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Maui's Volunteer Newsletter

Kahekili Birthday Bash

Sunday, July 28, marked the four year anniversary of the establishment of the Kahekili Herbivore Enhancement area at Kahekili. It was an exciting event with many environmental organizations participating in the learning displays. The Sanctuary had an outreach table where those who visited the table could color or stamp print their own coral reef hat. Here are volunteers Mike Rineer, Jeep Dunning, Larry Boysen in his coral hat, and Linda Tesar-Amimoto enjoying the beautiful day at the event.

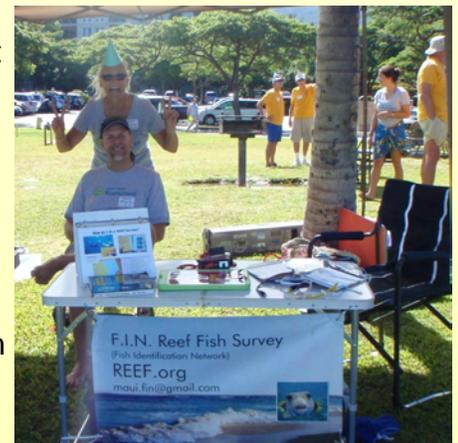


Liz Foot and Tova Callender organized the bash which included so many exciting events. There was a culinary contest with entrants making food that represented the theme, Ridge to Reef. Here is a photo of one of the winning entries by Darlene Wallace made mostly from shaped rice crispies and icing. After the contest, those that attended got to eat the entries as well as other lunch foods. Delicious.



There was the first limu (seaweed) eating contest to ever be held on Maui. Each contestant was given a 1 1/4 pounds of limu salad to eat with the first to finish being the winner. Our own Sanctuary staff member, Ka`au, won easily as you can see him on the far left with an empty plate as others aren't half finished.

Many of our Sanctuary volunteers participate in a snorkeling/diving club called FIN (Fish Identification Network). The FIN group also had a table set up and Mark Miller and Linda Tesar-Amimoto are seen there. The FIN group is an open club that meets once a month and does reef fish surveys and records the data on the internet. If you are interested in more information go to Fish Identification Network page on Facebook.



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Sanctuary Classic Celebration at Kihei Site

On Saturday, July 27, the Kihei Sanctuary site was active with representatives from several organizations participating in the celebration of the Sanctuary Classic. Please see the article on page 5 of this newsletter for information on the Classic.



The Gyotaku painting table was very popular with both adults and children as shown with volunteers Larry Boysen admiring the art work and Bryan Batchelder helping a young boy with technique.



Luka Mossman has been spearheading the Sanctuary Classic program and we were grateful that he was able to attend and help out at our event.



Luka Mossman and Kirsten Lewis assist visitors.

The little ones had a great time doing the Gyotaku. Linda Tesar-Amamoto assisted.

We were also grateful to have Skippy Hou from Hawaii Division of Aquatics, Ed Lyman of the Whale Disentanglement team, and Matt Ramsey from Division of Land and Natural Resources attending to give important information to the visitors. (Not pictured.)



Liz Bogdanski assists a little girl to learn proper catch size as she tries to catch a fish.



Steve Downey assists a child at her last stop which was the fishing for prizes table..

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Hawaii Leadership Innovation in Philippines

Maui Island Coordinator Ka'au Abraham recently returned after participating in a Hawaii Leaders Innovation Trip to the Philippines along with leaders from several Native Hawaiian communities. Ka'au recently shared with staff during a presentation that there was much learned from this experience and how the sanctuary program may look at effectively reaching other ethnic make-up in Hawai'i. The group was exposed to relevant and innovative social activities in the Philippines as a way to expand the scope of program design to outreach in Hawai'i. The entire group traveled to and throughout the Philippines with the Consuelo Foundation (CF). The group also visited several educational facilities. They learned more about innovative ways of incorporating new skills and entrepreneurial opportunities within education. For example, using aquaculture as a way to teach not just about plants, fish or processes but about teaching life skills.

