



MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS

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An Eye Toward the Future of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

By Anders Lyons

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens was born of the need to express the importance of Hawaii's plants in the evolution of Hawaiian culture. In addition to providing an abundant source of food, the large variety of plants in Hawaii (native and Polynesian-introduced) were utilized in virtually every facet of traditional Hawaiian life...as building material for shelter, canoes and tools, raw materials for clothing and household items, for medicinal purposes and use in various rituals and social activities. The identification, collection and preservation of these plants are a critical component to the revitalization and perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian culture.

Over the last 10 years, under the guidance of Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens has secured a 6 acre site located on a coastal sand dune system in Central Maui, developed the Gardens' plantings, and initiated tours and cultural workshops with the aim of promoting the preservation of these plants. Today, MNBG is at a crucial point in its evolution as an integral part of the statewide network of conservation

groups and public agencies committed to perpetuating native Hawaiian plants, values and practices.

To maximize the benefits derived from Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' resources (plant, staff and site), the Board of Directors has recognized the need for an organized, professionally-facilitated effort to develop a Master Interpretive Plan. A plan which will serve to guide the expansion and refinement of operations at the Gardens and establish the parameters for MNBG's multiple roles as: 1) A resource for conservation and restoration projects; 2) An educational resource for local students of all ages; and 3) A cultural resource that highlights traditional Hawaiian practices in tours and workshops for community residents and visitors to Maui. The Master Interpretive Plan will assess the accumulated assets of MNBG with the objective of utilizing each resource to its fullest potential in terms of meeting the overall organizational goals and helping to sustain the continued operation of the Gardens.

Another component of the Master Interpretive Plan is the restructuring

of the Gardens' existing native Hawaiian and Polynesian-introduced plant collection. Staff, supported by a consultant with a strong background in landscape design, horticulture and ethnobotany, will work to develop and implement a comprehensive reorganization of the plantings at MNBG. This new Garden Plan will result in a more appealing, easily-understandable presentation of our plant resources to enhance the cultural and educational experience of all visitors

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to Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, enabling MNBG to reinforce its Hawaiian culture-based mission.

Physical changes to the Gardens may be some time in coming but the planning has already begun. MNBG has charted a path toward development that will transition the Gardens from a traditional museum-like role to a living ecosystem just waiting to impart its knowledge on those who choose to come and absorb the messages. We look forward to seeing you in the Gardens and hope you will support us in our new vision.



President's Message

Aloha to all of our supporters! I want to thank you all for your continued support of our efforts here at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. The Board of Directors and staff really appreciate your kōkua...

Many think of botanical gardens as museums for plants and, unless you are a plant geek, it does not capture the interest of a community. However, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' collection houses some of the rarest and most threatened native plants and some of the most culturally important plants to Hawaiians. The Board at MNBG has recognized that it's not enough to be a repository of native and ethnobotanical plants. As Maui Nui Botanical Gardens matures, the Board has been invigorating the scope of the work we do; to engage our community and increase awareness and support of our work here. I believe Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is one of the things that makes "Maui nō ka 'oi."

Already, MNBG's new education program, Ulu ka Hoi, is beckoning our visitors to interact with our collection through guided tours, kalo workshops, as well as kapa and lei making demonstrations. On behalf of the Board and staff, I would like to thank Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond for working to get these programs off the ground. Although we will miss seeing her at the Gardens, we look forward to collaborating in the future.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Anne Carter
MNBG Board President

Calendar of Events

Arbor Day Hawaiian Tree Giveaway: Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9am-12pm

In the celebration of trees, MNBG partners with Maui Electric, DLNR Kaulunani, and the County of Maui Department of Water Supply to give away 1000 Hawaiian trees, free, to anyone willing and able to care for them!

Hala Weaving with Pohaku Kaho'ohanohano: Saturday, November 13 from 9-12pm & 1-4pm

Learn to weave Hala Christmas ornaments at MNBG with Master weaver Pohaku Kaho'ohanohano. Space is limited and fees apply. Call (808) 249-2798 to reserve your space.

Play Hawaiian Makahiki Games: Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 10am-1pm

Come celebrate the Makahiki Season at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens! This will be a fun day for the whole family. Come and test your skills at a variety of Hawaiian games including 'ihe (spear) throwing, 'ulumaika (bowling), Kōnane (Hawaiian checkers) and much more.

Free Hala Weaving Demonstration: Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 10-1pm

Master hala weaver, Pohaku Kaho'ohanohano, along with his students will demonstrate a variety of weaving techniques. Fascinating hala crafts will be on display.

Visit www.mnbg.org/events for a complete schedule of events

With Gratitude from Our Garden

Mahalo to Cynthia & Terry Quisenberry for donating a one year subscription to the Maui News, Kathy Park for paper goods and delicious volunteer desserts, Jeff & Kalele Kekaouha-Schultz for 5-gallon buckets, Terry Nutt for garden gloves, Alaka'i Paleka for a broom and paper goods, KPOA 93.5 FM for sponsorship of August plant sale volunteer food, and Hawai'i Grower Products for 35 cases of 5" planting pots.

Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers:

Bill Ripperger, Kalikiano Carson, Kief Funai, Kaydee Park, Kathy Park, Missy Dunham, Phyllis Sato, Kathy Seidman, Kathy Czar, Wendy Adamek, Chris Davidson, China Kapuras, Alaka'i Paleka, Native Hawaiian Plant Society, Kamehameha Schools Maui National Honor Society, Cub Scouts Pack #68, Maui Association of Landscape Professionals, and the Weed & Pot Club.

MNBG Community Contributions

Native Hawaiian Plant Society & The Kahului Public Library (*Fimbristylis cymosa* plants for library courtyard), University of Hawai'i Maui College (hala seedlings for campus plantings), Kamehameha Schools Maui (kamani seeds and hau for class projects), Stand Up for Better Heath ('ulu), Pumanawa Rangatira of Poneke, Aotearoa (kō, kukui, hala, lā'i, and 'ūlei), Pā'ia Hawaiian Protestant Church (koki'o ke'oke'o, kamani, manono, 'ala 'ala wai nui), Simply Healthy ('ulu).

Wish List

- Tablecloths
- Desks
- New or Gently used Lateral File Cabinet
- New or used golf cart in good condition
- Mulch, manure or compost donation
- Chainsaw with 24 inch blade or longer
- Small Tractor
- Irrigation supplies
- Canon Rebel digital camera
- Wood chipping services
- Dump truck services

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of one or more of the items listed, please call 249-2798.



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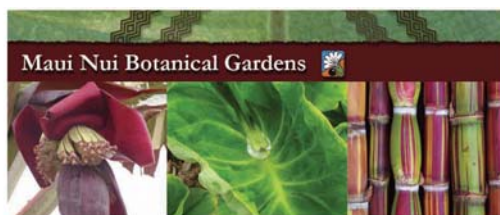
150 Kanaloa Avenue
Keōpūolani Park, Kahului
Across from the War Memorial Sports Complex
Monday-Saturday
8:00 am—4:00 pm*
Admission Free
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays
*Weather permitting & staff availability.

GROUP RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required for group activities.

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Garden News

Docent Tour Launch

Volunteers at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens have begun leading tours of the Garden's native plantings as part of its new education program "Ulu Ka Hoi" (to grow interest). Tours cover conservation, natural history and ethnobotanical uses of native and Polynesian introduced plants, as well as the Gardens' current projects in each of these areas. Guided tours are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-11:30am, weekly and by appointment only. Cost is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Call 808-249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org to make a reservation. Mahalo to the County of Maui Department of Water Supply, Office of Economic Development, and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority for sponsoring this program.



Volunteer docent, Gloria Adlawan, explains the many uses of 'ulu (breadfruit) on a tour of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

Come to the Gardens and see our new interpretive signs!



Mahalo to the Atherton & Leiter Family Foundation for underwriting this project.

Pumanawa Rangatira of Poneke Aotearoa



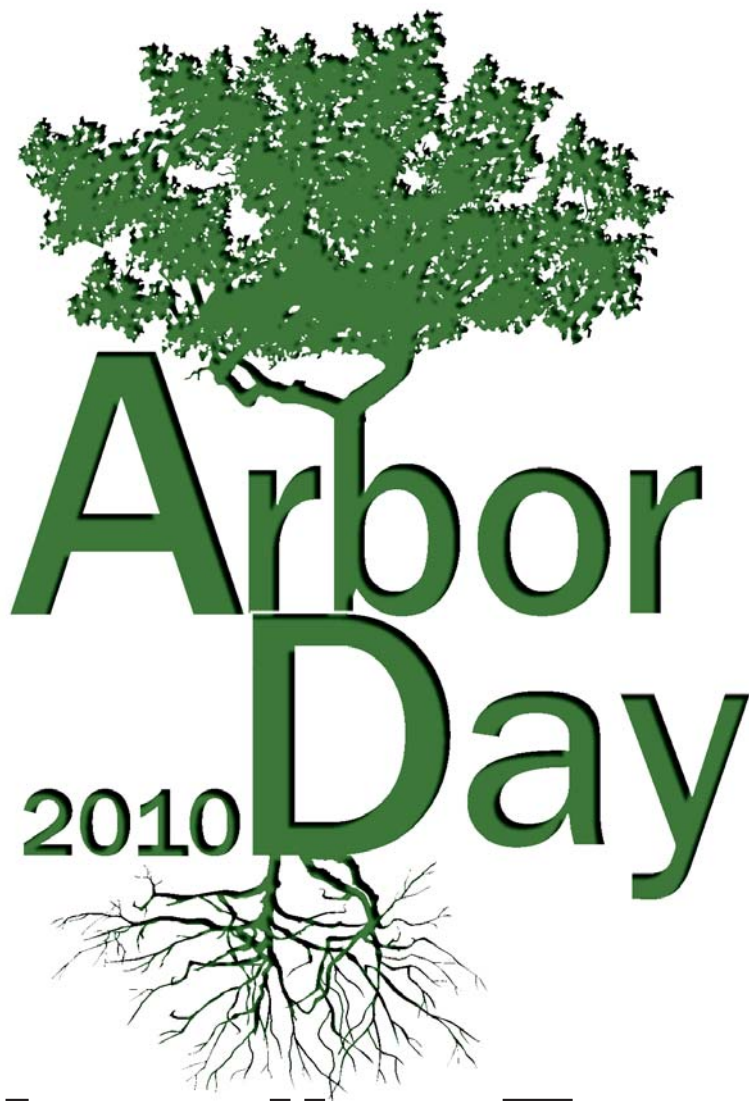
Pumanawa Rangatira of Poneke Aotearoa, Wellington, New Zealand toured MNBG and learned about kapa making just hours before their sold out performance at the Iao Theatre on August 18th. As you can see, it's never too early to teach our children the importance of Hawaiian traditions.

