



A Visit to Bring Kaho'olawe Back to Life



MNBG's Weed & Pot Club on Kaho'olawe. Mahalo Nui, KIRC!!

By: Heather Coad



Jamie Bruch of KIRC instructs volunteers on proper planting and safety precautions.

On April 8, 2014 Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' Weed and Pot Club partnered with Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for a rare opportunity to volunteer in restoration efforts on Kaho'olawe Island. We gathered at the Kihei boat

ramp and loaded onto KIRC's landing vessel, 'Ōhua, to set out across the rough 'Alalākeiki channel. As 'Ōhua rounded her final bend on our approach to Honokanai'a Beach, where we were to land and set up base camp for the trip, the nervous excitement of the group was obvious. With salty faces and zealous hearts we recited our mele kahea (calling song), and were granted permission to land. Our mission was to heal the island, restore the land of Kanaloa and rekindle the spiritual connection between kânaka (people) and 'āina (land).

Views of Kaho'olawe from Maui hint at its deteriorating ecosystem. Once on the island, the damage from nearly 100 years of uncontrolled grazing by goats, sheep and cows, and subsequent bombing by the U.S. Navy, is clear. Rehabilitating the island is indescribably difficult, but essential if the island is to provide the sustainable refuge to Hawaiian culture and practices that is so desperately needed. Re-vegetation of the island is a step in realizing this goal.

Before we can begin our task of replanting Kaho'olawe's denuded landscape, the leaders of our group, Natural Resource Specialists Paul Higashino

and Jamie Bruch, remind us of the many dangers involved. After more than 50 years of explosive weapon testing on the island unexploded ordnances remain a serious threat to KIRC staff and volunteers, despite intensive clean-up efforts. Only 75% of the island has been surface cleared, and only a fraction of that cleared to a depth of four feet. The catch here, Paul and Jamie explain, is that we cannot dig our plants into the soil for safety reasons.

Despite the difficulties, KIRC has been unusually innovative in finding new ways to help native plants become re-established in this harsh environment.

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Planting methods tried in the past range from conventional looking planters to curious piles of plates and cardboard boxes. Bales of pili grass and mounds of stones catch precious topsoil as it gusts across the barren soil. Some of the soil catchments are bursting with native dryland plants like ‘āweo‘weo, ‘a‘ali‘i, ‘ākulikuli, and kāwelu. Seeds scattered by conservationists years ago lay in wait for improvised rain catchments to wick a few drops down from the nāulu (cloud bridge) as it extends across ‘Alalākeiki channel.

The drive across the island to Hakioawa, where our volunteer efforts were to be focused, is like a journey through time. Whizzing past the scrub kiawe and alien grass that dominated the vegetated portion of the island we saw abandoned vehicles, buildings, machinery and other supplies. Relics of the island’s military history dot the landscape. We stopped at various points to collect rocks, soil and water for our planting project. Fifteen hundred plants were aboard ‘Ōhua with us, some that Weed and Pot club had nurtured from seed. All were destined for irrigated planters that we built from the ground up.

By the time our trip was coming to an end we had out-planted every plant aboard ‘Ōhua on our crossing and her next crossing. We had successfully

contributed to the restoration of the island, and were rewarded with a sense of achievement, reverence and gratitude. Our excursion culminated in a visit to Pu‘u ‘O Moa‘ula Iki atop the island, one of the most spiritually significant places on Kaho‘olawe. The views from Pu‘u ‘O Moa‘ula Iki were expansive, and felt symbolic of the community’s expansive vision for the future of Kaho‘olawe. About the trip to Kaho‘olawe and Pu‘u ‘O Moa‘ula Iki Weed and Pot Club volunteer Gloria Adlawan said:

“It was the experience of a lifetime. When I was younger, we always called Kaho‘olawe, ‘the forbidden island,’ and it still has a mystery to it. When we went to the top of the island, I got chills. There is a split, balanced rock there with a place for offerings. You can see 360 degrees, and it’s the only place where you can see Lāna‘i, Moloka‘i, Maui, and Mauna Kea with its snow-capped mountains. The whole trip was cultural, spiritual, and educational – it was a complete experience.”

