10th Annual West Hawai'i Seed Exchange

Friday, November 1, 2013

Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, Captain Cook, Hawai'i

2:30-6:00 p.m. Student Activities with their Teachers

4:00 p.m. Opening Program by Students of Hua O Ke Ao

4:00–5:00 p.m. Community Seed Exchange (Students, Farmers and Gardeners)

Student and Teacher Program

Optional: A Guided Tour of the Garden will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center (see below)

2:30-4:00 p.m. Student Activities

Students can choose from the activities below. Before students begin activities, they should set up their seed on the tables.

- Scavenger Hunt in the Gardens with Kamuela Naihe Meet at Seed Exchange Tent
- Seed Mandala for the Amy Greenwell Garden with Lee Messenger Meet at the Seed Exchange Tent
- Prepare Dinner for Students and Teachers with Nancy Redfeather Meet at the Amy Greenwell Outdoor Kitchen
- Making Origami folded Seed Packets for yourself or others Meet at the Seed Exchange Tent

4:00-5:00 p.m. Seed Exchange

5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner for Students and their Teachers

6:00 p.m. Pau

We invite the home gardening community of West Hawai'i, students and their teachers saving seed in school gardens, and all visiting gardeners to attend the 10th Annual West Hawai'i Seed Exchange that has become a "tradition" at the Amy Greenwell Garden.

Come bring saved seed (seed, roots, huli, and cuttings) of food, medicine, flower, or native plants that do well in your home gardens and share your knowledge with your community!

Please bring envelopes and a pen for your seed. Please I.D. the seed you bring with name, date collected, and place grown.

Also happening at the Garden Friday, November 1 through Sunday, November 3: Arbor Day Celebration, Tree Giveaway, and Seed Exchange

A three-day celebration of Arbor Day will take place November 1-3 at the new visitor center at the Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden in Captain Cook. Activities include woodworkers making poi boards, expert advice, and a giveaway of 500 native trees. The Arbor Day event is supported by a grant from the DLNR Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Trees will be given away (one per person) from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on all three days while supplies lasts. The trees will be rationed so that there are trees to give away each day. Please park in the grass lot above the visitor center on Friday or Sunday to pick up your tree. The South Kona Green Market meets those days in the lower lot.

At 1 p.m. each day, visitors can join Arbor Day guided tours of the Garden. The focus of the tours will be how to select, plant, and care for trees. Visitors must pay regular Garden admission for the tour. All participants in the tour will be offered a free tree at the end of the tour.

On all three days, woodworkers will be at the Garden making poi boards and other objects from wood. Visitors are welcome to look on, take pictures, and ask questions. The woodworkers will be on site from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day.

The following trees will be given away:

Hau (Hibiscus tiliaceous)

Ma'o hau hele (Hibiscus brackenridgei)

Koa (Acacia koa) Milo (Thespesia populnea) Kamani (Calophyllum inophyllum) Mānele (Sapindus saponaria)

Kamami (Guophytum thophytum)

Koki'o ke'oke'o (Hibiscus waimeae)

Hala (Pandanus tectorius)

Kou (Cordia subcordata)

Kukui (Aleurites moluccana)

'Ohi'a 'ai (Syzygium sandwicensis)

Hapapepe (Pleomele hawaiiensis)

For more information or to RSVP your student group (please let us know the number of students you will be bringing), please contact:

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