



# MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS

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## Volunteers Make It Happen!

By Whit Germano

Volunteers are the backbone of non-profit organizations throughout the world. Without them, many non-profits including Maui Nui Botanical Gardens (MNBG) could not provide the amount of community outreach and programs that we do. MNBG Nursery Manager, Stephanie Seidman, put it best when she said, "If our volunteers abruptly stopped showing up, we might as well pack up and close this place down." In this issue, we would like to highlight our remarkable family of volunteers who spend countless hours contributing to the success of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

### MNBG Board of Directors

The Gardens are overseen by a Board of Directors comprised of 12 volunteer members. Each member of the board brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the figurative table and helps the Executive Director tackle complex issues regarding planning, personnel, finances and fundraising. MNBG board members can also be seen working in the Gardens, advocating in support of MNBG at public County Council meetings, or promoting the Gardens at our community events throughout the year. Having been on the MNBG Board for over 10 years, Janet Allan assures that, "all the Board members are passionate about Native



*MNBG Staff & Board of Directors: Anne Carter, Renee Leiter, Robert Hobdy, Stephanie Seidman, Janet Allan, Tamara Sherrill, Judy McCorkle, Whit Germano, Kainoa Casco, Cynthia Nazario-Leary, Joylynn Paman, and John Aquino. (Not pictured: Kūhea Paracuelles, Kathy Baldwin, Kaponō'ai Molitau, Elizabeth Ivey, and Jennifer Higashino).*

Hawaiian plants and their survival, but more importantly, that the word about their value as pure gems gets spread far and wide. Everyone in Hawai'i should be passionate about them as they are valued survivors!"

### Weed & Pot Club

The Weed & Pot Club can be seen weeding in the Gardens and potting Hawaiian plants in our nursery facility each Wednesday, from 8:30 to 10:30 am. They bring an enthusiasm to the Gardens that keeps staff motivated to achieve absolute gardening perfection. Their willingness to get down and dirty, no matter the task, is absolutely inspiring. Members of the Weed & Pot Club bond over their mutual love and respect for native plants and the Hawaiian culture. Long time Weed & Pot Club member, Diana Schulte declared that, "volunteering at

MNBG offers a sense of giving back to the community, this land, and our host culture."

### Volunteer Docents

In 2010, through a grant from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, MNBG was able to train a group of interested volunteers to lead tours of the Gardens for school groups of all ages, fellow

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community organizations, Maui residents and island visitors. This program helped to extend our reach exponentially. To date, our volunteer docents have led tours for upwards of 1,900 MNBG visitors. In addition to this, our docents constantly provide valuable input and fresh ideas regarding all aspects of garden operations.

### **Internships & Service Learning**

Through partnerships with several high schools throughout Maui as well as the University of Hawai'i – Maui College, MNBG is frequently working with interns interested in agriculture, conservation, and Hawaiian plants. Internships at MNBG help students gain knowledge by working with trained staff and peers that have similar interests. For groups or individuals wanting more than a standard tour of the Gardens, service learning opportunities allow students to shadow our garden staff and learn a range of skills including repairing irrigation leaks and water conservation, equipment maintenance, proper tree planting techniques, as well as the cultural and medicinal uses of Hawaiian Plants.

### **Community Event Volunteers**

Volunteering at MNBG's community events are a great opportunity for working individuals who want to support the



*MNBG Volunteer Docents: Gloria Adlawan, Becky Lau, and Linda Brady. (Not pictured: Gwen Arkin and Michelle Augello).*

Gardens but are unable to commit their time during the work week. MNBG hosts three free community events each year including the Earth Day Celebration, the Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Give-Away, and the Native Hawaiian Plant Sale & Family Fun Day. From set-up to break-down, our volunteers are the heart-beat of these events.

### **Required Community Service**

Community service is sometimes a requirement for scholarship recipients, public offenders, or those receiving benefits from social services. These volunteers are given the task of participating in a community program with the purpose of increasing their interaction with the public and supporting a cause they believe in. While reasons for volunteering at the Gardens may vary, we are always happy to see new faces and are so grateful for the extra hands.

In 2011, MNBG volunteers completed approximately 5,532 hours of service. The Independent Sector values Hawai'i volunteer service at \$18.08 per hour, bringing the 2011 in-kind value of volunteer service at MNBG to \$100,018.56!