The group supported local crafters, entrepreneurs, and innovative groups by purchasing locally-made items. The group also presented donations of school supplies, back packs, and monetary donations to several groups along the way. Thank you to some of our volunteers for contributing after hearing of this endeavor. Salamat Po, Mahalo, Thank you.

The photo shows school staff and students in Calauan, Laguna, Philippines humbly accepting gifts of backpacks, rain ponchos and school supplies.

From the left) Ed Sevilla (Calauan), Jon Matsuoka (CF), Sister Rose (Calauan), Mia Castro (CF), Father Salvador Paablo (Calauan)



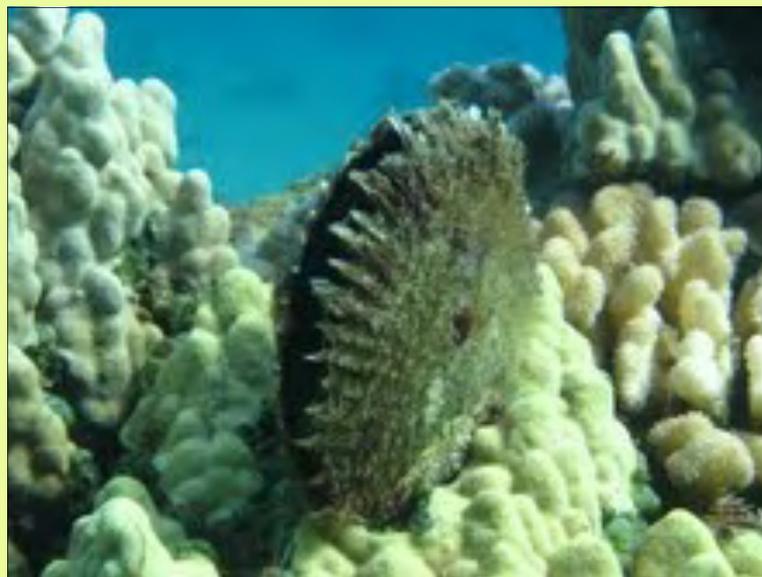
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Black-Lipped Pearl Oyster

Article and photo by Serena Neff

Pinctada margaritifera (Linnaeus 1758)

Hawaiian: pa



Best known as the creator of the Tahitian Black Pearl, the Black-Lipped Pearl Oyster is protected against harvesting in Hawaiian waters; and truth be told, few wild oysters of this species contain the much sought after pearl. Using byssal threads, these oysters attach to coral or rock

and often sit upright for optimal filter feeding. As suspension feeders, this species is capable of surviving well in waters low in phytoplankton; ocean temperatures above 35°C are deadly for larvae. The black-lipped pearl oysters can grow up to one foot wide yet are most commonly seen at a size of about 5 inches. If you look closely, you may find a commensal shrimp or pearl fish living within the oyster's shell. Defining characteristics for this species include the dark edge to the shell, the shells' ridged projections, and a generally larger size. In hopes of reviving historically depleted stocks of the black-lipped pearl oyster, some cultured larvae have been released around the Hawaiian Islands.

Blue`Aina August 11

The Blue`aina boatripe for August is planned to go to Honolua Bay. If you do not have a ticket for the boat you can still enjoy a free lunch aboard the boat by participating in a Beach Clean-up at Honolua Bay. Bags will be provided for volunteers to use to clean up the beach, then, they can swim out to the boat between 9-10:30 AM and enjoy a free lunch. Honolua Bay is a wonderful beach for snorkeling and you can have a nice swim and snorkel before or after visiting the boat. This trip is sold out but there will be one or two trips per month in the future. Reservations can be made by calling the Visitor Center at the Sanctuary the Monday after the previous month's trip is complete. It is a popular activity with snorkeling and our water quality volunteers do a demonstration on each trip. If you haven't tried it, do so, you will probably enjoy it.

Visitor Center Scheduling

Bob Ragains will be doing the scheduling for volunteers wanting to schedule time at the Visitor Center. If you are a volunteer and want to get some time there, please, contact Bob at rragains@hotmail.com.

