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2019 Arbor Day Garden Expo and Tree Giveaway on Nov. 2

KAHULUI, Oct. 25, 2019 – Pick up a free native tree, enjoy keiki activities, hear from guest speakers and participate in Hawaiian cultural practices at the 2019 Arbor Day Garden Expo and Tree Giveaway on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens (150 Kanaloa St., Kahului).

During this free event, 1,000 Hawaiian trees will be given away, one per person of any age, until supplies last. Local nurseries will also be selling native and non-native plants.

Guest speakers include Ken Love from Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers on Hawai'i Island, Ryan Anderson with Upcountry Apiaries, who will be speaking on honey bees in Hawai'i, and Tim Griffith, County of Maui Arborist, who will share about tree care.

Conservation, cultural, and community organizations, including landscape industry vendors, will be on hand with various planting information while attendees can also participate in free activities, such as lei making, Makahiki games, lauhala bracelet weaving, and kapa making. Keiki are also invited to learn about growing a garden and can pot up an additional plant to take home.

During the event, the annual Mālama I ka 'Āina Award will be presented by Maui Invasive Species Committee, Maui Association of Landscape Professionals, and the County of Maui. This award is presented annually to a landscaper, plant provider, commercial agricultural property owner or manager, to recognize their efforts to keep invasive species out of Maui County.

This year, the Garden Expo and Tree Giveaway is a merging of two events – Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Giveaway and the Maui Association of Landscape Professionals' Maui Garden Expo.

This event is sponsored by Maui Electric Company, the County of Maui Office of Economic Development, Maui Association of Landscape Professionals, the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Maui County Farm Bureau, ISI Hawaii, and the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

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