

FRIENDS OF THE MAUI BOTANICAL GARDEN

NEWSLETTER AND ANNOUNCEMENT

September 11, 1980

NEWSLETTER:

The FRIENDS OF THE MAUI BOTANICAL GARDEN have been meeting regularly throughout this first year at the Garden on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. All members and interested persons are welcomed to join in the planning and discussions that take place.

Several events and projects have been enjoyed and accomplished this year. Rene Sliva, Gardener, Planner and Botanist, has been the planner and doer, with the "Friends" giving encouragement and support. Arbor Day was celebrated with Mayor Tavares touring the Garden and expressing his support in expanding and maintaining the Garden, for all the people of Maui to enjoy and learn about native plants. The Mayor, a Councilman, and the "Friends" planted seedlings to commemorate the day. The County Council sent the "Friends" a formal recognition of the organization. A membership drive was held at the Garden during the Arbor Day celebration. Thirty people joined the "Friends". Interesting and informative articles about the history and description of plants from the Garden have been beautifully written by Kay Kepler, appearing weekly in the "Maui Sun". They have been well received; educating and helping to make the public aware of the variety of interesting plants in the Garden. The Garden has been enhanced through the continual efforts of Rene Silva. With funds from the Outdoor Circle, the Hibiscus Garden has a lovely path, enabling one to wander among the plants and trees. This summer, with the help of CETA summer workers, Rene designed and developed a new section of the Garden. This new area affords hills and a valley in which all different varieties of plants will be planted. By-Laws have been written by Celeste King, and now are under consideration.

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by the Board of directors of the "Friends".

Goals of the "Friends" for this year are: Placing signs throughout the Garden to describe origins, uses and types of these plants. To continue planting in the new area, perhaps with the help of some members of the "Friends", to have tours for youth groups, to increase public awareness of the Garden, to prepare a pamphlet describing the plants that may be used as a walking guide throughout the Garden by visitors and to increase membership in the "Friends".

ANNOUNCEMENT

FRIENDS OF THE MAUI BOTONICAL GARDEN invite members, friends and potential members to a PICNIC and TOUR of the GARDEN on Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. The "Friends" will supply dessert and fruit drinks. It should be a lovely way to meet members and to enjoy an informative tour of the Garden and the expansion by Rene Silva. PLEASE COME! BRING A FRIEND!