This year’s Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Giveaway on November 3 will be the 15th anniversary at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Bob Hobdy, retired State Forester and MNBG board member, described the first public tree giveaways at the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) baseyard. “We participated in Arbor Day all the way back since the 70’s. One year the line went out of the gate down the road nearly to where Costco is now.” Arbor Day tree giveaways began as an idea at DOFAW, moved to MNBG in 2003, and are now part of the annual Arbor Day celebrations held across the globe.

Although an American first named the holiday “Arbor Day”, the first tree planting celebration was held in 1805 in Villanueva de la Sierra, Spain as a tree planting festival with music and poetry. It was in Nebraska in 1872 that journalist J. Sterling Morton proposed the April holiday to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. Prizes were offered to counties and people that planted the most trees on the holiday, and a million trees were planted in Nebraska that year. Other states began declaring their own Arbor Day holidays throughout the 1870’s and schools had begun participating widely in 1882. Arbor Day officially first came to the Territory of Hawai’i in 1905; by then it was an official holiday in nearly all U.S. states. According to the Arbor Day Hawaii website, “…Governor Carter proclaimed November 3, 1905 as Hawai’i’s Arbor Day and recommended that all public schools participate with part of the day devoted to planting trees and shrubs on school grounds. Ninety-five of the 154 schools in the Territory participated that first year and nearly 3,000 trees were planted. Private schools and citizens also joined in the celebration and planted another 600 trees... $5 prizes were given to the grades with the best maintained Arbor Day trees planted from the previous year.

The following year, Lahainaluna School was honored with the presence of Queen Liliuokalani at their Arbor Day tree planting. The Queen planted a royal palm. She told the boys ‘that as that tree grows up in strength and beauty, so I hope that they will grow also, strong and noble, and that they will be a pride to their parents to the school and the country’. According to the newspaper report, the Queen sang one of her own compositions which was ‘a great treat to all.’

It wasn’t until 1970 that Arbor Day became a holiday nationwide, under President Nixon during the same era that saw the birth of the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Protection Act, and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Arbor Day as a U.S. national holiday is the last Friday in April, but around the world and for many states it...
is celebrated at different times of the year depending on the best planting season. The Territory of Hawai‘i was the first to hold theirs in November. Hawai‘i, Texas, and Guam celebrate in November; South Carolina celebrates in December; and other southern states celebrate from January through March.

Glenn Shishido, retired Maui State Forester for DOFAW, remembers the beginnings of those free tree giveaways on Maui. In 1977 Glenn’s boss Wes Wong introduced Glenn to Arthur Fernandez, who worked for the County of Maui in part as the Resource Conservation Development Coordinator. The RC&D, as it was called, came from what is now the Natural Resource and Conservation Service as a program to get locals involved in working on land-based conservation projects. Wes and Arthur came up with the idea of a tree giveaway and collaborated on annual themes and DOFAW would host the event. Bob Hobdy and a DOFAW nursery worker grew the trees. “Back then, nursery workers grew plants in used motor oil cans, the kind with the cardboard sides and metal lids. Some people would complain these were too cheap, but we gave away two trees per person and more when the event was winding down,” said Glenn. They gave away all types of trees, including fruit trees and non-native species, and always did so around Hawai‘i’s Arbor Day, the first Friday in November, usually on the following Saturday so more residents could attend.

Former MNBG director Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond said that the Maui Electric Company became a partner with DOFAW’s tree giveaways at some time in the 1990’s and helped to introduce the first educational materials to help people plant “the right tree in the right place”. A few giveaway events were held at Maui Electric. In 2003 Maui Nui Botanical Gardens took over the event with DOFAW’s blessing. MNBG labeled the trees and provided information about each species, began a policy of giving away only native and canoe plant trees, holding a ceremonial tree planting, and hosting planting and pruning demonstrations by certified arborists. This 40-year history of Arbor Day tree giveaways has resulted in at least 50,000 trees being planted on Maui.

### Learn to Make a Living Wreath!

**Saturday, December 1, from 9 AM to 12 PM:**

Native plants provide more than just food and habitat for wildlife: they also provide great beauty all year long! Learn to make a living wreath from native Hawaiian plants in time for the Holidays with MNBG Executive Director, Tamara Sherrill and ‘ohana. Cost: $50, or $25 for current garden members. Call 249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org for reservations.
Maiʻa Manini for the Win!
MNBG was awarded Best in Show in Horticulture for our rare bananas at the 96th Maui Fair! Judging of the entries was based on perfection of the specimen, attractiveness, uniformity of color and size, cleanliness, and freedom from disease.

The botanical name for all maiʻa (banana) varieties is *Musa x paradisiaca*. Maiʻa was a staple food brought to Hawaiʻi on the voyaging canoes of early Polynesian settlers, and is the kinolau of the Hawaiian god, Kanaloa. The variety pictured is called Manini or Koaʻe and is the only variegated (or striped) banana in the world.

