



MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS

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MNBG Secures Garden Site for the Next 15 Years!

by Joylynn Paman



*Aerial view of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
(photo by: Hank Oppenheimer)*

In 1976, when Rene Sylva was the caretaker of the Maui Zoological and Botanical Garden and began planting Native Hawaiian plants and trees, I believe it was his intention to create a legacy that would preserve these precious resources for their own survival and for our future generations to enjoy. He created a beautiful garden that surrounded exotic zoo animals for years and we are fortunate to still walk amongst these plants and trees today.

Over the years, his work has transformed into a botanical garden like none other in Hawai'i. Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is the only botanical garden in the state that features Native Hawaiian and Polynesian-introduced plants within a coastal sand dune environment. We are dedicated to conserving these species, some which are rare and endangered, and educating the community about their cultural importance.

For years, we have seen changes within the garden. However, one thing has remained constant and that is the County of Maui's support in understanding the value of preserving Native Hawaiian and Polynesian-introduced plants and allowing us to keep our doors open to the public.

MNBG is situated on a six-acre parcel that is part of the larger Keōpūolani Park in Kahului. This area is owned by the County of Maui and managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation. In 2000, the County issued our non-profit, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Inc., a license to formally occupy and take care of the property. Since then, talented staff and hundreds of volunteers have dedicated their time in upholding Rene's dream. But what does the future hold for us? Will we always have this place to call home?

On August 4th, 2011, MNBG staff and board members witnessed a momentous occasion which we have sought for many years. With Chair Mike White overseeing the County's Economic Development, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee meeting, we sat at the edge of our seats as we listened to the Councilmembers discuss whether to approve another year of our license to occupy or to grant MNBG

a lease for the next fifteen years. It was exciting, yet nerve-racking, to listen to the conversations.

The Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Glenn Correa, began with opening comments and voiced the Department's support for the proposed resolution for a lease. There was interesting discussion amongst the Councilmembers and some brought up their concerns and expectations while Deputy Corporation Counsel Jeffery Ueoka helped clarify some issues. I was happy to be asked to speak before the Councilmembers and address some questions that they had regarding our budget and to once again thank them for their financial support over the years.

As a result, Chair White entertained a motion "to grant a lease of County real property to Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Inc. for a portion of the Keōpūolani Regional Park known as the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens." The motion was moved by Councilmember Joe Pontanilla

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and seconded by Councilmember Don Couch. Councilmembers Pontanilla and Rikki Hokama lead discussions to help clarify the difference between issuing a lease versus a license.

Committee Chair White proceeded and asked, "all those in favor, say 'aye'". He then asked for "those opposed". We cringed and held our breath to hear if there would be any opposition and there were none! Within a few moments, the vote was finalized and the Committee approved a Resolution to issue a lease to MNBG for the next fifteen years.

This was a huge victory for the Gardens.

This 15 year lease will allow us to plant more natives, expand our programs, build on the property, and build more confidence amongst our funders as we work toward becoming a self-sustaining entity.

We'd like to thank the County of Maui once again for its continued support and commitment to our work. We look forward to being a great example of the County's achievements and toward preserving native plants and connecting our community to the Hawaiian culture. Let us all work together as we carry on with making Rene's dream and legacy, our reality.

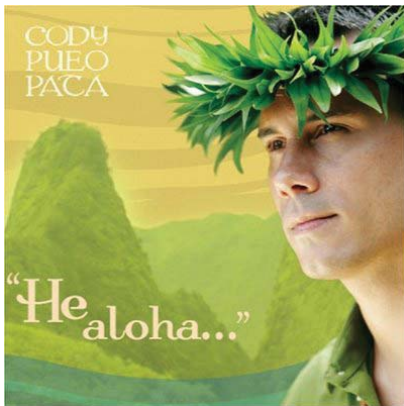
Aloha,
Joylynn Paman, Executive Director



A rainbow silently watches over the native trees at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

Calendar of Events

Celebrating Hawaiian Plants in Song with Cody Pueo Pata:



Saturday, November 19th, from 10am to 12pm

Join Kumu Hula & Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner, Cody Pueo Pata, for a morning of nahe-nahe (serene) Hawaiian music as he serenades you with mele (songs) about the always inspiring native plants of

Hawai'i. Space is limited. Email info@mnbg.org or call 808-249-2798 to request a registration form. \$25 per person. All proceeds will be used to support the mission and programs of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Ke'ala'iliahiki 2012:

Saturday, February 25th, from 9am to 3pm

Hālau Kekuaokalā'au'ala'iliahiki will hold a fundraiser to benefit its hula competition classes. It will be a fun-filled day of hula, music, food, crafts, silent auction and more. All proceeds will help to defer travel and competition costs.

