



New Audio Tour Brings the Gardens Alive in a Whole New Way

By Joylynn Paman
Executive Director

The next time you visit Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, you'll be able to explore the Gardens in a whole new way. Beginning this spring, we are happy to announce that a new digital audio tour is available to visitors to learn about many of the Hawaiian plant species that are showcased within the Gardens.

The tour begins at our main entrance where you are greeted with an introduction about the Gardens, its interesting history of when it was once a zoo, and how our non-profit was formed and is currently upholding its mission within our community. As you stroll along the pathways, numbered plant signs help guide you to fascinating plant information.

For example, did you know that the endemic 'ākia (*Wikstroemia uva-ursi*) was used by Hawaiian fishermen to stupefy fish? It's true. Parts of the plant would be ground up and placed in small tide pools. The toxins from the plant temporarily stunned small fish within the pools and caused them to float to the surface. This made it easy for fishermen to selectively gather fish. After a few minutes, the tox-

ins wore off and the fish returned to their normal state.

Another neat example is how the creeping naupaka (*Scaevola coriacea*), an endemic and endangered Hawaiian coastal plant within Maui Nui, represents one of the purposes of MNBG to preserve Maui Nui's uniquely Hawaiian plants as well as those that are on the brink of extinction. This may have been the source of inspiration for the Gardens' first Executive Director, Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond, who chose to feature the creeping naupaka in Maui Nui Botanical Garden's logo. The logo was created by artist and long time Garden supporter, Bob Wagstaff.

The tour was designed to take you on a journey of our Hawaiian plant collections and emphasize their Hawaiian ethnobotanical and conservation values. You can choose between these two tracts of information or combine both tracts for a full comprehensive understanding of the plants featured on the tour. Each experience can be tailored to your personal preference and interest. The tour can be fifteen minutes long or two hours



long. It's an entirely customized way of seeing the Gardens.

This audio tour was made possible by the Leiter Family Foundation, which has been a frequent supporter of MNBG's education programs over the years. Through this \$5,000 grant, ten audio wands were purchased for this new tour which will also help generate funds for the Gardens. A big mahalo is also given to Alaka'i Paleka of KPOA 93.5 FM who skillfully narrated over twenty pages of script resulting in a tour that will captivate and keep you intrigued.

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So the next time you visit the Gardens stop by our office for an audio wand and unleash a new way of seeing our Hawaiian garden. Wands are available for rent for \$5 each, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to the audio tours, docent-guided tours



Seabury Hall senior, Kaulu Lu'uwai, learns details about Hawaiian plants using MNBG's new audio tour system. Photo courtesy of Matt Thayer & The Maui News.

are available for those who would like to stroll through the Gardens with their own tour guide. For more information or to make a reservation for a docent-guided tour, give us a call and we'll be happy to guide you to a whole new way of experiencing MNBG!

Call to Action: MNBG needs your support!

The Maui County Council members will begin their annual budget deliberations in Spring 2013. The County is one of the Gardens' most important financial partners, and the annual grant they provide supports critical operating funding at MNBG.

We strongly urge members, volunteers, partners, grantors, and all organizations who have benefited from services provided by Maui Nui Botanical Gardens to show your support for us now. Please send a brief letter, fax or e-mail in support of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens to your County Council member or send it to:

**MNBG: Letters of Support,
PO Box 6040, Kahului, HI 96733
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Save The Date!

Ho'omau 2013:

Saturday, March 23rd, from 9 AM to Sunset

Celebrate the 26th year of Ho'omau; the annual fundraiser which supports programming for Punana 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. MNBG will be selling Hawaiian plants at this event. Visit the Gardens' office to purchase tickets!

Earth Day 2013:

Saturday, April 13th, from 10 AM - 3 PM

MNBG's annual Earth Day Celebration is a free family event focusing on the preservation of native Hawaiian resources and culture. There will be earth-friendly information booths, free lei and kapa making activities, a native plant sale, great food and awesome Hawaiian music!

