



# NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANT SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 5021, KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96732

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President - Charlie Lindsey - 878-1701  
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Treasurer - Leslie Hiraga - 669-0703

## \* \* ANNUAL NIGHT MEETING \* \*

The Society will hold its annual night meeting on Friday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at the Maui Electric building, located at the corner of Kamehameha and Kane streets. We'll have two speakers. Peter Connelly will give a slide presentation of NHPS projects. Bob Hobdy will talk on the Historical Background of the Development of the Forest Reserve System in Hawaii. So bring your questions, a friend, and see what your Society has been doing for the past year. Refreshments will be served.

Election of officers will be held at the regular February meeting on Thursday, February 4 at noon at the Zoo. Anyone interested in nominating a candidate or running themselves may do so at the January night meeting or call Linda at 661-4303.

## \* \* PROJECTS \* \*

**HIBISCUS BRACKENRIDGEI:** The fencing project near Maalaea is to protect this very endangered hibiscus from cattle. In March 1985, 21 volunteers, including NHPS members, ranch employees, and members of Ka Imi Na'auou O Hawaii Nei, Roselle Bailey's hula halau from Kauai and Hilo, worked together to enclose the site. Materials were donated by the ranch. Three years have passed and many seedlings are coming up. We hope to expand the enclosure to protect both new seedlings and a rare *Shidea salicaria* found nearby.

**J.L. GRESSIT RARE PLANT SANCTUARY:** This 65 acre sanctuary is used for rare and endangered plants when their natural habitat cannot be saved. Seeds are collected, germinated, and planted in large numbers as a hedge against the loss of the original species. Sorry, no visitors allowed. It is named for Dr. J. L. Gressit, former director of the Bishop Museum Entomology Department and Wau Ecology Institute on New Guinea. He died with his wife in a plane crash in China.

**SCAEVOLA CORIACEA:** This very endangered creeping Naupaka at Waiehu sand dunes is presently being destroyed by development. The Society is collecting cuttings and plants and replanting them on East and West Maui. We have made three additional colonies in an effort to prevent the plant's extinction.

**AUWAHI FENCING:** The project is an ongoing effort to save endangered plants on the south slopes of Haleakala, with an emphasis on trees found only on Maui such as *Ochrosia haleakalae* (holei). Fences are being built to keep cattle and feral goats from eating seedlings and new growth. Invasive grass is being removed to promote seedling growth. In the future, we plan to protect *Drypetes phallanthoides* (mehamehame), *Canavalia haleakalaensis* (awikiwiki), *Alectryon macrococcum* (mahoe), and *Santalum freycinetianum* var. *auwahiense* (iliahi) with similar enclosures.

**EKE CRATER FENCING:** West Maui's Eke Crater is the site of a montane bog containing some of Hawaii's rarest plants. Recently, feral pigs have been found to be moving into this pristine area along the only two ridges connecting it with the lowlands. The strategy is to block these access ridges and prevent the pigs from moving up into the Crater bog and destroying the silversword, greensword and other unique plants found there. So far, we have one ridge successfully blocked. When the weather improves, we hope put up more fencing, successfully blocking the other ridge as well.

Among our ongoing projects is our work on Kahoolawe where we are planting to regetetate the eroded top of the island. We are also rebuilding a 400,000 gallon cistern to assure a steady water supply to our plantings. At Hanaula, we are planting kokias and gardenias. We have many other projects that cannot go forward quickly for lack of transportation, funding, and workers. If you can help, give one of the officers a call.

\* \* ODDS AND ENDS \* \*

We have a new post office box number. Starting immediately, any NHPS correspondence should be addressed to P.O. Box 5021, Kahului, HI 96732.

The Society needs a truck with 4X4 capability. Too many projects have been delayed for lack of transportation. Please bring your ideas as to how we might get such a truck to the night meeting, or call Mary Evanson at 572-9724. Also, what does the membership think of an Environmental Fair at the Zoo? It would give the local conservationist groups public exposure. We have lost Hoolaulea, MCC's yearly fair, and now have no regular way to meet the public. Bring your ideas to the night meeting or call Linda Nelson at 661-4303.

\* \* CONTRIBUTIONS \* \*

The Society has received generous contributions throughout the year of money and materials. Some of our benefactors are: Ulupalakua Ranch, U.S. Navy, Maui Helicopters, John Flews, Haiku Farms Nursery, Tom Haupman, William and Paula Merwin, the Alexander Haigs, Mauna Ala Hiking Association, and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Kilgore.

\* \* MEMBERSHIP \* \*

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CITY_____ZIP_____	SUPPORTING	__\$50	__\$55
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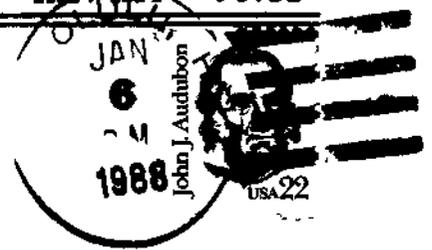


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