Ho'omau 2012:

Saturday, March 24th, from 9am to Sunset

Come and celebrate the 25th year of Ho'omau; the annual fundraiser which supports programming for Pūnana Leo O Maui Hawaiian Language Immersion preschool. This is the premier Hawaiian language and entertainment event for the entire family and will feature great food, crafts, silent auction and fun for the keiki.

www.hoomau.com



**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.



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Receive updates on upcoming Garden events and volunteer opportunities, and learn more about Hawai'i's unique plants within MNBG's 'Plant of the Day' photo album!

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With Gratitude from Our Garden

Diana Schulte for volunteer snacks and utensils, Gloria Adlawan for gardening gloves, CalStar Zeolite USA for propagation materials, Maggie Sniffen for buckets, Terry Thomas for volunteer drinks, George & Janet Allan for books on native plants, renderings for MNBG's master plan and kapa pieces, Kulamanu Farms for tree pots and a label printer, Lani Duponte for stage carpeting, and Lopaka Silva for tiller services, buckets and volunteer snacks.

Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers

Jacob Collins, Corey Imai, Krystle Tumbaga, Nicolette Montizor, Laule'a Gorbea, Randall Yamaoka, Chelsea Parado, Kathy Ki'iili, Kaliko Sanchez, Nicole Feliciano, Lance Imai, Jamie Rich, Dane Dimaya, Nicodemus Murrietta, Ann Emmssley, Na'one Kama, Jupiter Neilson, Missy Dunham, Kathy Wong, Maui High School's Workplace Readiness Program, The Maui Pageant title holders, Kamehameha Schools Maui National Honor Society, Cub Scouts Pack 68 and MNBG's Weed & Pot Club.

MNBG Community Contributions

Diane Fell (mai'a 'ele'ele), Elden Liu (kukui leaves), Eko Compost (kukui & hau), Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission ('ilima papa, 'ulu, kō), Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('uala slips), Horizons Academy ('uala plants), UH-MC Environmental Ecology Course (nanea & naupaka kahakai seeds), Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (Kāwelu, 'ilima papa, pōpolo), Maui High School Tree Huggers ('ihi, alahe'e, mamaki), Pūnana Leo O Maui (kalo).

Wish List

- Washing Machine
- Tablecloths
- Mulch
- Chainsaw with 24-inch blade or longer
- Small tractor
- Wood chipping services
- Dump truck services
- Garden gloves (all sizes)
- Sickles
- Volunteer snacks
- Reusable water bottles
- Large ceramic planter pots from Indolotus in Kihei
- High resolution digital camera
- Outdoor tables & chairs

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

LOCATION & HOURS

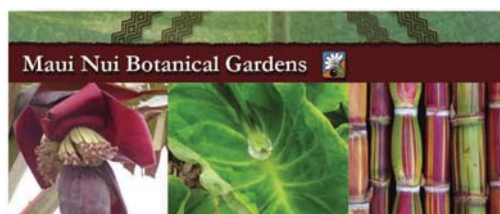
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Keōpūolani Park, Kahului
Across from the War Memorial Sports Complex
Monday-Saturday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm*
Free Admission
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays
*Weather permitting

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Garden News



MNBG's volunteer docents lead free guided tours for many schools and organizations this season. These include the Kihei Youth Center, Kamehameha Schools Maui Outreach Program, Maui Economic Opportunity Youth Services, Haleakalā National Park Interns, Maui Home School Association, Girl Scouts of America, Baldwin High School, UH-MC Environmental Ecology and The Horizons Academy.

Free guided tours are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am, by appointment only. Call 808-249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org for reservations. Donations of \$5 per person are greatly appreciated and will be put towards the Gardens' nonprofit mission.

August Plant Sale is the Best One Yet with the Help of KPOA 93.5 FM!



Maui Nui Botanical Gardens hosted an extremely successful Hawaiian Plant Sale & Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 27th, with the help of Maui's #1 Hawaiian Music Station, KPOA 93.5 FM!

MNBG saw its attendance double in numbers compared to last year's event, likely due to added attractions including keiki activities hosted by the Maui Pageant title holders, a food booth hosted by Maui High School's Workplace Readiness Program, and Musical acts Nā Lehua, Mele Fong and the Maui Pops 'Ukulele Band.