East Maui Taro Festival at Hāna Ballpark:

Saturday, April 20th, from 9 AM - 5 PM

Head to the Hāna Ballpark for a day of learning and celebration! The 21st Annual East Maui Taro Festival will feature an exceptional Farmers' Market, poi pounding demonstrations, arts and crafts, food booths, non-profit organizations sharing information, as well as beautiful Hawaiian music and hula! MNBG will have an information booth highlighting our resources and programs.

With Gratitude from Our Garden:

Renee & Elliott Leiter for a Cannon Rebel Digital Camera, Linda Brady for 'Ōlelo No'ēau by Mary Kawena Puku'i, Cindy Singer for 5 gallon buckets, liquid soap and volunteer drinks, Diana Schulte for napkins and volunteer snacks, Maggie Sniffen for volunteer snacks, Lopaka Aiwohi for two Hawaiian kalo varieties, and a special mahalo to all MNBG volunteers for an amazing 5,817 hours of service in 2012!

MNMG Community Contributions:

UH Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge (ma'o flowers), Hālau Pā'ū o Hi'iaka (pā'ū o hi'iaka), Punana Leo O Maui ('uala), Kamehameha Schools Maui ('ulu, kō), Maui Nui Canoe Regatta (kukui leaves), 'Iao Elementary School (kalo varieties), Kanaha Pond Wildlife Refuge ('ihi), Noho'ana Farm (wauke), Maui Police Department ('ae'ae, naio, 'ihi, 'ala'alawainui), The Hawaiian Civic Club of Lahaina for Prince Kūhiō Day Celebration (kalo), A Keiki's Dream Foundation (kalo), Maui Humane Society (ma'o hau hele), and Kihei Charter School ('anapanapa & puakala seeds).

Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers:

Akea Nae'ole, Joshua Pacheco, Nani Medeiros, James Young Jr., Sommy Isikar, Michael Voss, Kalani Fontes, Adam Matsu-moto, Samantha Kahuhu, Chester Taiseni, Mark Paguirigan, Robert Dalut, Robin Graham, Maui Youth & Family Services, Maui High School's Workplace Readiness Program & Functional Life Skill Classes, and Arbor Day 2012 volunteers: Cub Scouts Pack 68, Kamehameha Schools Maui National Honor Society & Oh My Globe!, Alex & Patty Bevil, Brianna Abe, Luther & Helen Kana'e, Lukela Kana'e, Corey Brown, Jan King, Ann & Makanahele Emmsley, Chris Davidson, Alana Cayan, Amanda Emmes, Na'one Morinaga-Kama, Pam & Mach Fukada, Lopaka Silva, and Missy Dunham.

Wish List

- Volunteer snacks
- Garden gloves (all sizes)
- Long sleeve shirts from savers
- Table Cloths
- Rakes
- Handicapable gardening tools
- Medium sized picks
- Shovels
- Sickles
- Sunshine mix #4 bales
- Mulch
- Large ceramic planter pots from Indolotus in Kihei
- Outdoor tables & chairs
- Washing Machine
- Chainsaw with 24 inch blade or longer
- Wood chipping services
- Dump truck services
- Small tractor
- Pick-up Truck
- Hawaiian Miles (for interisland travel to conferences)
- The new book, "Loulou: The Hawaiian Palm" (University of Hawai'i Press, 2012) by Donald R. Hodel.

**If you would like to contribute to the purchase of one or more of the items above, please call 808-249-2798.*

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150 Kanaloa Avenue
Keōpūolani Park, Kahului
Across from the War Memorial Sports Complex
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Free Admission
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays
*Weather permitting

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Reservations are required for group activities.

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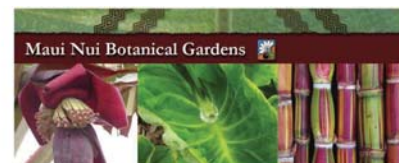
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Garden News

Arbor Day 2012: MNBG Gives Away Another Forest of Hawaiian Trees!

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens would like to say mahalo nui to everyone that made our 2012 Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Give-Away a success.

