

New Partners join the Fleming Arboretum

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Fleming Arboretum Workday Saturday May 20 was organized by Maui Green & Beautiful (MG&B), formally the Maui Outdoor Circle. The light late morning shower only invigorated the participants, a welcome reprieve from down country early summer heat. Volunteers completed weeding a 250 foot windbreak of an established native Mock Orange- Alahee trees for new plantings of Ohia trees and Aalii understory.

MG&B will return in August to maintain and add new planting to their newly adopted forest. The partnership parallels MG&B's mission of preservation/ conservation of nature, networking with other community and environmental groups.

Community group partners return seasonally to weed, fertilize, add new plants and apply mulch, replacing non-native plants with a complete cover of upper, middle, lower story native forest. The Arboretum's Community Work day and Adopt a Forest programs involve the community in preservation and restoration of Hawaii's most valuable resource: the native forest ecosystems with diverse layers of plants cooling the soil with shade, holding moisture attracting and regenerating rain. Nature created a way of survival way before man arrived on earth- the native forest ecosystem for sustainability of life on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

To volunteer for the MG&B August Workday at the Fleming Arboretum, go to www.mauibeautiful for contact information.



Tractor buckets of wood chip mulch, tools and bags of chicken manure fertilizer are delivered by David Moran and 4 wheel drive loader.



Volunteers weed a 250 foot windbreak of an established native Mock Orange- Alahee trees for new plantings of Ohia trees and Aalii under-story.



Volunteer Quality Patrol checks on workers during break .



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MG&B President Elaine Molina (second from left), Directors and Team Leaders gather for a picnic lunch at the Puu Mahoe cabin, treated with infinite views of Maui's Southern coast and horizon.

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