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Sanctuary Classic 2013

Statewide Sanctuary Classic Youth and Family Fishing Photo Contest

The Sanctuary Classic in Hawai'i promotes safe and pono (responsible) fishing practices and perpetuates the transfer of knowledge to sustain our marine resources from one generation to the next. This free event aims to further connect fishers, communities and families with the marine resources.

The Sportfishing Conservancy is awarding weekly cash prizes, based on online voting, for the best photos from across the country that show fishing in a national marine sanctuary or adjacent waters. At the end of the summer additional \$1000 prize scholarships will be awarded for the four pictures that best exemplify youth fishing, family fishing, or conservation in a sanctuary. All participants are required to follow best practices [guidelines](#) and federal, state and local regulations.

For information on the 2013 Sanctuary Classic and how to enter, visit: www.sanctuaryclassic.org.

The sanctuary and Conservation International's Hawai'i Fish Trust in partnership with the Sportfishing Conservancy, are hosting the 2013 Sanctuary Classic – a free fishing photo contest designed to promote recreational opportunities and reward sustainable fishing in America's National Marine Sanctuaries. The nationwide contest opened on World Oceans Day, June 8, and ends on Labor Day, Sept. 2.

Celebrate Historic Lahaina

In Maui, join the sanctuary, the Lahaina Yacht Club, the Hawai'i Fish Trust and others to learn about fishing during the "Celebrate Historic Lahaina" event. Take part in Sanctuary Classic activities including keiki fishing, barbless hook-making, giveaways, throw net practice, and marine art activities. The event will be held at Lahaina Harbor and Banyan Tree Park. In addition, there will be free kids art activities and hands on art projects, an arts fair, Hawaiian music and entertainment, free sailboat rides, surf contest, hands on Hawaiian cultural demonstrations, traditional Hawaiian food tasting booth, historic walking tours, Mo'olele - double hulled Hawaiian sailing canoe, Hawaiian games and more!

On **Friday, August, 23**, will be the grand opening of the NOAA exhibits and the reopening of the Lahaina Heritage Museum in the Old Lahaina Courthouse from 6 to 9 PM. Then on **August 24 from 10 AM until 3 PM** will be the big celebration in Lahaina to mark the completion of the IMAGINE community planning process for the Lahaina Harbor area and to celebrate the opening of the NOAA exhibits. These events are free and open to the public to enjoy.

There will be tours of the new exhibits and interactive displays. There are many photos showing the history of Lahaina and a new video theatre where videos about Hawaiian history and culture will be shown. An interactive map will show key points of interest around Maui. There is a display kiosk with information about our Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Displays show protection of marine animals and marine resources.

There will be a Junior Sailing Program including free sails on a 30 foot sailboat. There will be guided walking tours of Lahaina and the third annual Grom Surf Bash will be held on the ocean in front of the library.

For more information visit: www.lahainarestoration.org

Don't miss this exciting day and plan to help out by taking a volunteer slot. Watch for emails about scheduling your volunteer time for these events.



Old Lahaina Courthouse

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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*

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*Outreach events: contact Jeep Dunning to volunteer at : mauijeep@gmail.com</p>		<p>*Aug. 15 Cheryl King talk on Palmyra Atoll "Where the Wild Things STILL Are"</p>		<p>1 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei</p>	<p>2 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1 PM Lahaina</p>	<p>3 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 *Outreach at Maui Ocean Center</p>	<p>6 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei</p>	<p>9 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina</p>	<p>10 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina</p>
<p>11 Blue `Aina Lahaina (See P. 5)</p>	<p>12 *Outreach at Maui Ocean Center</p>	<p>13 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 45 Ton Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei *Palmyra Talk</p>	<p>16 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina</p>	<p>17 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina</p>
<p>18 *Whole Foods Outreach</p>	<p>19 *Outreach at Maui Ocean Center</p>	<p>20 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei</p>	<p>21 Volunteer Meeting Potluck 6-8PM Kihei</p>	<p>22 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei</p>	<p>23 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina</p>	<p>24 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 1PM Lahaina *Celebrate Historic Lahaina 10AM-3PM</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 *Outreach at Maui Ocean Center</p>	<p>27 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 *Turtle Release Outreach</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>