More than 1,000 native and Polynesian-introduced trees were handed out to families from around the island with the support of our faithful event sponsors, Maui Electric Company, Kaulunani Urban & Community Forestry Program, and the County of Maui's Department of Water Supply. These wonderful organizations have made this annual event possible for more than 10 years.

Guests learned about the connection between trees, watersheds and native habitats, as well as the benefits of urban trees in our community by viewing the displays and storyboards brought in by our fellow Maui conservation organizations. These included the County of Maui's Arborist Committee, Native Hawaiian Plant Society, Community Work Day Program, Haleakalā National Park, Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership, East Maui Watershed Partnership, and the West Maui Mountain Watershed Partnership.



Celebrating Hawaiian trees at MNBG

A special thanks to our event speakers, David Sakoda (county arborist), James Franzen (arborist), and Mike Vierra of Irrigation Consultants Maui. Their demonstrations taught proper tree planting, gardening practices to avoid, as well as saving water with smart irrigation.

As always, we love the volunteers that come back to help year after year, including the Cub Scout Pack 68 and MNBG's own Weed and Pot Club. Best wishes to all who planted a tree this season that represents Maui's unique natural and cultural heritage.



Mayor Alan Arakawa presents the Arbor Day 2012 Proclamation.



Happy new owners of Hawaiian trees!



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to MNBG Executive Director, Joylynn Paman, on the arrival of her first baby girl! Desiree-Ann Paman was born happy and healthy on Friday, February 8th! Joylynn will be on maternity leave until mid April.

Garden Tours & Activities

MNBG's volunteer docents led guided tours and cultural activities for many residents, visitors, schools and organizations this season. These include UH-MC's Biology 101, Hawaiian Ethnobotany, Biology 105, Tutu & Me, Maui Youth & Family Services, Kamali'i Elementary School, Kamehameha Schools Outreach Program, Hālau Ka Hanu Lehua, Pōmaika'i Elementary School, Seabury Hall, Kihei Charter School, Punana Leo O Maui, and the Kaunoa Senior Center. Visitors from the neighbor islands, California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New York, Oregon, Washington and Canada also participated in guided tours.

Guided tours at MNBG are available for \$10 per person on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 a.m., by appointment only. Call 808-249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org for reservations. Self-guided audio tour wands are now available for \$5, and walking tour brochures are available for \$4. Come visit us soon!



Earth 2013 Day

Ola ka honua, the land lives
Sat., APRIL 13
10a.M. to 3P.M.

at MAUI NUI
BOTANICAL
GARDENS

*150 Kanaloa Avenue in Kahului
(Across from the War Memorial Stadium)*

Join Maui's conservation organizations in celebrating the Earth!



Keiki Activities



Lei Making



Exhibits

*'Ono Food, Free Cultural Demonstrations
and a Native Hawaiian Plant Sale*

*Emcee Alaka'i Paleka w/
Live Music by: George Kahumoku Jr.,
Sheldon Brown & Friends, Kaniale Masoe,
Damien Awai & More*

Free Admission & Parking

Mahalo



Garden View

by Tamara Sherrill

Old Seeds Yield New Species - 'ena 'ena

We recently cleaned out our seed storage refrigerator and found some seeds that had been collected and stored up to ten years ago. These seeds were at risk of becoming entombed if not given a chance to germinate. We gave priority to species that were not currently featured in the Gardens, and we now have some new native plants to nurture!

One of the most successful has been the

beautiful annual, 'ena 'ena, *Pseudognaphalium sandwicense* var. *molokaiense*, a densely white, pubescent dune species from Moloka'i that also occurs on Maui. In old Hawai'i, the dried fragrant leaves of 'ena'ena were stored with feather kahili to repel insects.

Look for 'ena 'ena in the coastal garden, where another Moloka'i species, the alula, can also be seen in full bloom.



Pseudognaphalium sandwicense var. *molokaiense*, 'ena 'ena.

Conservation Organizations to Give Away Trees at Arbor Day 2013



Volunteers from Maui Waena School help process seeds in the MNBG nursery.