To our board members, the Weed & Pot Club, docents, interns, service learners, and community event volunteers; we salute you and appreciate your unwavering support of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

*'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia ~ No task is too big, when done together by all.*

If you would like to join MNBG's family of volunteers, please call 808-249-2798 or email us at [info@mnbg.org](mailto:info@mnbg.org).



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### **SAVE A TREE!**

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our website at :

[www.mnbg.org](http://www.mnbg.org).

## Calendar of Events

### **Hawaiian Kalo Sale: Friday, July 27th, at 9 AM until Sold Out**

Anyone interested in acquiring rare Hawaiian taro will have an opportunity to do so at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens on July 27th! Potted taro from the Mana, Piko, Kai, Lehua, Lauoa, 'Ele'ele, 'Ula'ula and Manini families will be available for purchase. The Gardens may not have these varieties available again until next year, so get them now!

### **Hawaiian Plant Sale & Family Fun Day: Saturday, August 25th, from 9 AM to 12 PM**

MNBG joins forces with KPOA 93.5 FM for a day of Hawaiian plants and family fun! Head to the Gardens and shop for plants, enjoy great food and awesome Hawaiian Music. This benefit, to support the programs and mission of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, is one not to be missed!

### **Arbor Day Hawaiian Tree Giveaway: Saturday, November 3rd, from 9 AM to 12 PM**

In celebration of our valuable trees, MNBG partners with Maui Electric Company, DLNR Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program, and the County of Maui Department of Water Supply to give away 1,000 Hawaiian trees, free, to anyone willing and able to care for them (1 plant per person, any age).



## With Gratitude from Our Garden:

Diana Schulte for utensils and drinking cups, China Kapuras for MNBG Newsletter folding, Alaka'i Paleka for rags and towels, Maggie Sniffen for large ceramic pots and drinking cups, Kay R. Bie for gardening picks, Ken Fiske for Hawaiian Airlines Miles, Decoite Tree Services for woodchips, and Cathy Davenport for raw kapa making materials.

## Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers:

Brandon Phipps-Kato, Darrell Phipps, Jesse Felts, Alex Quintana, Adam Matsumoto, Andrew Kahalewai, Taylor Phillips, Kevyn Yokote, Jackie Gorman, Carolyn Krueger, Michelle Police and Crystal Kekahuna. Earth Day 2012 Volunteers: Cub Scouts Pack #68, Alaka'i Paleka, Alana & Jensen Cayan, Alliyah Zeinfeld, Bob Hobdy, China Kapuras, Chris Davidson, Crystal Smythe, Kekoa Yap, Kalani Ah Puck, Corey Brown, Jan King, Jane Thomas, Kathy Wong, Kelli Dorris, Kylie Schellenberg, Lopaka Silva, Mach & Pam Fukada, Missy Dunham, Gwen Morinaga-Kama, Nicole Kaleikini, Paul Na'auao, Pedro Faingnaert, Sherry McLeroy, Sierra Nakamura, and the Weed & Pot Club.

## MNBG Community Contributions:

Kamehameha Schools Maui (starter plants), Hālau Kekuakalā'au'ala'iliahī (ma'o flowers), Kekaulike Hawaiian Immersion Program (ma'o flowers), Maui High School Workplace Readiness Program ('ilima papa, 'a'ali'i, alahe'e, kupukupu), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service- Keālia Pond (kupukupu, 'ala 'ala wai nui, kalo, alahe'e), Kamehameha Preschool Paukūkalo (hala, kukui, kamani, 'ulu), St. Anthony Class of 1963 (native plant information guides), Maui Invasive Species Committee (hau), Lokelani Intermediate School (kupukupu, ipu, halapepe, 'uki'uki, 'ilima), Scenic Hawai'i's Betty Crocker Awards (Garden t-shirt and native plant note cards), and the Maui Contractors Women's Auxiliary (Garden t-shirt and native plant note cards).

