



University of Hawai'i Master Gardener Program

Aloha Lorraine

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An Aloha and Appreciation luncheon was held at the Dunes at Maui Lani, Dec. 3, 2014 to bid Lorraine Brooks a fond farewell and best wishes on her future endeavors. Lorraine will be sorely missed by the Maui Master Gardeners. She was very hardworking and possessed a pleasant infectious laugh that everyone will miss dearly. Lorraine started with us on Feb. 1, 2012. She came to us from Cornell University Cooperative Extension in New York. Her last day on the job was November 26, 2014. We wish a bright future for her in Oregon.



Lorraine coordinated the 2013 and 2014 Master Gardener Educational classes which started with approximately 45 students in each class. With Lorraine's leadership, the able assistance of the Master Gardeners Advisory Board and in cooperation with Jayme Grzebik, State Coordinator, Maui successfully hosted the statewide Master Gardener Conference this past October. In addition, Lorraine also coordinated the introduction of the Maui Master Gardener Apiary project and helped the beekeeping class with their first honey harvest in September. Lorraine also introduced fruit fly education classes/and added additional community educational classes and other projects successfully with the many hands of dedicated Master Gardener volunteers.



As a result of Lorraine's leadership, along with Merry Tamashiro's great crew, we now have a well designed – (work in progress) beautiful Educational garden with a Gazebo to add beauty and comfort. The Gazebo was donated to our Garden by our Aquaponic's neighbor coordinator, Susan Miller. Lorraine sustained a vibrant, well coordinated and functioning Master Gardening program on Maui. She will be sorely missed by her Co-Workers at CES Extension and the Maui Master Gardeners.

Aloha and Best Wishes to Lorraine.