The trip was indeed an integrated and wholesome adventure for all involved. MNBG’s Weed and Pot Club extends a very big Mahalo to KIRC for accommodating and guiding our experience!



Unloading ‘Ōhua, KIRC’s landing vessel.

Save The Date!

Kapa Dye Making Workshop: Saturday, July 19, from 9 AM to 1 PM

Join kapa makers, Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond & Lei Ishikawa, to learn about the many Hawaiian plants that produce kapa dyes. Discover processing techniques as well as natural additives used to manipulate color. Space is limited and a workshop fee applies. Contact the Gardens to request a reservation form. Discount available for Garden members!

‘Awa (Kava) Workshop with Kapono‘ai Molitau: Saturday, July 26, from 10 AM to 12 PM

Learn about the many varieties and cultural importance of ‘awa with respected cultural practitioner and Kumu Hula, Kapono‘ai Molitau. Space is limited and a workshop fee of \$25 applies. Contact the Gardens for more details and to request a registration form.

Kapa Dye Making Workshop: Saturday, August 2, from 9 AM to 1 PM

Join kapa makers, Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond & Lei Ishikawa, to learn about the many Hawaiian plants that produce kapa dyes. Discover processing techniques as well as natural additives used to manipulate color. Space is limited and a workshop fee applies. Contact the Gardens to request a reservation form. Discount available for Garden members!

Native Hawaiian Plant Sale: Saturday, August 23, 9 AM to 12 PM

Promote the survival of Hawai‘i’s Native plants by growing them in your backyard! MNBG invites many local native plant growers to sell their offerings at this awesome event. Plant experts will be available to help pick out the perfect plants for your residence.

Mai‘a (Banana) Workshop: Saturday, September 27, from 10 AM to 12 PM

Learn about Hawai‘i’s unique banana varieties with world renowned expert, Angela K. Kepler! Space is limited and a workshop fee of \$25 applies. Contact the Gardens’ office for more details and to request a workshop registration form.

Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Giveaway: Saturday, November 1, from 9 AM to 12 PM

In celebration of Hawai‘i’s valuable trees, MNBG partners with Maui Electric Company and Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program to give away 1,000 Hawaiian trees, free, to anyone willing and able to care for them! Experts will be available to recommend the best Hawaiian tree for your area of residence. The celebration also features free demonstrations on proper tree care, and community organizations sharing information about caring for our environment.

With Gratitude from Our Garden:

Gloria Adlawan for volunteer snacks, George & Janet Allan for volunteer drinks, Maggie Sniffen for baked goods, long sleeved shirts and gardening gloves, Mikki Clark for volunteer drinks, Tetsuo Nakahashi for volunteer snacks, Connie Luk for long sleeved shirts, snacks and utensils, Cindy Singer for drinks and snacks, and Gail Matsumura for outdoor furniture. Jeff Gray for mulch delivery, Maui Eko Compost for mulch, Dan Cohen for pesticides and irrigation parts, Dan Judson for nursery benches, Angela Kepler and Frank Rust for fertilizer and mai'a. A special mahalo to the friends and family of Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond for your generous donations in honor of Lisa's 55th birthday!

MNBG Community Contributions:

Hawai'i Nature Center ('uala, 'ilima kū kula, 'ilima papa), Maui Police Department ('ālula, kalo, 'ala 'ala wai nui, 'ae 'ae, creeping naupaka), Trinity By-the-Sea Episcopal Church of Kihei ('ae 'ae, 'ōhi'a 'ai, kamani), Lahaina Luna High School Natural Resources Class ('uala, uhi, kō, kalo), Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (wiliwili), Kahului Airport T.S.A. ('ae'ae, 'uala, 'ākulikuli, A. splendens), Tobacco-Free Parks Initiative's Earth Day Event (halapepe, 'ae'ae, 'ihi, 'ilima, ma'o), and Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool ('ilima, koa, kupukupu, kukui, 'uala and 'ōhi'a lehua).

Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers:

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Wish List

- Volunteer snacks
- Garden gloves (all sizes)
- Table cloths
- Rakes
- Handicapable gardening tools
- Medium sized picks
- Shovels
- Sickles
- Hand pruners (clippers)
- Sunshine mix #4 bales
- Mulch
- Large ceramic planter pots from Indolotus in Kihei
- Outdoor tables & chairs
- Washing machine
- Chainsaw
- Wood chipping services
- One load of "cinder fines" from Hawaiian cement (7 tons at \$20.10 per ton)
- 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 these items 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*
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays
*Weather permitting

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Reservations are required for group activities.

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Garden News



Maui Nui Botanical Gardens made an appearance in episodes of Hawaii Life on HGTV & Top Chef on BRAVO this season! Did you catch our episodes?

Arbor Day 2013: A Celebration of Hawaiian Trees

On November 2, 2013 more than 1,200 people visited MNBG and took home a free native tree in celebration of Arbor Day, just in time for the first winter rains. In partnership with our event sponsors, Maui Electric Company and the Kaulunani Urban & Community Forestry Program, we were able to offer 30 varieties of trees and shrubs native to the Hawaiian Islands.

Arbor Day 2013 featured free demonstrations and lectures on proper tree care, 'ono breakfast plates for sale provided by the Excel Soccer Club, as well as many of Maui's conservation organizations who came together to distribute trees and share information on related topics.

The Board and Staff at MNBG would like to thank Maui County Environmental Coordinator, Rob Parsons, and the County of Maui for their continued support of the Gardens. We would also like to thank our incredible volunteers as they make everything happen, from set-up to breakdown.

We hope you will consider joining us at this year's Arbor Day Celebration set for Saturday, November 1, from 9am to 12pm.



Mahalo to Maui Electric Company for your steadfast sponsorship of this wonderful event.



The Kekauoha-Schultz 'ohana, longtime Garden supporters, receive their free native trees.



Guided Tours & Activities

MNBG's volunteer docents led guided tours and cultural activities for many residents, visitors and schools this season. These include Kamali'i Elementary School's 4th Grade, Kamehameha Schools Maui 5th Grade, Pu'ukukui Elementary School 4th Grade, Kamehameha Schools Paukukalo Preschool, Tutu & Me, UH-MC's Hawaiian Ethnobotany course, UH-MC's Environmental Ecology course, UH-MC's Biology 105 course, and

the underclassmen of Ballard High School in Seattle, Washington.

Guided tours at MNBG are available for \$10 per person, 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. Contact the Gardens' office for student rates.

Donate Your HI5 Funds to MNBG at Aloha Recycling!

In partnership with Aloha Recycling, supporters of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens may donate their HI5 recyclable funds to MNBG from any of the 5 Aloha Recycling Redemption Centers in Maui! This is a great way for our non-profit to raise money, and we are so grateful to the team at Aloha Recycling for the opportunity to participate in this program.

To have your items credited Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, just advise the staff when you bring in your recyclable items.

MNBG also collects donations through smile.amazon.com and Paypalgivingfund.org (formally known as MissionFish). Mahalo in advance for your support, and please help us spread the word!





Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

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

The goal of this free family event is to celebrate and encourage Hawaiian cultural practices and to showcase local efforts to protect our natural environment.

LIVE HAWAIIAN MUSIC, 'ONO FOOD,
FREE CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS,
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Ola Ka Honua 2014 is sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, working to improve the lives of the Native Hawaiian Community.



Garden View

by Tamara Sherrill

Workshop with Angela Kepler

On March 21, Angela Kepler and Frank Rust, authors of *The World of Bananas in Hawai'i: Then and Now* (2011, Pali-O-Waipio Press) made a gift to MNBG of 12 different cultivars of rare Hawaiian mai'a, six of which were new to our collection. Angela and her crew also donated materials, a tutorial for garden staff, and an afternoon of labor to give the 19 keiki a good start. Since then, thanks to the unusual rains and diligent watering by staff member John Aquino, they seem to be growing well. Angela will be hosting a workshop about Hawaiian banana varieties Saturday, September 27, from 10am to 12pm. The workshop is one of three sponsored by the Fred Baldwin Memorial Fund.