Welcome, Isabel!
We'd like to welcome Isabel Werk as our newest intern, sponsored by the Nā Hua Hoʻohuli i ka Pono and the Hauʻoli Mau Loa Foundation. The program aims to develop conservation leaders of the future that are firmly rooted in their commitment to protecting Hawaiʻi’s environment, possess a variety of skills and experiences in the field, and are able to skillfully and comfortably navigate non-conservation arenas (political, social, cultural, etc.). Isabel is a sophomore at the University of Hawaiʻi Maui College studying Environmental Science. This is her first environmental internship and she will be making seed collecting field trips, working with volunteers, and helping us maintain the landscape and nursery plants.

With Gratitude from Our Garden:
Diane Carr for plates, weeding tools, and gloves, Forest & Kim Starr for gardening tools.

MNBG Contributions to the Community:
Na Aikane O Maui (ʻaʻaliʻi, nehe, ʻihi, wauke, ʻape, pōhinahina, naio, hala), Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (hala, hau hele wai, kuluʻi, kolomona), Maui Brewing Company (ʻohai), Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge (hau hele wai), YMCA Summer Gardeners Program (ʻawapuhi), Andaz Maui at Wailea (ʻohai, ʻukiʻuki, halapepe, kō, ʻihi, maʻo), Living Way Church Maui (milo, kamani), Lahainaluna High School (ʻuala, ti, kō, pili, kalo), Women Helping Women (kalo, halapepe, ʻukiʻuki, ʻolenia, ʻawapuhi), Forest & Kim Starr (wauke), Kauaula Valley Restoration (kukui, ʻōhiʻai, hau, kalo, ʻukiʻuki), H. P. Baldwin High School (hala pepe, kuluʻi, ‘a‘ali‘i, ʻukiʻuki).

Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers:

Wish List
- Hand pruners (clippers)
- Outdoor tables & chairs
- Dehydrator for making Taro Flour
- Blender for making Taro Flour
- Hawaiian Miles (for interisland travel for staff training)
- Handicapable gardening tools: for ideas, visit http://disabilityworktools.com and click “Gardening”

NEW! Check out MNBG’s wish list on AMAZON by visiting this link: http://a.co/eWBZKw3

We are no longer accepting drop offs of used plastic pots. If you have new or used cement or ceramic pots to donate, please give us a call and we will be happy to arrange a pick up.
Mahalo nunui to the 84 supporters of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens’ Matching Grant Challenge 2018!! An anonymous donor has agreed to match the $10,000 we raised. MNBG Staff will use these funds to buy a wood chipper, replace our mower, and buy other tools and equipment that will help recycle our green waste and improve our soil. Again, thank you so much to all of the challenge grant supporters for helping us to improve the Gardens and be an inspiration and resource to our community.

Hui Noʻeau Visual Arts Center in collaboration with the East Maui Watershed Partnership presents the 14th annual Mālama Wao Akua (Caring for the Realm of the Gods) – a juried art exhibition celebrating the native species of Maui Nui (Maui, Lana‘i, Moloka‘i, Kahoʻolawe). This display always provides powerful visuals that celebrate Maui’s native plant and animal life.

MNBG Horticulturalist, Kaili Kosaka, has two pieces in the show depicting beautiful and rare Native Hawaiian plants. The first was inspired by volunteering with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and the second was inspired by a trip to the Olinda Rare Plant Facility. The exhibition is on display at the Hui Noʻeau daily from 9am-4pm through November 9th. Be sure to stop by and check them out!

We Reached Our Goal

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MNBG participates in Mālama Wao Akua

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Enjoy Reciprocal Admissions with your Current MNBG membership!

MNBG is now a participating garden in the American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admissions Program. In January 2019 current MNBG members will received special admission privileges and discounts at 320 gardens throughout North American and the Cayman Islands. A list of participating gardens can be found on the AHS website in the online directory: www.ahsgardening.org/rap

‘Aʻohe pau ka ʻike i ka hālau hoʻokahi
Not all knowledge is found in one school -M.K. Pūkuʻi

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Arbor Day 2018

Saturday Nov. 3rd
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

At Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
Maui Nui Botanical Gardens at 150 Kanaloa Avenue in Kahului

- Free hands-on Hawaiian cultural activities and tree care advice from certified arborists.
- Learn about the great works of many local nonprofit conservation groups and how you can get involved in your community.
- Free Hawaiian Trees include ‘a‘ali‘i, ānapānāpa, hala, hala pepe, hame, kamani, koa, koki‘o, kou, milo, nānū, ‘ōhai and more!
- Free Admission, Free Parking, Native Plant Sale, MNBG.ORG (808) 249-2798

This event is funded by the Kaulunani Program of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife and the USDA Forest Service and sponsored by the Maui Electric Company. MNBG is an equal opportunity provider.
A Hui Hou e Lucy

The unexpected passing of Lucy Feinberg at the Stanford University Medical Center on July 31st marks not only a profound loss to her family and friends, but also to the larger community of people who value women’s rights, the protection of children and positive political changes. A natural leader, Lucy was a tireless and compassionate champion of social justice for her entire adult life. In 1986, she and her young daughter, Sierra, moved to Maui. There, she served as a supervisor at Child Protective Services, Alternatives to Violence, Child and Family Services, and as the Regional Director of Parents and Children Together (PACT) until she retired in 2016.

