



## Hawaiian History

Presented by: Peter Searl

Wednesdays, Oct 29, Nov 5, & 12 2014

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Maravilla - Club Room

5486 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

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### HAWAIIAN HISTORY IN A [COCO] NUTSHELL

How did the Hawaiian Islands, the most remote archipelago on the planet, end up as a state of the USA? The answer has all the elements of a good yarn: petty bickering, bloody wars, international intrigue, and profound social, cultural and political changes in a relatively short period of time.

We begin with pre-history and the role of geology and geography. Who were the very first Hawaiians? Where did they come from? How did they live? The history begins in earnest with the eighteenth century, the “era of discovery.” When and how did western civilization encounter these islands and their people? Who was Kamehameha, and why was he so important?

The nineteenth century might well be called “the Americanization of the Hawaiian Islands”. Why? What role did American Protestant Missionaries play? Carousing whalers? The beginnings of commercial agriculture? Early merchants? Kings and Queens? The “bloodless revolution” that resulted in the overthrow of the monarchy and ultimately in the Territory of Hawaii?

In the twentieth century, the population of the Hawaiian Islands gradually blended into the mainstream of American culture, politics, economics and social values...but not entirely. Our story will conclude with the rise and fall of the sugar and pineapple industries, labor strife, racism, the phenomenal rise in tourism, and the impact of World War II. A post-script will briefly mention the Hawaiian years of Barack Obama.

Suggested reading: Gavan Daws, *Shoal of Time: A History of the Hawaiian Islands*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1968. A paperback edition is available from Amazon.com for about \$20. ISBN 978-0-8248-0324-7.

### ENROLLMENT FORM: *Hawaiian History*- Oct 29, Nov 5 & 12

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**Biography: Peter Searl** : My mother and her family were residents of Honolulu ever since 1835, but I grew up in Fayetteville, N. Y., a suburb of Syracuse. My formal education: Deerfield Academy, 1953; Dartmouth College, 1957; and Syracuse University College of Law, 1965. I practiced law in Honolulu for 20 years and then changed careers to become a historian. I worked for the Mission Houses Museum in Honolulu and taught Hawaiian History at the Kamehameha Schools also in Honolulu. In 1987, I returned to the mainland U. S. A. where I pulled a 5 year stint as a historical interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. At present, I am working on a biography of my great-great grandfather who went out to the Hawaiian Islands as a missionary printer in 1835 and ended up playing a significant role in the Americanization of the Islands.



## VISTAS CALENDAR

Seminar/Event	Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 7	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	10:00 am	Valle Verde Theater
Shakespeare	Sept 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 pm	Maravilla Theater
Maya Classic Period	Sept 10,17,24 & Oct 1	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Fall Ballot Propositions	Sept 22 & 29	1:30 pm	Maravilla Valencia
Military Sexual Assault	October 7	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Women in Art	Oct 8, 15, 22	9:30 am	Farrand Hall
Amelia Earhart	Oct 23 & 30	1:30 pm	Maravilla Valencia
History of Hawaii	October 29, Nov 5 & 12	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Poetry & Metaphor	Nov 7, 14 & 21	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Pacific Coastal Fishes	November 19	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Rm



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