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Naohulelua Historical Garden (94-6488 Kamaoa Rd)

It doesn't look beautiful but the picture above shows a building pad and a cesspool for the pavilion. This concludes phase one of construction. Completion will depend on funding and possible agreement with TBCCI on progress payments. Our last two proposals were not successful, the agencies are mostly funding the homeless and food banks. This means we have to work hard to raise funds elsewhere. We mailed out 100 donation requests and thank the individuals and businesses that responded. Our Murder Mystery Dinner Theatres and other fundraisers are described below.

We are having *Plant and Seed Exchanges* on the third Sunday of every month with our Board Member Sue Barnett speaking on making the

most from your garden. The next exchange will be on June 27, Sunday from 12-3 pm. Her talk will be about soil preparation. (1 pm)

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 see our Garden grow !

Farmers' Market

The Market is strong on Wednesdays and a little less busy on Saturdays but we are hanging in there and hoping after June things will pick up.

We are still recommending that vendors buy their own tent and take care of their own area, meaning putting up and taking it down and clearing out garbage.

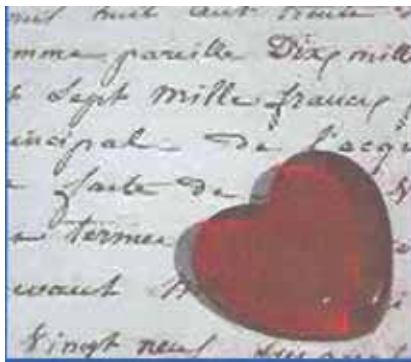
It's important for vendors to let Eleanor know when you coming. Please let her know well in advance (24 hours) if you can or can't make it.



"Murder at Watersdown Mansion"
cast at Hana Hou Restaurant.

Murder at St. Jude's

On May 7 we held a performance of "Murder at Watersdown Mansion" as a dinner theater event at St. Jude's in Ocean View. This was a classical "Who-dun-it" with diners asked to guess who was murdered and how the murder was carried out. Mahalo to the Church volunteers for making the interior look like a high-class restaurant. We are planning another performance in Volcano in the Fall.



LOVE LETTERS

A Pulitzer prizewinning play will be performed at the United Methodist Church, June 26 at 6:30 PM. The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Light refreshments will be served at intermission (provided by the Hawaiian Civic Club). Tickets are on sale at the Market Wednesday and Saturday, or call 929-7236.

History of Kahuku Ranch

Marge and Dennis Elwell gave a Power Point presentation on their new "History of Kahuku Ranch" on Wednesday April 21 at Ocean View Community Center. And they asked us to come back and do an encore. Watch the papers for this

notice. The book is on sale at the Ka'u Farmers' Market.

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, was a great success. Where else do you get hula, taiko, bon dancers and bagpipes? But the wind was too strong and the sky lanterns did not fly this year.

Volcano Heritage Day

On August 8 from 1-4 PM at the Cooper Center. We will be selling Sky Lanterns, Head Towels and Ikebana Cards for the Taiko and Bon Dance Festival. Please come by and say Hi!

Ho'olaule'a at Honu'apo:

Malama Ka`u

On Sunday, September 9 (Labor Day Weekend) from 10-5 PM we will be manning a booth and selling history books and gathering information for our fourth book on the history of Ka`u, and talking about our Native Hawaiian Plants at Na`ohulelua garden.

NEW OFFICERS

I want to thank Eleanor for taking over the treasurer duties and Jean Shibuya for taking over the secretary position. We welcome new Board Members. Our membership is about 200.

Thank you for all your support.

Marge Elwell, President