



CULTURAL & HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

DONATING ARTIFACTS TO LAYLAND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

KEENE, TEXAS - Saturday, September 28, 2024. The Cultural and Historic Preservation Office (CHPO) donated over fifteen (15) Marshallese cultural objects to the Layland Museum in Keene, Texas. Ms. Judy Tomeing-Kurn, CHPO's Administrator, participated in the first ever Manit (Cultural) Day celebration in the City of Keene organized by the Texas Koba Maron Community (TKMC) on behalf of the Manit and the SHPO Officer and Director Wilbert Alik and the CHPO organization.

The donation included two stick charts, a *mattang* and a *rebbelib*; *jaki ed* (traditional fine woven clothe); various purses and fashion accessories; a *jäljel* (roll of pounded pandanus leaves), Wotje flowers, *kimej* (processed coconut fronds), Likiep *deel pa* handfan), Aur *iep* (basket), *ametōma* (caramelized coconut candy), *jaānkun* (preserved pandanus), *lō* (wild hibiscus bark), Tobolar products, and a Namu *deel pa* (handfan).

These artifacts will become part of an exhibition describing the migration story of the TKMC community. RMI CHPO hopes to connect TKMC with the Texas State Historic Preservation Office so that more of the migration story will be preserved. More photos of the event can be viewed at the following link: <https://lightroom.adobe.com/shares/2b9ab8fcb8cf4bbd831f5d5642c728b2>.



Pictured are some of the donated Marshallese cultural artifacts. Pictured L-R: *jäljel*, *mattang*, Wotje flowers, *jaki ed* (fine clothe mat), Likien handfan, *ametōma*, *iep* and more. *Photo credit: CHPO*



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Opening ceremony of the Texas Koba Maroñ Community (TKMC) Manit Day activities. *Photo credit: TKMC*



Mrs. Judy Tomeing-Kurn giving a speech on behalf of CHPO. *Photo credit: TKMC*

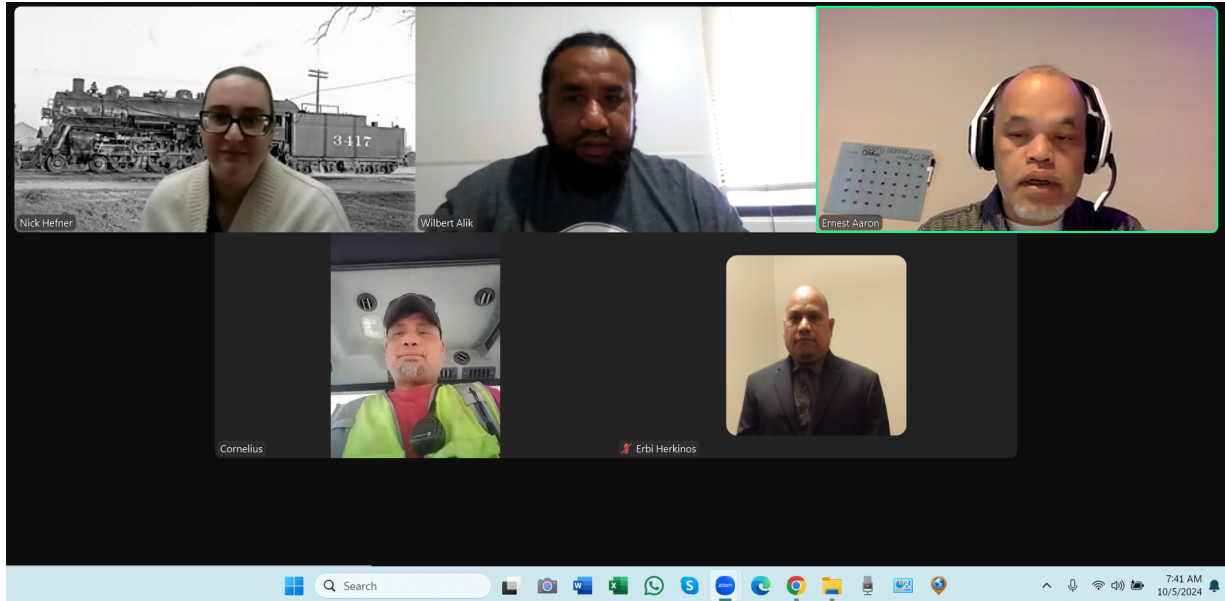
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Marshall Islands SHPO Officer/Director participating during a Zoom call with Ms. Katie Hanes from the Layland Museum in Keene, Texas. *Photo credit: CHPO*

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