

The Native Hawaiian Plant Society

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1998 DUES

The new year is upon us and it is time to renew your dues. The "individual" membership this year is \$15. We also have a new "Family" category for \$20. Just fill out the membership blank on the back page and send it in. The number after your name on the mailing label is the year you last paid dues. Mahalo for your support.

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Native Hawaiian Plant Society Exclosure Schedule 1998

The exclosure schedule was reviewed and revised at the October 19 board meeting. The new schedule is:

January 🌺 *Hibiscus brackenridgei* / Richard Nakagawa (877-4024)

February 🌺 Auwahi / Richard Nakagawa

March 🌺 *Hibiscus brackenridgei* / Richard Nakagawa

April 🌺 La Perouse / Ray Keenan (875-9557)

May 🌺 *Hibiscus brackenridgei* / Richard Nakagawa

June 🌺 Auwahi / Richard Nakagawa

July 🌺 Gressit / Hank Openheimer, Scott Meidell (669-4983)

August 🌺 Auwahi / Richard Nakagawa

September 🌺 Gressit / Hank Openheimer, Scott Meidell

October 🌺 No Exclosure Scheduled

November 🌺 La Perouse / Ray Keenan

December 🌺 *Hibiscus brackenridgei* / Richard Nakagawa

With this new exclosure/project leader schedule, we are going to be concentrating our efforts on certain exclosures that need greater maintenance this coming year. Call the appropriate project leader for additional information about each exclosure.



KAHAKULOA UPDATE

The Kahakuloa Pines project is slowly moving forward. In the summer of 1997, Linda Nelson, Ray Keenan, Renatta Duvall, and Bob Hobdy visited the site. Bob pointed out a depression off of the ridge that was no bigger than an acre to be used as the test plot for some native plant species before planting the entire 30 acres. Working with Bob Hobdy, NHPS came up with some options and ideas as to how to replant the Upper Kahakuloa area.

1. Substitute the species of pine with a native species like A'alii or Koa. Take the existing monies and propagate then plant these native species in place of the pines.
2. Sow seed (Koa, A'alii, and Ohia) throughout the thirty acres. The test plot area would be used for the out-planting of a combination of 12 species that are found in that area. These plants would be seedlings. The role of the NHPS in this matter is to aid the DLNR in seed collection, possibly monitor the site in the future, and offer our expertise in propagation and maintenance of these plants.

We have started the seed collection process little by little, thanks to Hank Oppenheimer and Scott Meidell who are picking seed when they are in the area. This seed will be given to the DLNR for sowing at the site or planting in their nursery. The latest word from Bob Hobdy is that he has opted to concentrate his efforts on the test plot, and plant the rest of the thirty acres at a later date.



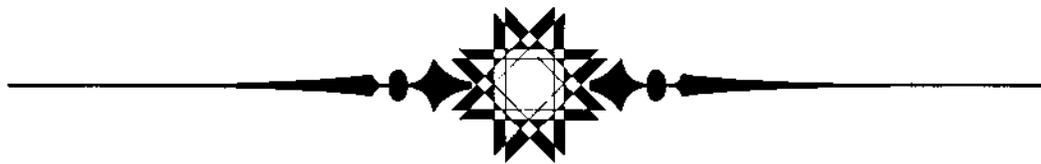
CHRISTMAS PARTY

A NHPS pot-luck Christmas party has been set for December 27, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. Lorna Harrison has offered her home in Olinda as the party house, and it's located at 140 Hanamu Rd. The party will be preceded by a short board meeting.

An important note: When pulling into Lorna's property, Please park in the pasture on the right hand side of the house.

Aloha from Linda Nelson

 It's time for me to say goodbye to Maui, and my active role in NHPS. My job at wonderful Camp Pecusa has ended with the closing of the Camp and I will be moving to the Big Island at the end of the year. Mahalo for all of the good effort and times we've shared in working to save Maui's precious native plants. I think we've made a difference in the thirteen years we've worked together. Keep it up, and I'll be in touch. — Linda



SPECIAL THANKS

A special mahalo for generous donations during 1997 to Ann Carter, Geary Mizuno, Debbie Brown, Raymond Higashi, Mauna Ala Hiking Club, Ken and Dolly Fiske, Mrs. R. H. Baldwin, and John H. R. Plews.

Need to Contact Us?



NEW VOICE MAIL

The NHPS has purchased a new voice mail line to call for information on the latest hikes, hike times, board meetings, or to leave a message. The new number is 877-7717, replacing the old number that now connects you to the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

VOLUNTEERS

Love native plants and want to see some of Maui's remotest places? NHPS volunteers work where the plants are, fencing threatened species from feral animal damage on Haleakala, maintaining a species sanctuary in the West Maui Mountains, clearing weeds to allow dormant natives to reclaim natural wetlands at Kanaha Pond. Can you help? Call us at 876-1813 (e-mail nhps@maui.net) to volunteer.

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