated the camaraderie they felt with Brett and Sue throughout the renovation process.

"During the remodel, we would come over once a month, and also met with Sue quite frequently," said Debbie. "We told her we wanted lots of seating and comfortable places for reading and playing games. She sourced

some of the furnishings on the Big Island, and also came up with the beautiful paint colors for all the rooms. Both Sue and Brett understood our vision. Between the two of them, they were able to help us pull it all together."

For the Creps, their quiet, upcounty cottage in Waimea provides the ideal escape from the hustle and bustle of O'ahu. Their three sons and grandchildren, who also live on O'ahu, are frequent guests. Family gatherings at the home

are a tradition on New Year's Eve.

"We very much enjoy the country life in Waimea," said Debbie. "We recently took our youngest grandson to the Waimea Christmas parade. Our granddaughters like to see the horses in the yards nearby. The house is the perfect place for a quiet getaway." ■



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Three Cheers to the New Year



My New Year's resolution this year is to not make any more New Year's resolutions. Oh, wait. I just did.

Forget about New Year's Day, I'm still beat up from Boxing Day. It's hard to believe that an entire year has passed since my last year's resolution when I resolved to exercise more. Right now, I'm "exercising more" restraint by eating just one serving of chips 16 times in a row. Twice.

As much as I hate to admit it, this muffin top is starting to grow on me. And to think I was planning on tightening my belt in 2017. My gym instructor foresees more barbells in my future . . . perhaps she meant more bar *bills*. Good thing I always finish what I start: like this bottle of Zinfandel on my coffee table.

Excuse me while I check my Facebook page to see if anyone liked my post about resolving to spend less time on Facebook. I'm

also determined to refrain from staring so much at my phone all day long. Lucky for me there's an app for that.

My advice for the New Year is to choose resolutions you can actually keep, such as to stop procrastinating, which I'll get around to next month. My to-do list includes painting my house. Or was that just a pigment of my imagination?

I think I'll break all my resolutions early this year so I can focus on what's really important: less work, more time slacking off on the couch, and stronger cocktails. ■

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The historic home on Napo'opo'o Road was built in 1864 by the great-grandfather of the home's current resident, Margaret Schattauer. Planted in the late 1700s, the orange tree was brought from England as a seedling by Captain George Vancouver, who sailed into Kealahakua Bay in 1793.

# MAUNA ALANI

*Hawai'i's first orange tree still bears fruit on historic property in Captain Cook*

It's wintertime in Kona, and like clockwork, the historic orange tree on Margaret Schattauer's property in Captain Cook is producing a bounty of fruit as it's done every year since the tree was first planted in the late 1700s.

The tree got its start as a seedling brought to Hawai'i by Captain George Vancouver onboard *HMS Discovery*, the majestic tall ship that sailed into Kealahakua Bay in 1793. The

famed circumnavigator was accompanied by Archibald Menzies, a Scottish botanist and naturalist who planted the orange tree on what was then Chieftess Kapi'olani's property above the pali of Ka'awaloa.

The orange tree pre-dates Margaret's house, which was built by her great-grandfather, John Davis Paris I, in 1864.

"Vancouver gave Kapi'olani some trees and

this one survived," said Margaret, 89, seated in the kitchen of her white-framed home with green trim. "The tree has had an amazing life, even during times of drought. It has survived because it is a survivor."

Housing six generations of Margaret's family, the homestead known as Mauna Alani — which means "Orange Hill" — takes its name from the orange tree. Like the tree, the two-story residence has endured through the decades,





**The stately, two-story home has housed six generations of Margaret's family beginning with John Davis Paris I, a Christian missionary who built 13 churches throughout West Hawai'i, including Kahikolu Church in Napo'opo'o.**

still retaining its original, hand-blown paned windows, koa staircase, and the stately lanai that wraps around three sides of the home.

The downstairs part of the home showcases koa furnishings crafted by John Paris I, as well as the library room that he built. Koa beams support the roof, while a small koa stairway leads to attic of the 5,300-square-foot residence.

A Christian missionary, John Paris I is

best known for building 13 churches on Hawai'i Island, including Kahikolu Church in Napo'opo'o, the second-oldest Christian church in the Hawaiian Islands.

Because her Aunt Ethyl resided in the house for many years, Margaret didn't move there until 1980 with her husband, George Schattauer, and their children, Keoki and Ivy. They had previously lived in Honomolino, farther south. A rancher, George worked

at Ho'omau Ranch (Jimmy Stewart/Julie Andrews) and Mac Farms in South Kona. At Mauna Alani, he planted the dozens of fruit trees that still thrive in the yard.

Margaret supports historic preservation in Kona. A descendant of the original landowner of the Kuamo'o Battlefield and Burial Grounds of 1819, she recently sold the 47-acre property, located south of Keauhou, to The Trust for Public Land, and then donated a significant







**Margaret Schattauer relaxes on her lanai with son, Keoki. Margaret recently became a major donor in preserving the historic Hawaiian battlefield and burial grounds near Keauhou.**

Housing six generations of Margaret's family, the homestead known as Mauna Alani—which means “Orange Hill”—takes its name from the orange tree in the yard.

