

SANCTUARY WHALE TALES

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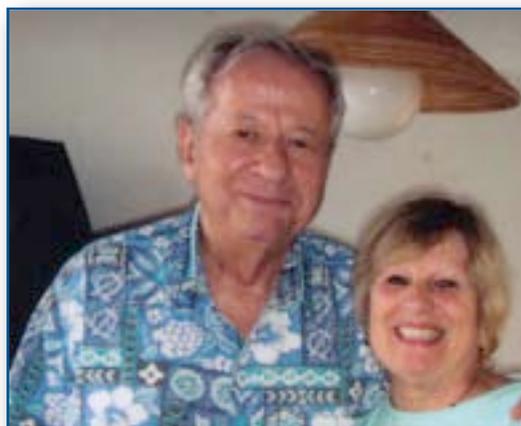


COUNCIL CORNER *By Flo Bahr*

We would like to introduce Lynette Poncin as a new member of the Volunteer Council, who will be taking the place vacated by Desiree, as the lead organizer for the Maui Foundation. Lynette has worked a long time with Apple Computers and brings a wealth of knowledge to us. She is currently working on our Volunteer website which should be finished shortly. She has also donated some Apple equipment to the sanctuary, which we will soon be seeing in the Water Quality Lab. and the Education Center. Please welcome Lynette. lynetteponcin@mac.com

Marv and Michelle Paularina Here is a picture of the M'n M team serving at the Banyan Tree. *We're often at the Maui Ocean Center*

and are often docents at the Education Center at the Sanctuary in Kihei. We have volunteered for about seven years and really enjoy our visitors.



Jack & Maribeth Klobuchar: *We like volunteering at the Ed Center, with young children and occasionally at the outreach tables, (Whale Day, Lahaina, Art Festival, etc), and getting the small research boats up and running. Jack has been volunteering for 5 years and Maribeth has been at the Ed Center since the Fall of 1999 (13 years). We enjoy the talks with films and slides by marine researchers and specialists. We celebrated 50 years of marriage on 31 March with our daughter and her husband and our twin grandsons.*

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Common Hawaiian words regarding the tools used in the cultivation of taro.

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Honokohau Kalo Volunteers work in a taro patch in the Honokohau Valley. By Al Bayless

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Volunteer Appreciation Casino Night, May 25, 6-8. You may bring one guest. Pupus, wine, beer available, BYOB allowed.

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CULTURAL CORNER

What did he say? Some common Hawaiian words!



Poi Pounder -
Ku'i`ai pohaku

Taro - Kalo



‘O‘o - digging spear or rod

Poi



The bowl of poi was considered such an important and sacred part of daily Hawaiian life that whenever a bowl of poi was uncovered at the family dinner table, it was believed that the spirit of Hāloa, the ancestor of the Hawaiian people, was present. This is because Hawaiians believed that the taro plant, or kalo, was the original ancestor of the Hawaiian people. Because of that, all conflict among family members had to come to an immediate halt.

HONOKOHAU KALO (TARO) *By Al Bayless*

On Saturday, March 31, seven volunteers from the HIHWNMS went to Honokohau valley to work in a taro patch. Taro, called kalo by Hawaiians, is grown in flooded areas called loi. The loi are covered with flowing water brought to them with irrigation canals called `auwai, which get their water from a stream. This is pretty much the same way the sugar and pineapple plantations obtained their water.

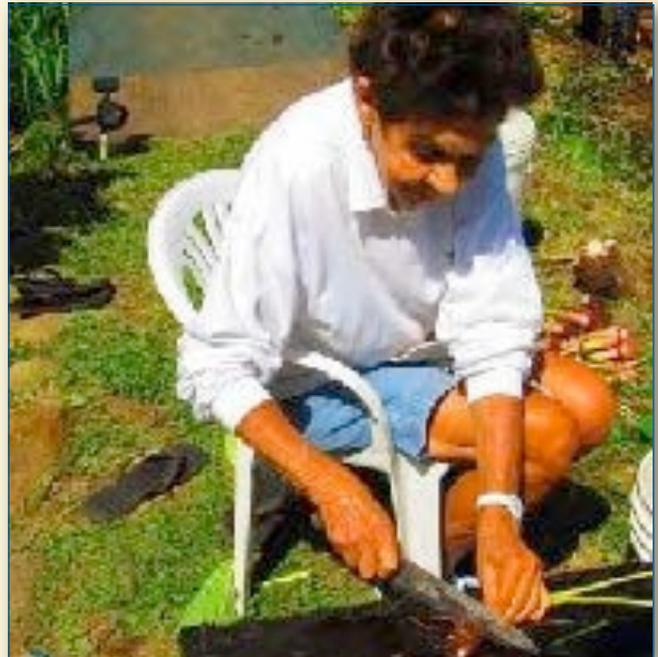
Honokohau is a major valley a couple of miles past Honolua Bay.

