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Newsletter

Winter 2009

Naohulelua Historical Garden (Kamaoa Rd Church Site)

We now have an address:

94-6488 Kamaoa Road. And we have changed our weeding days from Tuesday to Thursday from 8-10 am, and added the fourth Thursday to our second Thursday.

Things are really exciting we had a private donation to have plans drawn up for a Pavilion/ unisex bath-room and kitchen for our garden.

We had six trees blown over during our latest wind storm. Dave Monfort will be coming to shred our trees for mulch for the pathways.

The garden is for the community, especially for our members. Please feel free to visit and stroll around the collection of native Hawaiian plants at any time. If you want a guided tour call 929-7236. Please respect the garden if you want clippings and

cannot make it during our usual hours call and we will deliver.

*Come and see our
Garden Grow!!!*

Farmers' Market

You may have noticed that the Market is growing. Big Mahalo to Eleanor and her family for managing the Market. The Board wants to encourage everyone to buy their own tents and be responsible for set-up and tear down, to reduce the burden on Eleanor, Don and Jim. A day will come when the Powell Family will not be able to help you. The table fees will stay the same until further notice. But please remember there are no IOU's. If you bring your dog to the market please make sure he or she has a lead attached around its neck. IT'S THE LAW! Please no wet foods for sale at the market. The Health Department works on weekends and we don't want anyone to get a citation.

Historical Booklet

Our Naalehu Historical Book "The Deep South" is selling like hot cakes. Beat the Christmas rush and buy a dozen today. Eleanor has them for sale at the Market for \$10.

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Everyone had a good time at the Plantation House last year and we are planning to do it again this year. The date is still a little misty.

BON DANCE 2009

KMS will be arranging with Na`alehu Hongwanji a Bon Dance for 2009. We need the whole community to help us make this event a success. Please look for more information in the Ka`u Calendar and Bulletin Boards in your area. You do not have to belong to a 501(3)C to participate in this event. Bon Dance classes will start the first Friday in May and continue every Friday until May 23. Classes will be held at the Old Pahala Club House (on Maile Street) Building across the street from the Pahala Theatre. The Hilo Bon Dance Club will bring instructors for Classes that start at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM and at 3 PM. Bring towel and water. No shoes will be allowed on the new bamboo floors.

On May 23, at the Naalehu Hongwanji, starting at 3 PM there will be booths for food and crafts, etc. Bring your own tent and register before May 18th. Call for forms or see Eleanor at the Ka`u Farmers' Market. The fee is \$25 for craft booths and \$50 for food booths

If you have any pictures from previous Bon Celebrations please share with us. Bon Dance Club from Hilo will help us celebrate this event. Leonard Chow, president of the club and Janet Light will assist in dancing and Taiko Drums.

We are also putting together a memory wall for those that have passed away. See Ka`u Calendar for more information.

HISTORICAL ALLIANCE MEETING 3/26

Several years ago, NMS put on a One day seminar for all the museums, Parks and Historical Societies of the island of Hawaii. We have been asked to hold another meeting and this year it will include a Ka`u Luncheon and Historical Building Tour. It starts at 10 am at the Plantation House and the cost is \$12.00. The meeting is opened to the public. For more

information call 929-7236. Julie Neal has offered accommodations at the Plantation house at a discount, if you are interested call Julia Neal direct 928-9811 or e-mail at mahalo@aloha.net.
Registration deadline is March 19th.

COOK BOOK

The Ka`u Hospital Cook Books is still \$15 and on sale at the Ka`u Farmers' Market. See Eleanor. A BIG MAHALO for everyone's favorite recipes, including Mongoose stew.

July 4th Picnic

On February 9th OKK had a meeting with several 501 (C) 3's for a feasibility study/partnership on the 4th of July event this year. There will be another meeting soon. Ka`u Main Street can help with an information booth. We need volunteers for this event to help. Patty and Drake have done it for the last couple of years and are burned out. Watch your Ka`u Calendar for more details.

SUPPORT YOUR RED HATTERS

On February 28th from 4-7 PM at Naalehu Community Center the Ka`u Red Hatters are having a Spaghetti Dinner for \$10.00 to help raise funds for the Ka`u Hospital ER. Tickets are on sale at the Ka`u Farmers' Market. See the "Bug Lady" or call Barbara Beatty 808-929-9072.

**Mahalo for all your support,
Marge Elwell, President**