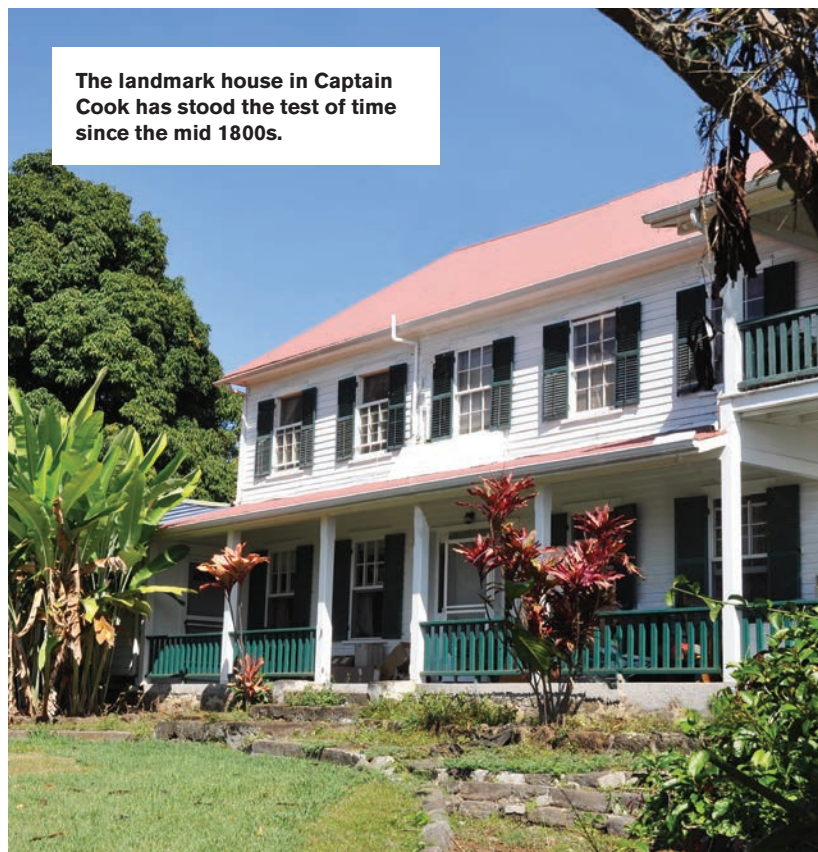
portion of the proceeds back to the historic-preservation project managed by the non-profit Aloha Kuamo'o Aina. As the project's largest donor, Margaret appreciates the group's vision for restoring the native Hawaiian historical site.

“The battlefield property belonged to the Paris side of the family, and my father willed it to me,” said Margaret. “I decided to donate it because it is historically so important. I felt that children and the public should know about it and value it. It's part of Kona history.”

Also richly steeped in the history of Kona, Margaret's house on 4.9 acres stands sentinel at the top of Napo'opo'o Road. It remains a *grande dame* of historic homes on the Big Island.

“I love this home,” said Margaret. “It's special. The orange tree is just like life; it just keeps going.” ■

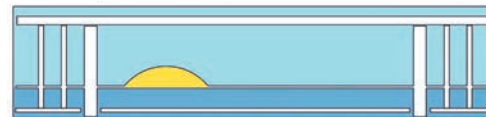




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“My secret ingredient is aloha and prayer,” says Auntie Kana'i Tegman as she pours a cup of her “Auntie Kana'i's Famous Teriyaki Marinade” into the stir-fry she cooked up one recent afternoon at her home in Waimea.

Born and raised on the Big Island, Kana'i, 73, resides on a 10-acre ranchette nestled at the base of Mauna Kea. “This is God's Country,” she said, gazing out her dining room windows at the sights of Mauna Kea's snow-capped summit in the distance and miles of green pastures in every direction.

With such a large family (she has 73 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren), Auntie has spent most of her life cooking meals for the ones she loves. For the past 17 years, she has also cooked for her community at the local farmers' market and

at Pukalani Stables. An ordained minister, Auntie Kana'i shares the good news about the Lord with her customers while serving them lau lau and BBQ pork teriyaki plates.

“God has blessed me with a new life filled with love to share with others,” she said. “My Church On The Road is not a building, it's about people. Food is a way to build new friendships and strong relationships with customers. The marketplace is the best place to share God's love with everyone, and for free.”

Three years ago, Auntie Kana'i's onolicious teriyaki recipes caught the attention of a representative from Costco, who invited her to bring her bottled marinade into the Kona store. Auntie can be seen handing out samples of cooked, marinated pork at Costco, where she radiates personality and aloha as a result of the blessings she feels.

“One bite will hook you in. I prepare the recipe

and God blesses it, I truly believe it. Locals and malahini love it because it is 'ono kaponu,' which means, it's mo betta' than good.” ■

## RECIPE

### Auntie Kana'i's Chicken Teriyaki Stir-Fry (Serves 6)

5-6 pieces  
½ cup

Chicken thighs  
Auntie Kana'i's Famous  
Teriyaki Marinade  
Veggies  
Carrots, snap peas, onions, zucchini,  
mushrooms, tomatoes, sprouts,  
celery, bok choy, squash

To parboil chicken, place in a pot and add enough teriyaki sauce to cover. Bring to a boil and cook until halfway done. Grill chicken on BBQ until medium done. Pour a little teriyaki sauce into a wok, add sliced chicken to stir fry with your choice of chopped and julienned vegetables. Serve with rice.

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