Kimokeo Kapahulehua (the same Kimokeo who is restoring the fishpond by the whale education center) owns several pieces of land in that valley. We were working on one about half a mile

from the highway, which had several loi on it. These loi were built by the Hawaiians many years ago, but had fallen into disuse and had become overgrown with brush and trees. These were recently cleared and restored by Kimokeo and his ohana, and planted with kalo. Our job on Saturday was to harvest the kalo and clear the weeds (of which there were many) from one of the loi. We harvested the kalo by either digging it up with a shovel, or by stepping down hard on each side of it to expose enough of the tuber for us to grab and pull on. The dirt was rinsed off in the `auwai, and the roots were removed. Then, the top was cut off just above the tuber portion. The tops will be used to plant a new kalo patch, and can be left for up to a month or more before they are planted. The tuber is cleaned further, then boiled and ground up to form poi.

Kimokeo was not present as he was paddling between Oahu and Lanai. Instead, his niece showed us around the area and told us of its history. Her four

delightful children helped out. The 4 year old in particular liked the mud, and enjoyed sitting in it and throwing it around. He was fun to watch! Also present, was a dog, Ipu, who looked like she was about to give birth to a huge litter any minute. Following our work we were treated to lunch. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to returning, hopefully with even more volunteers.



Diana Shulte Works With the Kalo



Volunteers in the Valley

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Pacific Threadfin

(*Polydactylus sexfilis*)

This picture was taken at "Dumps" where you can usually see these just to the right after entering the water. It is sometimes called the Six Fingered Threadfin because you can sometimes see six threads coming down just below the gill. At "Dumps" you can see three layers of silvery fish. This one will be on the bottom, the Flagtails above and the Sharpnose Mullet just under the surface.



Trilogy's Blue`aina Campaign

By Samantha Taylor

April 1st marked another successful Trilogy Excursions Blue`aina trip with the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary as this month's recipient of the money donated by guests. Blue`aina is a program that promotes awareness and community action. The first Saturday or Sunday of each month, Trilogy Excursions donates use of their boat, employees and the fuel for a reef and beach clean-up. Interested people sail on the Trilogy, give a \$20.00 donation, participate in the clean-up effort and are treated to a snorkel and luncheon. This is one of the best snorkel deals on Maui and is an opportunity for sanctuary volunteers to enjoy what we work to preserve. All donations collected on the Blue`aina trips benefit various non-profit organizations.

The mission of this month's trip was to clean the reef and beach as well as to set three buoys. Many sanctuary volunteers attended. Some volunteers saw honu and many heard the songs of the humpbacks as we looked in the ocean for marine debris. We were treated to the humpback's antics as we enjoyed a delicious luncheon, which was arranged by Judy Lauridsen and Bo Petty. The trip raised \$1190.00 for the Sanctuary and brought community awareness to our cause.

If you have not had the opportunity to go, you can email for a reservation for next month's Blue`aina trip at cnielsen@sailtrilogy.com or through their facebook page at www.facebook.com/blueaina. It is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to enjoy each other's company and the ocean while raising money for various non-profit organizations.

Special thanks for the banana bread and cookies donated by Old Lahaina Luau.

NOAA's Earth Day Outreach

By Samantha Taylor

April 22 was Earth Day, a chance for non-profit organizations involved with the environment to come together in an effort to educate and inform while enjoying the glorious Maui springtime. NOAA was at two outreach events on Saturday April 14, The Maui Nui Botanical Gardens and the Keiki Festival at Maui Community College. We were also at Whole Foods for a final Earth Day celebration on Saturday April 21.

The Earth Day booth at the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens was organized by Jeep Dunning while Larry Boyson set up at the booth for the Keiki Festival. Both Earth Day events were an excellent opportunity to pass out the new NOAA brochures and to encourage the public to come and enjoy the remodeled Visitor Center which is now open on South Kihei Road. Once again we reached hundreds of people at these events. Our lucky outreach volunteers not only educate the public, they get the added benefit of enjoying events and festivals all over our island as well. All volunteers should take advantage of this chance to enjoy themselves.



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MAY 2012

South Maui Events in **Brown * West Maui Events in **Blue** **

South Maui

*Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
726 South Kihei Road,
Kihei, HI 96753 (808) 879-2818*

West Maui

*Whaler Village Shopping Center - Whalers Museum
2435 Ka'anapali Parkway
Lahaina, HI 96761 (808) 661-4567*

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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