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Naohulelua Historical Garden (94-6488 Kamaoa Rd)

Our drive to build a pavilion at our garden of Native Hawaiian plants is in full swing. We were awarded \$8000 by the Hawaiian Tourism Authority, a remarkable achievement since only 27 grants were awarded out of 400 proposals. This \$8000 is about a quarter of the cost of the building but we have an active program of events and two more proposals in the works.

We had a *Plant and Seed Exchange* on February 21 with our Board Member Sue Barnett speaking on growing vegetables and sugar. The next exchange will be on April 18, Sunday from 12-3 pm. Her talk will be about hydroponics. (1 pm)

We had a visit from Pahala Seniors and a special "Plant a Tree" day on

March 10 when a group of keiki from **Tutu and Me** came with their parents. A rare palm tree and an ohia lehua were planted by Dez Pagen and each keiki left with a plant for their home gardens.



These visits highlighted our need for a pavilion with bathroom and a covered area for presentations.

The garden is for the community, especially our members. We have discontinued regular Saturday tours and replaced them with a notice to call 929-7236 for an escorted tour. A self-guiding tour with a leaflet is well under way.

***Come and see our
Garden Grow!!!***



**Kokio St. John
A red hibiscus**

Farmers' Market

The Market is still going strong even in these hard times, under Eleanor's capable management. December was our 8th anniversary, it was on the first week of December 2001 that we held the first market in Waiohinu Park, with just four farmers. We are proud to have held table fees at \$5 per table, the same as in 2001.

For those of you who enjoy the Internet, we are on GoogleEarth!



Jean Shibuya, one of the original vendors. Jean will sell produce from your garden by arrangement.

Murder at Hana Hou

On March 27 we held a performance of "Murder at Watersdown Mansion" as a dinner theater event at Hana Hou Restaurant. This was a classical "Who-dun-it" with diners asked to guess who was the murdered and how the murder was carried out. The play (and the old English-style dinner) was well received and there will be a second performance at St. Jude's Episcopal church in Ocean View on Friday, May 7. Tickets are \$25 including a dinner with honey-baked ham. For tickets call 929-7236.

The cast of "Murder at Watersdown Mansion": Wendy Eberz, Sue Barnett,



Lynne Klecak, Andrea Todane, Bill Savage, Jim West, Michael Million and Todd Todane.

History of Kahuku Ranch

Marge and Dennis Elwell will give a Power Point presentation on their new "History of Kahuku Ranch" at 6.30pm on Wednesday April 21 at Ocean View Community Center.

Historical Na`alehu

Our Historical Naalehu Book is selling well. Eleanor has them for sale at the Market for \$10.

BON DANCE

May 29, Saturday

The Bon Dance at Na`alehu Hongwanji, said by many to be THE Ka`u event of 2009, will be held again on May 29. There will be sky lanterns again plus taiko drums, bagpipes and hula.

History of Ka`u Coffee

We will have a table at the Coffee Festival in Pahala on May 1st seeking to collect memories and photographs of the history of Ka`u Coffee. We will be able to scan your old photos and give them back immediately, or just come and talk story.

Thank you for all your support.

Marge Elwell, President