Ben Leader, Angela Kepler, and Matthew Stone donated and helped plant 19 new mai'a keiki at MNBG



Angela shows staff member Alex Quintana how to maintain bananas to minimize banana corm borer



Heather with Keahi Bustamente of the Plant Extinction Prevention Program

Mahalo, Heather!

It is with sad fondness that we bid farewell to Heather Coad, an Americorps volunteer who exceeded all expectations! Heather has been working in the nursery and with the plant collections since January, and will be working as a staff member until August. She added several new species to the Gardens, started all our Arbor Day trees from seed, and even became a leader of the Weed and Pot Club nursery hour. We will miss your competence, sense of humor, and great attitude, Heather!

New Benches

You might notice there is now a bench placed near our front entrance for people waiting on rides, as well as a new bench under the shade of the milo trees in the playground. Mahalo to the Wailea Community Association and Young Brothers Tug and Barge, who sponsored these beautiful new benches for the Gardens.



Mahalo, Dan!

Mahalo to Dan Judson of Olinda Orchids for his donation of a truckload of galvanized metal nursery tables! The much-needed tables can help us replace our old nursery benches and will be used to grow plants for events, donations, and the Garden landscape.

Kapa Making

Lisa Raymond and Lei Ishikawa taught "Introduction to Kapa Making" in April and May, and plan to follow up with two "Kapa Dye Making" workshops July 19 and August 2, from 9 am to 1 pm. Don't miss the chance to learn from two skilled kumu about how to use native plants to produce every color of the rainbow. Discounts are available for Garden members for this class.



Volunteer Central



MNBG's Weed & Pot Club enjoyed a tour of the Olinda Rare Plant Facility and Maui Bird Conservation Center this season!



Longtime W&P Member, Jennifer Rose, goes above, beyond and below to get those weeds!



MNBG's Weed & Pot Club volunteers helped to plant native species at the Kaheawa Wind Farm on May 7, 2014.



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

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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!

Kī (ti leaf)

Cordyline fruticosa

Polynesian-introduced

Kī, or ti leaf, was brought to Hawai'i in the voyaging canoes of the first Polynesian settlers. The leaves were made into footwear, skirts, rain capes, plates and food wrappings. The sweet roots of kī were baked and eaten, or distilled (with other plants) into an alcoholic beverage called 'okolehao which was used for curing scurvy. Medicinally, kī was also used in treatments of i'aku o ka ihu (nasal growths), shortness of breath, and to purge phlegm in the chest. Only the green variety of kī was brought by the first settlers to Hawai'i; the red and purple varieties were introduced much later.



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Beginning January 15, 2014, the Gardens began charging an affordable admission fee, Monday through Friday. One-day entry for non-members is \$5 for general admission and \$3 for kama'āina. Saturdays are free. Admission is also free during the week for: MNBG members, keiki (ages 12 and under), kūpuna (65 and older), military personnel, and for playground use. The new fees are increasing our self-sufficiency and help pay for much needed tools and supplies. Charging admission also allows us to connect with our visitors. We have discovered that the increased face-to-face interactions fosters a greater respect for the sometimes humble-looking plants that populate our Hawaiian Garden. Mahalo for your continued patience as we solidify our new policies and procedures.

Tamara Sherrill, Interim Executive Director

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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

Donations of monetary or in-kind contributions are greatly appreciated.

To contribute, please fill out the enclosed donation envelope, call 249-2798 or visit www.mnbg.org to donate online.

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Yearly memberships help to fund important botanical and educational programs, research and conservation efforts. Fill out the enclosed donation envelope or call 249-2798 to become a member.

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Play a lasting part in protecting Hawai'i's native plants through planned giving. Consider making a bequest to the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens in your will or trust. Call 249-2798.

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Give a gift of time. Volunteering at MNBG helps the Gardens accomplish many projects and also gives you an opportunity to learn about and work with native plants.

Join our Weed & Pot Club every Wednesday morning from 8:30 am - 10:30 am.

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