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Newsletter Fall 2007

Naohulelua Church Site (Kamaoa Rd)

If you haven't had the chance to see the Garden you are missing something beautiful and peaceful. On October the ninth I had the opportunity to have breakfast with 10 people who had spent at least two hours grooming the church site. It was decided by the Board to reward the "Friends of the Garden" by excursions on the island to other nurseries and gardens to create Partnerships. So far they have gone to Kona Outdoor Circle, Nani Mau, and Volcano Art Center (Niaulani). On the third Tuesday next month they are going to Keaau for a tour of a nursery of Hawaiian Plants for Medicinal purposes. If you are interested you must let Dennis know 929-7236. We usually car-pool and have lunch after the tour so we need a head count.

On Sunday October 28th from 12-3, we will host another "Plant and seed exchange". Last April we had over 80 visitors and it was very successful. Please mark your calendars and enjoy a wonderful experience. Covered picnic tables and refreshments will be available.

Farmers' Market

You may have noticed the Market has been growing. A BIG MAHALO to the Powell Family and Jerry and Linda Springer for helping set up and tear down tents. We were able to buy four more tents but we are asking people to bring their own. Set-up starts before dawn and at 12 noon tents start going down but if you have your own tent you can stay until dark. It was decided not to raise table fees this year but we are looking into a semi-permanent structure to house our 20+ vendors. The County Health Department will not allow serving of any wet foods like plate lunches unless you have a health permit that can be obtained in Hilo for \$25 per month. The Board at NMS does not carry a health permit for anyone. If the Health Department comes and you are in violation you will be responsible for the fine and asked not to come back. Vendors can still serve baked goods. Paul's breads are really super and healthy. Ask for a free sample if you don't believe me. Grace will be leaving us to start her own store next to NMS office. Stay tuned for Grand Opening.

Internet Café

Business is slow and we hope when the snowbirds come back things will start picking up....We are always looking for more volunteers to handle 1-5 between Monday and Friday or at least two hours split with someone. It's a fun way to meet new people and to help your community.

Please help us keep this office open for the community. A BIG MAHALO to Dennis , Carl, Paul, Biz and Steve for keeping the doors open. Please stop by and tell them Thanks...

Class Schedule

There will be no classes until January but we are looking for students (signup) for intro to computers which would include Word, Excel, e-Bay, Internet and how to keep your computer secure and safe from viruses. Call Professor Elwell 929-7236.

Office will be closed during State Holidays.

Historical Booklet

We are out of Books and have sold over 1,000 of our Historical Na`alehu and hope to have funding to finish our next book called "Kahuku Ranch". Stay Tuned.

Bill 176- Establishing a Historical Commission for the County of Hawaii.

I have been working on a Task Force for the last year or so for the establishment of a Historical Commission and for those who made it to the annual picnic know all the details. I want to thank everyone who helped come testify and wrote letters of support. The next and final hearing is on November 7th. The Bill reflects our Mission Statement: Historical "Preservation with Economic Viability".

Our Annual Picnic was a great success

We might go back to the Buddhist Temple in Wood Valley again next year. The fellowship and food was the best ever.

Naalehu Theatre

The Board has been working with Taylor Built Construction Inc, the County, and the Weinberg Foundation to see if we can hammer out a solution to save the theatre. Please keep your fingers crossed and call to sign up to volunteer. If we get a lease from the Foundation we will umbrella a Board specifically to manage the revived theater. 929-7236.

Mark Twain

Jerry Tracy gives superb performances as Mark Twain, with reminders of his visit to Ka`u in 1866. There will be two performances this year: on December 8th at Ocean View Community Center 7pm (\$10) and on December 9th 6pm at Hana Hou Restaurant, a special show featuring a Southern dinner(\$25). The latter show is a fundraiser for the Theatre. The show will include unique music with banjo, fiddle and tambourine. Tickets can be obtained from the Farmers' Market, Na`alehu Main Street or OVCA.

NMS Board

We have lost a number of Board members and need volunteers who have ideas to improve our community. If you are interested call Marge at 929-7236.

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President