August Plant Sale - Review

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens hosted another successful native Hawaiian plant sale in August with fellow native plant growers, Kulamanu Farms, Native Nursery, and New Moon Enterprises. Funds raised at this event will be put towards MNBG's education and conservation initiatives. The staff would like to thank Kamehameha Schools Maui National Honor Society, Cub Scouts Pack #68, and MNBG's Weed & Pot Club for volunteering at the plant sale. Another very special mahalo to Hawaiian Springs for supplying volunteer water, and KPOA 93.5 FM for providing lunch for our 45 volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at any of the Gardens' upcoming events, please call 808-249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org.



Koa Rodrigues of KS Maui National Honor Society helps a patron with their native plant purchases.



Hawaiian Tree Give-away

Saturday, November 6, 2010

9am to 12pm

At Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, 150 Kanaloa Avenue in Kahului.

Free Admission and Free Parking

Across the street from the War Memorial Football Stadium.

www.mnbg.org 249-2798

Experts will be available to answer your plant and landscaping questions.

1,000 Hawaiian Trees Will Be Given Away

Courtesy of:

Maui Electric Company, Kaulunani, and Maui Nui Botanical Gardens



Maui Electric Company



Garden View

By Tamara Sherrill

Trees are the longest living organisms in the world. Every year, an acre of trees absorbs the carbon emitted by a car travelling 8700 miles and produces the oxygen required by 18 people. Shade trees can cool buildings by 20 degrees; reduce noise, glare, dust, and storm runoff, and cool and direct trade winds.

Arbor Day (a day to celebrate trees) began in the Nebraska Territory in 1872 as a civic competition to plant the most trees in one day. It subsequently became an annual tradition among schoolchildren across the country. In Hawai'i, we celebrate it in November to take advantage of the first rains and to beautify our urban areas.

MNBG's annual Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Give-Away will be held on November 6th from 9 am – 12 pm at the Gardens. There will be an impressive selection of more than 30 native and Polynesian introduced species of trees to be given away free, one plant per person (any age). Event booths will have information about species selection; proper planting, pruning, mulching, and watering techniques for trees; pest identification; and locating trees to conserve water and energy. Set a day aside this year to plant a native Hawaiian tree and create a living legacy.



Honorable Mayor Charmaine Tavares plants a legacy tree at MNBG's Arbor Day 2009 celebration.

GARDEN FUNNIES



The life of a Gardener

- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. - Doug Larson
- God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done. - Anonymous
- Knee: a device for finding rocks in a garden. - Michael Garofalo

MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is to foster appreciation and understanding of Maui Nui's plants and their role in Hawaiian cultural expression by providing a gathering place for discovery, education and conservation.

Volunteer Central

MNBG's Weed & Pot Club working on the Sanford Memorial Garden.



MNBG Native Plant Sales would not be possible without the steadfast support of our volunteers.



Mahalo Weed & Pot Club

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Aundeva Stevens	Raymond Higashi
Cindy Singer	Winnie Wagstaff
Deborah kremins	Wendi Adamek



MNBG welcomes its newest addition to the Weed & Pot Club, baby Gavin! Congratulations and best of luck to new mom and dad, Deborah & Shea!

Check out What's Blooming!

'Olena

Curcuma longa,

'Olena is a member of the ginger family and is best known throughout the world as Turmeric. It was likely one of the two dozen or so plants brought to Hawai'i by early Polynesian settlers. 'Olena is rarely found in Hawai'i today. It grows in cultivation and in moist forested valleys up to altitudes of 3000 feet, preferring shade, yet able to tolerate heat.



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