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Naohulelua Historical Garden Church Site (Kamaoa Road)

Diane Nelson, Dennis Elwell, Marjorie and Bob Moody along with Sterling Robins and Carol and Chris Trewman have done a wonder job keeping ahead of the weeds. Just a reminder that we still have the second Tuesday of every month as "Weeding Day" from 8 to 10 am with a follow up breakfast at Hana Hou. We want to thank the Church members led by the Principal of Hilo High School that came down with 16 teenagers to help us weed. We will start laying down tarp at the end of February and pile chip and cedar on top to hold the weeds in place and keep pathway clear.

We want to congratulate Diane Nelson who just finished her "Master Gardener Classes" in Kona, Way to go girl! The Board is planning a seed exchange in April, Stay tuned for further notices and please sign up to volunteer. We now have over 140 native Hawaiian plants in our garden. Some of them are very rare.

We still have Garden tours on the Second Saturday of the month from 10-2. We need people who want to be trained to help with the tours. After every newspaper on the island has given us an exclusive things are hopping. Information Board is almost finished. Dennis and Scott have been working very hard, it looks great. I want to thank County R & D for

helping us fund this project and Councilman Jacobsen for giving us enough funds to finish it.

Farmers' Market

You may have noticed the Market is growing. The fee is the same \$5/table. We are encouraging people to buy their own tents. Eleanor, Don and Jim will help set-up tents and need a phone call if you are planning to sell.

BIG MAHALO to Jamie and Marcus, Dennis and Marge for erecting the new business sign in front of ACE Hardware.

Internet Café

Business is picking –up and we hope by summer we'll be back to seven days a week. Meanwhile, we are looking for a new Art Manager. All interested candidates call 929-7236 or drop by the office between 1-5 Mon-Fridays. Patricia is trying to have the Monday night group open from 6-9 but needs help. Please call her if you can help.

We are back to 8 computers and Tom Testagrossa is trying his best to get all of them to print on both printers.

Tom also teaches WEB Design and E-Bay classes for more info call 929-7236. E-Bay is \$5/hour and WEB Design is \$10/hour. All classes must be prepaid

**Office will be closed during
State Holidays.**

Incubator kitchen

It was decided by the Board not to pursue an attempt to create a Certified Incubator kitchen in the Naalehu Community Center. Hawaii County Parks and Recreation have told us they have no intention to make all the changes that would make a certified kitchen viable. We are working with a private group in Waiohinu. Meanwhile we have propane stove for sale. Call Dennis at 929-7236 or 557-8193

Na`alehu Community Center-

Please notice that we finally got the two doors from Pahala in place. I want to Thank Bob Taylor and Big Island Cement and Aggregate for help us out with labor and materials.

Historical Booklet

We have sold almost 1,000 copies of our "Historic Naalehu" and are working on "Kahuku" that should be out by fall. The book has been a valuable fundraiser.

Annual Picnic the General Meeting for all members will be held on Sunday June 10 at 4:00PM at Punalu`u Pavilion. Stay informed. Please come and bring pupus for at least five people. Last year we had a great turn out...Come and meet the Board Members and find out what's in store for next year. RSVP or not. 929-7236 or e-mail

marge@hawaii.rr.com.

Artists of Ka`u

Artists of Ka`u will have another Art Show at EHCC.

This year the judging will take place on April 20 at Discovery Harbour Clubhouse from 5-6 PM. Set Up at four. The Show will take place on May 4-May 25. If you are interested and have not received the information in the mail, Call 929-7236 and leave an address and phone number or drop by Ka`u Farmers' Market or Main Street for forms and information.

NMS

The organization of NMS will be going through transition from March 07 to July 08. What does that mean? We will be changing our focus in the community because we seem to lack volunteers and people that are willing to serve on the board for two contiguous years. The Garden will stay in place; the Market will continue to exist, the Na`alehu Café and Grant writing may have to stop. The board hopes that new comers will join the Board and breathe new life into an ageing group.

Married 50 years Don and Eleanor Powell

Please congratulate them on their great performance.