We need seeds!! MNBG has put out a call to all conservation organizations interested in participating in this year's Arbor Day Celebration to help us by collecting a few native tree seeds from their lands. To encourage visitors to this year's 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Give Away to interact with the conservation organizations, all native trees will be given away from the participating organizations' booths rather than from a separate area as was done in the past. To help visitors make the connection between the tree they are taking home and the organizations that help preserve Maui's wild areas, we would like some of the trees to be grown from seeds that came from lands managed by those organizations. So far,

this year's participants are the East Maui Watershed Partnership, West Maui Watershed Partnership, Maui Forest Birds Recovery Project, Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, University of Hawai'i Agriculture and Natural Resources Program, Maui Invasive Species Committee and Haleakalā National Park. Mahalo to the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project for the recent delivery of a'ali'i seeds from Nakua! If your organization would like to participate or can provide seeds, please contact MNBG's Plant Collections Manager at tamara@mnbg.org.



Visiting Researcher Looks for New Kalo Diseases

Early in 2013, the Garden's kalo (taro) collection was sought out by assistant researcher, Michael Melzer, as a sample site for his work. Our labeled and mapped varieties proved useful for a University of Hawai'i at Mānoa study that looks for new diseases of kalo. Michael gave a brief talk to MNBG's Weed & Pot club, who were preparing to work with the plants, about what diseases already exist in Hawai'i, how new pests and diseases are spread between plants and to new locations, and how his lab studies the leaf samples he was collecting. Michael told us that he did not see any serious problems or new diseases in our collection, but will be getting back to us about anything new he finds on Maui. Mahalo to Michael for taking the time to explain his research and answer our questions.

Volunteer Central



MNBG's Weed & Pot Club pose for a photo before heading out into the Gardens.



Volunteers Kalani, Mike & Kalikiano with Plant Collections Manager, Tamara Sherrill.



The Weed & Pot Club volunteers at the Hakalau Forest Reserve in January 2013.



Tree trimming day at MNBG.



Aloha from the MNBG Staff!



Jennifer is the master pot bleacher!



Will work for plants!

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. Off site field trips, workshops and lectures are scheduled several times a year for our volunteers only. Come prepared to work with covered shoes and gardening attire.

Mahalo Weed & Pot Club

Becky Lau	Jackie Kovarsky	Malie	Renee Leiter
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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.

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Bob Wagstaff

We are extremely grateful to all who have made donations to the Gardens over the years. Beginning January 2012, MNBG will highlight only our annual donors and those who have contributed in the current year.

We make every effort to assure an accurate membership list; however, if your name was omitted or misspelled, please contact us at info@mnb.org and we will be happy to update our records.

Check Out What's Blooming!

Koki'o 'ula

Hibiscus kokio sub. *Saintjohnianus*

Endemic, At Risk

This species of koki'o 'ula is native to northwestern Kaua'i, but can be seen growing at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. While this drought tolerant hibiscus ranges in color from orange ('alani) to yellow (melemele), and not red ('ula), they are known by the Hawaiian name, koki'o 'ula. In Early Hawai'i, the leaves of koki'o 'ula were chewed and swallowed as a laxative.



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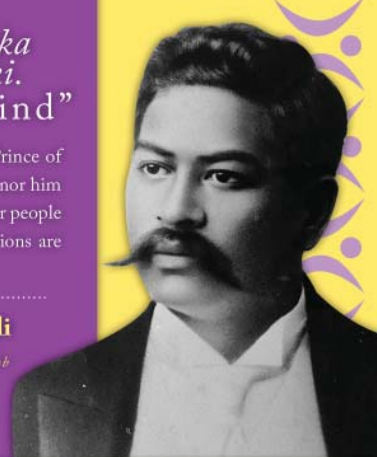


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"Care for all mankind"

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Check your health vitals w/ Pili
'Ohana & Kuini P'olani Hawaiian Civic Club
and receive mea kanu

(a plant) from Maui Nui Botanical Garden.



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