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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As the list above demonstrates, it takes many committed volunteers to keep the society's programs going. Serving on a committee is just one way that members give back to the community. The GS has opportunities throughout the year to contribute, some with only a small time commitment. These include serving as a mentor, as a theme chair or session organizer at Goldschmidt, or submitting an award nomination to recognize a colleague's achievements. If you would like to take a more active role, learn about the various opportunities at geochemsoc.org/about/membership/get-involved.

GOLDSCHMIDT ATTENDEES SUPPORT REFORESTATION IN HAWAII

As part of efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of the Goldschmidt Conference, the Geochemical Society has worked with the Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative (<https://legacyforest.org>) since 2020 to plant native trees on the Hawaiian Islands. Goldschmidt delegates in 2020 and 2022 contributed nearly \$6,000 toward the project, leading to the planting of 65 Acacia Koa and Monarch Milo trees.

Since the arrival of humans to the Hawaiian Islands, over half of the native forests have been lost as land was cleared for agricultural and other uses. The HLRI is working to reverse this trend and return these forests to the native landscape. Working together with community-minded businesses, nonprofits, and individual Legacy Tree sponsors, more than 500,000 endemic trees now cover nearly 1,200 acres on the islands of Hawai'i and O'ahu. Trees are tagged and monitored as they grow to maturity. They are planted along wildlife corridors to provide native habitat for some of Hawai'i's rarest birds like the endangered 'io (Hawaiian hawk), pueo (Hawaiian owl), and Hawaiian nene goose.

Thank you to all Goldschmidt delegates who contributed to this important effort!



A Monarch Milo tree planted by the GS as part of a grove on O'ahu.