## Wish List

- Volunteer snacks
- Garden gloves (all sizes)
- Long sleeve T-shirts
- Table Cloths
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Sickles
- Sunshine mix #4 bales
- Mulch
- Large ceramic planter pots from Indolotus in Kīhei
- Outdoor tables & chairs
- Washing Machine
- Small refrigerator
- 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)

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

### LOCATION & HOURS

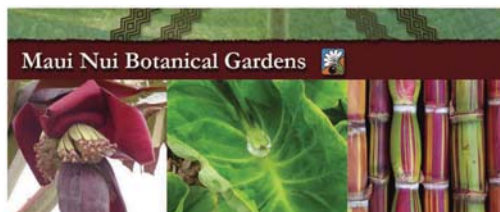
150 Kanaloa Avenue  
Keōpūolani Park, Kahului  
Across from the War Memorial Sports Complex  
Monday-Saturday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm\*  
Free Admission  
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays  
\*Weather permitting

### GROUP RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required for group activities.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Make a donation, pledge or renew your membership by  
visiting [www.mnbg.org](http://www.mnbg.org) and clicking on "make a donation".

The Mission of 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.

# Garden News

## Now Available!

Hawaiian plant note cards are now available for purchase at the Gardens! All plant photos were taken at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, and information including the cultural and medicinal uses of each plant are featured on the back of these beautiful cards. This project was conceived and executed by MNBG volunteer docents, Gloria Adlawan, Linda Brady and Gwen Arkin, with a grant from the Zador W. & Lawrence N. Brown Foundation and private contributors. Note cards make a great gift for any occasion, and all proceeds will be utilized to support the mission and programs of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Pick up a set for \$12 on your next visit!



Ma'o hau hele  
*Hibiscus brackenridgei*  
subsp. *brackenridgei*



Creeping Naupaka  
*Scaevola coriacea*



Kalo  
*Colocasia esculenta*



Ko'olua  
*Abrus menziesii*



Pihoune  
*Ipomoea pes-caprae*  
subsp. *brasilensis*



Kō  
*Saccharum officinarum*



Pili  
*Heteropogon contortus*



Pua'ala  
*Brighamia rockii*



Loulu  
*Prichardia* spp.



Students of Maui High School's Workplace Readiness Program completed another semester of volunteering at the Gardens in May of this year. Mrs. Matsui's class celebrated with a legacy tree planting and pizza party as a thank you for completing 50 hours of volunteer service!

## Welcome to Our World, Rebecca!!



The board, staff and volunteers of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens would like to congratulate Stephanie Seidman (MNBG Nursery Manager) and her partner Greg Czar, on their new roles as Mom & Dad! The happy and healthy Rebecca Lolly Czar was born on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012. Baby Rebecca received a one-of-a-kind onesie featuring the MNBG logo, handmade by longtime Garden volunteer, Jennifer Rose. Adorable! Welcome to our world, Rebecca!!