The staff at MNBG is so grateful to Alaka'i Paleka and the team at KPOA 93.5 FM for their involvement and promotion of this year's plant sale.

Mahalo to native plant vendors Kula-manu Farms, Native Nursery, New Moon Enterprises, Upcountry Natives and the Breadfruit Institute for joining in the festivities and for their continued support of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. MNBG would also like to send a special thanks to the 65 volunteers who helped us pull off this wonderful event. Every dollar raised will be put toward furthering the mission and programs of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

As always, no MNBG event would be possible without the generosity of our partners, The County of Maui Department of Parks & Recreation, Department of Water Supply, and the Office of Economic Development.

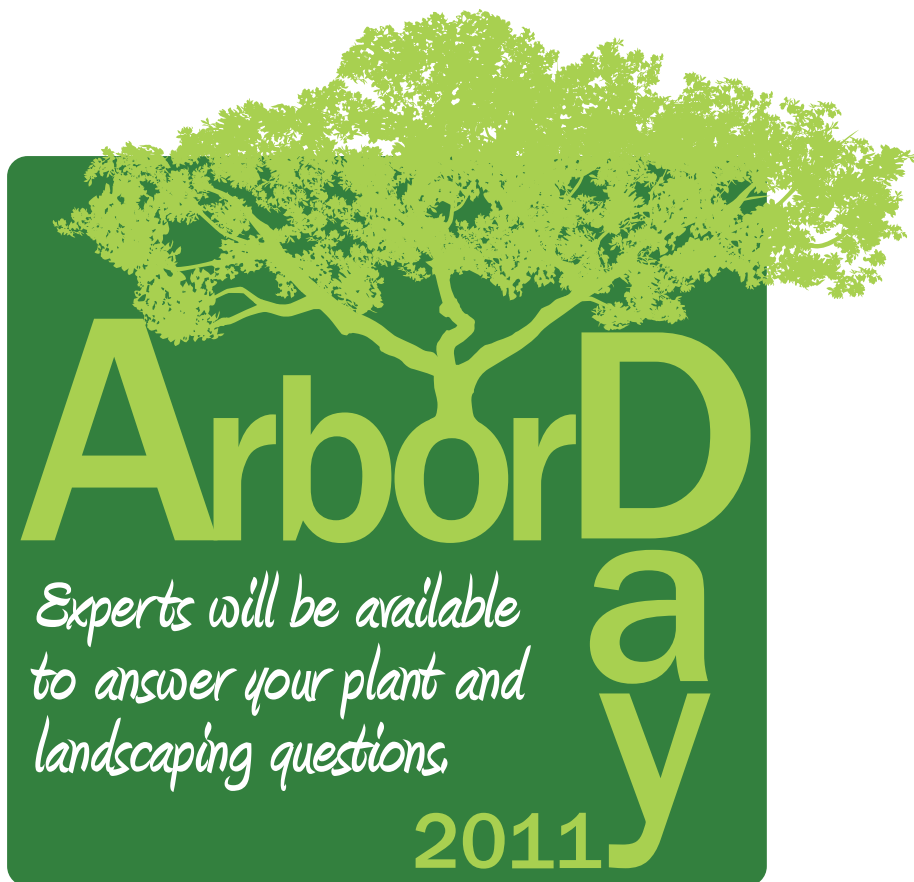


Plant Expert, Ann Emmesly helps a guest pick out the perfect native plant.



Miss Maui, Maya Iida, shares her talents.

Save the Date! Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' next Hawaiian Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, January 28th, 2011 from 9am to 12pm. Hope to see you there!



1,000 Hawaiian Tree Giveaway

Saturday, November 5, 2011

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

- Free Guided Tours
- Experience Hawaiian Makahiki Games
- Free Planting & Pruning Demonstrations
- Refreshments Available

Free Admission and Free Parking

Across the street from the War Memorial Football Stadium.
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1,000 Native Hawaiian & Polynesian-introduced trees will be given away.

*Courtesy of: Maui Electric Company, Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program,
and Maui Nui Botanical Gardens*



Maui Electric Company



Garden View

MNBG's Native Plants Beautify Market Street

by Tamara Sherrill

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is “branching out”! Earlier this year, we were approached by Erin Wade of the Maui Redevelopment Agency, a part of the County of Maui Planning Department, who asked if we would be willing to adopt the neglected 24 small and 14 large planters along Market Street in Wailuku town. The MRA offered to fund and install a storyboard about Maui Nui Botanical Gardens in exchange, and a new partnership was born.

We knew that we needed to choose plants that would thrive in pots with very little water and also wanted something that would celebrate the unique natural history of Wailuku.