Lucy loved the beauty and lifestyle of Maui, paddling for the Kihei Canoe Club for over 20 years. She began attending MNBG’s Weed & Pot Club in 2016 and quickly became our resident expert in Vegan cuisine! The MNBG ohana would like to say mahalo to Lucy for the 175+ hours of volunteer service, many laughs and great salads!

Lucy is survived by her partner, Roy Sabado in Maui, her daughter Sierra Schwidder, son-in-law, Bill and her grandchildren Adella and Cole in San Francisco, her brother Rabbi Paul Feinberg, her sister Miriam Feinberg Vamosh and many other relatives, as well as her many friends who considered her family. We all grieve the absence of Lucy’s passion, intelligence, and strength. [Published in Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Sept. 12, 2018]

Guided Tours & Activities

MNBG’s staff and volunteers led guided tours and cultural activities for many residents, visitors and schools this season. Visiting schools and programs included Kahului and Upcountry Head Start Programs, Imua Family Services Preschool, YMCA Summer Gardeners Program, MEO Youth Services Program, Maui Police Department’s Summer Teens Program, Maui Huliau Eco Adventure Summer Camp, Kamehameha Schools Maui ‘Ike Kūpuna Program, Native Hawaiian Plant Society, Maui Master Gardeners Program, Auahi Forest Reserve Program, Andaz Maui at Wailea cultural staff, and UH-MC’s Photography and Hawaiian Ethnobotany Classes.

Group tours and cultural activities at MNBG are available by appointment only. Call 808-249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org for reservations at least 2 weeks in advance. Contact the Gardens office for student and nonprofit rates.

Lā ‘Ulu 2018: A Day of ‘Ono Food and Education

At our second annual Lā ‘Ulu: Breadfruit Day September 8, we celebrated dozens of uses for the iconic Hawaiian tree. People had a choice of 12 lunch items using ‘ulu as an ingredient, including imu braised brisket with ‘ulu poi from Old Lahaina Luau, ‘ulu kalo burger on ‘ulu naan bread from Maui Tropsicles, and ‘ulu curry from Maui Breadfruit Company. Local products like frozen cooked ‘ulu, ‘ulu chips, ‘ulu hummus, and ‘ulu flour were also for sale. Three cooking demonstrations with free samples included the Samoan staple fa’alifu ‘ulu, and free activities included the Makahiki game ‘ulu maika, ku’i pa’i’ai ‘ulu (‘ulu poi making), lei making with ‘ulu stipules, and ‘ulu kapa (bark cloth) making. This year’s event attracted 2,200 attendees, had 160 volunteers and participants, and added 8 new sponsors. Join us next year for the 3rd annual Lā ‘Ulu on September 7, 2019.
MNBG’s Weed & Pot Club take a break from the sun to paint pots with Horticulturist, Kaili Kosaka.

Long time supporter and volunteer, Anna Mae Shishido, gets down and dirty on a recent field trip to Wāiehu.

Weed & Pot Club Members, Enid & Sandy, pose with MEO Intern, Norah, after a native lei making tutorial.

If you love working with native plants, you’ll love the Weed & Pot Club! This volunteer gardening group meets every Wednesday morning, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Spend your morning helping the Gardens thrive through weeding and propagation. Come prepared to work with covered shoes and gardening attire.

Mahalo Weed & Pot Club

- Anna Mac Shishido
- Becky Lau
- Connie Luk
- Diane Carr
- Enid Sands
- Gloria Adlawan
- Irene Newhouse

- Janet Allan
- Jennifer Rose
- Linda Tesar-Amimoto
- Mālie Unabia-Verkerke
- Mikki Clark
- Maggie Sniffen
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- Robin Yamashita
- RoseAnn Chapman
- Sandy Vitoria
- Vilma Seiler

MNBG appreciates Kaunoa’s RSVP partnership for its support of MNBG volunteers. Like MNBG, Kaunoa provides opportunities for people 55 and better to learn and grow through a variety of programs throughout Maui Nui. Call (808) 270-7986 for more information.

Check Out What’s Blooming!

ʻUhaloa (ʻAlaʻalapūloa)
Waltheria indica
Indigenous

ʻUhaloa is the kinolau (body form) of the Hawaiian god, Kanaloa. The bitter inner-bark of the roots can be used as a pain killer, to ease sore throats. On sea voyages, the leaves can be pounded and used for filling in cracks of canoes. ʻUhaloa is drought, wind, salt and heat tolerant.
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