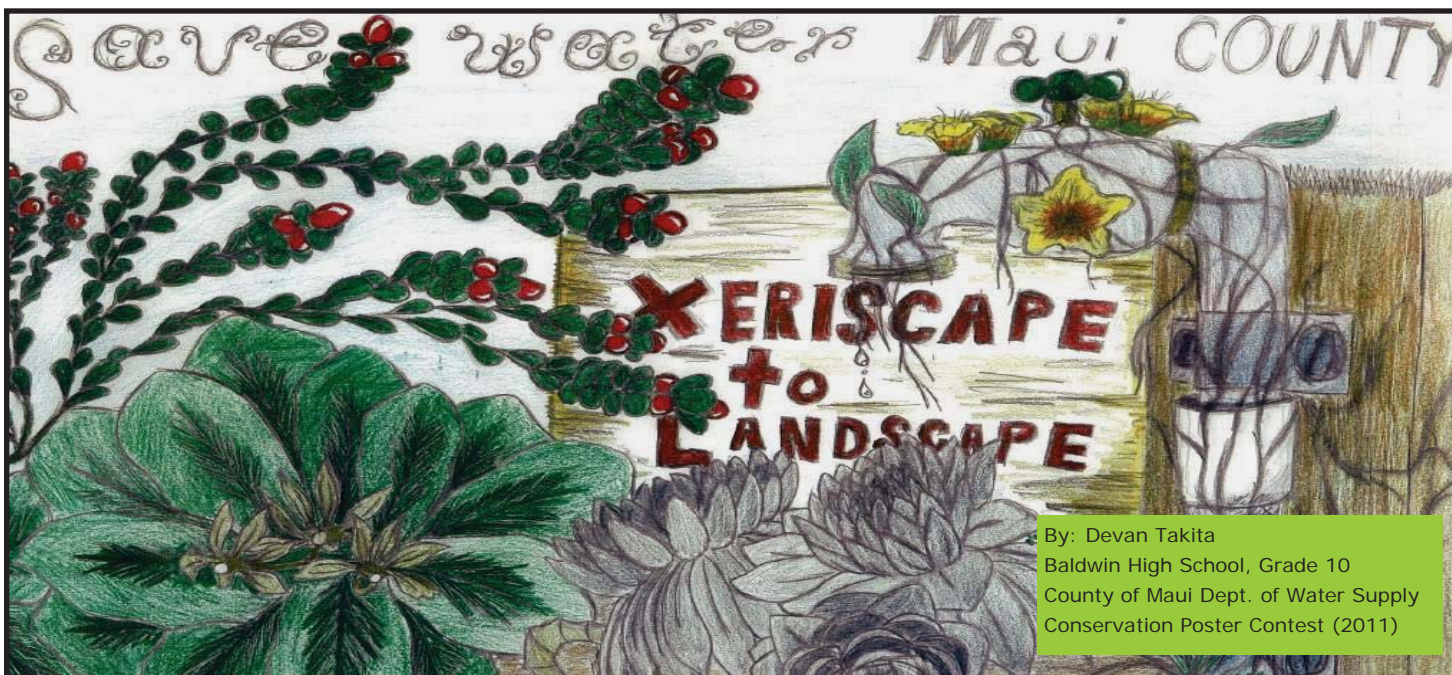
## Free Guided Tours



MNBG's volunteer docents led guided tours for many visitors, schools and organizations this season. These include Mōhala Ka Liko, K12 Home School, Kona Pacific Public Charter School, Kihei Charter School, Kihei Youth Center, Kula Kaiapuni o Pā'ia, Kamehameha Paukūkalo Preschool, Pōmaika'i Elementary School, Kaula Senior Center, Lihikai Elementary School, Tūtū & Me, Kihei Youth Center, Haleakalā National Park's Pōhai Maile Program and Kahuahana Christian School.

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](mailto:info@mnbg.org) for reservations. Donations of \$5 per person to support the Gardens' nonprofit mission are greatly appreciated. Special group and student tours available.





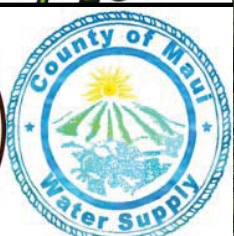
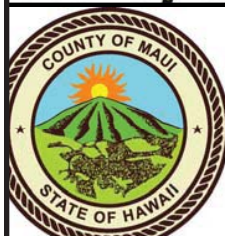
## **Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' Hawaiian Plant Sale & Family Fun Day!**

**Saturday, August 25th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

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

Purchase Hawaiian plants from various local growers, participate in free *keiki* activities, refreshments available, with entertainment provided by KPOA 93.5 FM!  
Free admission and free parking.

*A benefit to support the programs and mission of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens*  
**For more information or to make a donation, call 249-2798 or visit [www.mnbg.org](http://www.mnbg.org)**





# Garden View

## Earth Day 2012: A Beautiful Day of Sharing



Maui's youth learned about water conservation with the County of Maui's Department of Water Supply.



The Hawaiian Serenaders pose for a quick photo before sharing their music.



UH-MC Hawaiian Ethnobotany Students taught kapa making at Earth Day 2012.

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' staff would like to thank the over 700 people who attended the Ola Ka Honua: Earth Day 2012 Celebration held at the Gardens on April 14th.

Hosted by Alaka'i Paleka; guests of this free event were treated to the great Hawaiian music of the Hawaiian Serenaders, Damien Awai (of AnDen), Sheldon Brown & Friends, Kekoa Kaluhiwa (of Holunape), and hula by Kumu Gordean Bailey's Hālau Wehiwehi o Lei Lehua. Banana experts, Angela K. Kepler & Frank Rust, were

also on hand to share information from their latest book, The World of Bananas in Hawai'i: Then & Now.