In April, the Weed & Pot Club enthusiastically planted the 24 small planters on both sides of Market Street. The first two featured plants, ‘ihi (*Portulaca molokiniensis*) and *Carex wahuensis*, were chosen because they prefer minimal water (‘ihi) or could handle a variety of urban insults (*Carex*). We later added the indigenous fern kupukupu (*Nephrolepis cordifolia*), a hula plant that has astonished everyone by being both tolerant of vandalism and extremely drought tolerant.

The next phase of the project was to get the 14 large planters moved to the area between ‘Īao Theater and the police substation on Market Street, which Goodfellow Brothers did very professionally. After Goodfellow Brothers helped us install low-flow drip irrigation, we planted a variety of species that grow within the Wailuku ahupua‘a in the tall planters. This is part of an educational display that will include a storyboard and plant identification signs.



MNBG Executive Director, Joylynn Paman, with volunteers, John & Dee, planting a *Carex wahuensis* on Market Street in Wailuku

Did you know that Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is part of the Wailuku ahupua‘a? This ancient Hawaiian land division extends from the peaks of Mauna Kahālāwai (West Maui Mountains) through Wailuku to the glistening waters of Kahului Bay, and beyond to Kanahā Pond.



MNBG brings the beauty of native plants to Market Street

The headwaters of Wailuku river, also known as ‘Īao stream, contain the inaccessible bogs of Pu‘u Kukui considered wao akua, or a distant mountain region inhabited only by spirits. We represented this region by planting the endangered *Dubautia plantaginea* subspecies *humilis*, found only on Mauna Kahālāwai. We also planted the endemic lama (*Diosypros sandwicensis*), perhaps the most sacred of trees in ancient Hawai‘i.

Further down the ahupua‘a, the Wailuku River, runs through mid-elevation forests, which we symbolized with a red-flowered kōki‘o ‘ula (*Hibiscus kōkio*) originally collected from ‘Īao Valley, a yellow-flowered ‘ōhia mamo (*Meterosideros polymorpha*), and the wind-resistant ‘āli‘i (*Dodonaea viscosa*).

The sand dunes that surround Maui Nui Botanical Gardens and the drier forested areas around Kanahā Pond are exemplified by several species, including the endemic ‘akoko (*Euphorbia celestroides*), the indigenous ‘ilima (*Sida fallax*), the endemic hinahina (*Heliotropium anomalum* variety *argenteum*), and the endangered endemic dwarf naupaka (*Scaevola coriacea*), nearly extinct but still growing wild in these dunes. Also planted was makaloa (*Cyperus laevigatus*), to denote the wetland zone. Finally, the coastal zone is signified by two morning glory family species, pōhuehue (*Ipomoea pes-caprae* subspecies *brasiliensis*), and the rare hunakai (*Ipomoea imperati*).

Keep your eye out for the next phase of this project, the storyboard that connects it all together, and signs that identify these wonderful Hawaiian plants. We are excited to be a part of this project and so happy to bring these native plants home to Wailuku town!

Volunteer Central

Maui High School's Workplace Readiness Program Works!



Maui High School Workplace Readiness students take a break under the shade of hala trees after working in the Garden.

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens has created a partnership with Maui High School's Workplace Readiness Program led by educator, Tiara Matsui. Students in Mrs. Matsui's class volunteer at the Gardens twice a month throughout the school year.

"The students learn valuable vocational skills at the Gardens which cannot be taught in a classroom setting," said Mrs. Matsui. These include following supervisor instructions, adhering to work-safety precautions and understanding the value of a great work ethic in a real work environment.

In addition to job training in gardening, landscaping and plant propagation, the students of the Workplace Readiness Program are also learning to identify Hawai'i's native plants, the importance of taking care of our environment, and the value of community service.

The MNBG Staff is so appreciative of this program, its students and its teachers. We look forward to continuing this partnership in hopes that it will inspire students to consider careers in agriculture.

If you would like to volunteer at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, please call 249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org.



The students of the MHS Workplace Readiness Program try their hand at sugarcane juicing with Garden Manager, Tamara Sherrill.

Mahalo Weed & Pot Club



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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!

Kōki'o ke'oke'o

Hibiscus arnottianus subsp. arnottianus

Endemic

Kōki'o ke'oke'o is one of two hibiscuses known worldwide to have fragrant flowers. These beauties have the most scent in the morning hours when flowers first open or in the evening as they begin to close. Kōki'o ke'oke'o is in bloom throughout Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Come take a look!



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