24 conservation organizations and vendors participated at this year's event, all with a message of caring for the land and sea. Lei making with the Maui Pā'ū Riders and kapa making with UH-MC's Hawaiian ethnobotany students were among the free activities at Earth Day 2012. MNBG would like to send a special mahalo to Kahului Florist, Aloha Leis and Flower Design, and the Kā'anapali Beach Hotel for

providing flowers for the event.

Mahalo nui to the County of Maui's Department of Water Supply, KPOA 93.5 FM, Kūhea Paracuelles, and Maui Electric Company for advertising kōkua, and to our amazing volunteers for helping us achieve another great community event. No garden event would be possible without your unwavering dedication and support. Mahalo piha. We hope to see you all at Earth Day 2013!



Photo courtesy of Matthew Thayer & The Maui News

### MNBG's 'A'ali'i Tree named Biggest of its Kind!

MNBG is proud to announce that one of our 'a'ali'i trees (*Dodonaea viscosa*) has received national recognition within the National Register of Big Trees! It was originally planted over 30 years ago by founder, Rene Sylva. Today, it stands more than 16 feet tall, with a trunk circumference of 23 inches, and an average width of 16.13 feet. Executive Director, Joylynn Paman, commented, "We are excited to receive this award. It honors the memory of Rene, and the native plants that he cared so much about. Where else can you see such a big 'a'ali'i on Maui?"

*Ōlelo Noeau: He 'a'ali'i ku makani mai au; 'āohe makani nana e kula'i.*

*Translation: I am a wind-resting 'a'ali'i; no gale can push me over.*

Meaning: A boast saying, "I can hold my own, even in the face of difficulties." The 'a'ali'i can stand the worst of gales, twisting and bending but seldom breaking off or falling over.

# Volunteer Central



The Weed & Pot Club recently visited U.S. Fish & Wildlife's - Kealia Pond to learn about their programs. Mahalo to Glynnis Nakai for the wonderful tour!



Volunteers, Robin & Maggie, put their lei making skills to the test on May Day at the Gardens.



Long time MNBG Weed & Pot Club member, Terry Thomas, has been named a County of Maui Volunteer Hero! Terry received his award in the company of Mayor Alan Arakawa, MNBG Executive Director Joylynn Paman, and his lovely wife Jane. Congratulations, Terry!



If you love working with plants, you'll love the Weed & Pot Club! Meeting every Wednesday morning, at 8:30am till 10:30am. Spend time helping the Gardens thrive through weeding and propagation. Offsite field trips, workshops and lectures scheduled several times a year for our volunteers only! Come prepared to work with covered shoes, water bottle and garden attire. All tools, gloves, sunscreen and expertise provided. Join us every Wednesday!

For more information, call 249-2798 or visit [www.mnbg.org](http://www.mnbg.org)

## Mahalo Weed & Pot Club

Angie Boehler	Janet Allan	MalieUnabia-Verkerke	Remi Sabado
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Darryl Amaral	Martha Martin	Paul Kastner	Terry Thomas
Diana Schulte	Mikki Clark	Phyllis Sato	Janice Riley
Gloria Adlawan	Maggie Sniffen	Raymond Higashi	Cheron Freeman



The staff is happy to welcome UH-MC Garden Technician, Jesse Felts, to the MNBG family! Jesse will be working with us through the summer season.



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!

### Ipu

*Lagenaria siceraria*

Polynesian-introduced

Ipu is the kinolau of the Hawaiian god, Lono. In old Hawai'i, the hardened fruit was made into containers to hold items including water, food, Hawaiian dyes and fishing supplies. Ipu is now in bloom at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens! Come take a look!





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O'Brian Eselu  
Charles Lamoureux  
Charlie Maxwell  
Stanley Raymond  
George Schattenburg

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 donars 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@mnbg.org](mailto:info@mnbg.org) and we will be happy to update our records.



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Naupaka kahakai  
*Scaevola sericea*  
Indigenous

## SUPPORT THE GARDENS & HELP NATIVE PLANTS THRIVE

Kupu means to sprout or grow. Just like the kupukupu ferns, you can help the Gardens grow through donations, memberships, bequests or by volunteering. Your contribution helps to ensure the survival and perpetuation of native Hawaiian plants and culture.

### DONATE

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