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Emeritus M.G.s Named

A late afternoon event was held on 14 June 2014 to celebrate the naming of new Emeritus M.G.s and the certification of new M.G.s from the class of 2013 and re-certification of existing M.G.s. This event, sponsored by the Oahu M.G. Executive Committee, was held in the Rose Garden. Guests enjoyed ono pupu and wine and then a celebratory cake to finish the evening.

Various individual M.G.s were honored for their outstanding contributions during the year, as were several of the Hui. The gardening public is fortunate to have these dedicated volunteers ready and able to assist them.



Pictured: New Emeritus Master Gardeners: Terri Langley, Jessie Kojiro, Craig Ball, Robert Seronio, Candice Tan, Gail Ogino and Amy Teves. **Not Pictured:** Barbara Alexander, Catherine Ano, Stuart Ball, Roger Olegario and David Morihara.



Reaching Out to the Community

The mission of O'ahu Master Gardeners is to help the gardening community with research-based solutions. One of O'ahu's M.G.s has taken that mission to heart. O'ahu M.G. Ilima Ho-Lastimoso, along with 3 others, co-founded Ho'oulu Pacific

(<http://www.hooulupacific.org/>), whose name says it all: "to grow" and "to Inspire". The mission statement of this organization is: "Improve self-sufficiency and holistic health in the Pacific Islands and around the world through innovations in farming and distributed agriculture."

Ho'oulu Pacific believes that an affordable, reliable supply of nutritious food is the foundation for a healthy community. To that end, they have worked with Waimanalo residents in a

pilot program that has seen 70 backyard aquaponic systems installed. More than 50 different vegetables, fruit and fish are growing in these systems, including traditional Pacific Island crops of taro, sweet potato and yams.

"The backyard aquaponics system is our new-fangled ahupua'a system" according to Ilima. This is a workable alternative since there's "too much stuff in the way" for the traditional ahupua'a system of mountain headwaters to coastal delta to work today.

These aquaponics systems are now generating more produce than the families can use. That is where another part of the community-based concept comes into play. Ho'oulu has worked with community partners and the excess produce is now available at the Waimanalo Market Co-op. on Kalaniana'ole Hwy.

from TH- SU from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m..

Ho'oulu was recognized this year and won top honors & prize money at Chaminade's Hogan Entrepreneurs/ASB Non-Profit Plan Competition as well as winning a cash prize as a finalist in the national Agricultural Innovation Prize at Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison. This is an impressive achievement for a group that was founded a mere two years ago.

If you would like to become involved with this community organization, please contact Ilima @: godscountrywaimanalo@gmail.com

Please put: **"Aquaponics"** on the subject line.



Virologists Visit The UGC Orchard

On 30th May 2014, a group of virologists, in town for a W.E.R.A. (Washington Educational Research Association) Conference, visited The UGC Orchard in search of diseases. M.G.s B. Alexander and K. Ano led the group of 18 Conference attendees along with Mike Melzer of U-H.

These visitors were from all over the U.S.A. and Canada and they were very interested in the variety of tropical fruit trees in the orchard. They did find evidence of the tristeza virus on some of the citrus trees, but overall, they found a healthy orchard. Virus-hunting aside, they especially enjoyed tasting some of the fruits that either

“reminded them of home” or were fruits they had never encountered.

We enjoyed sharing the wonderful asset that the orchard is to the community with these visitors.

Our Place in the Organization

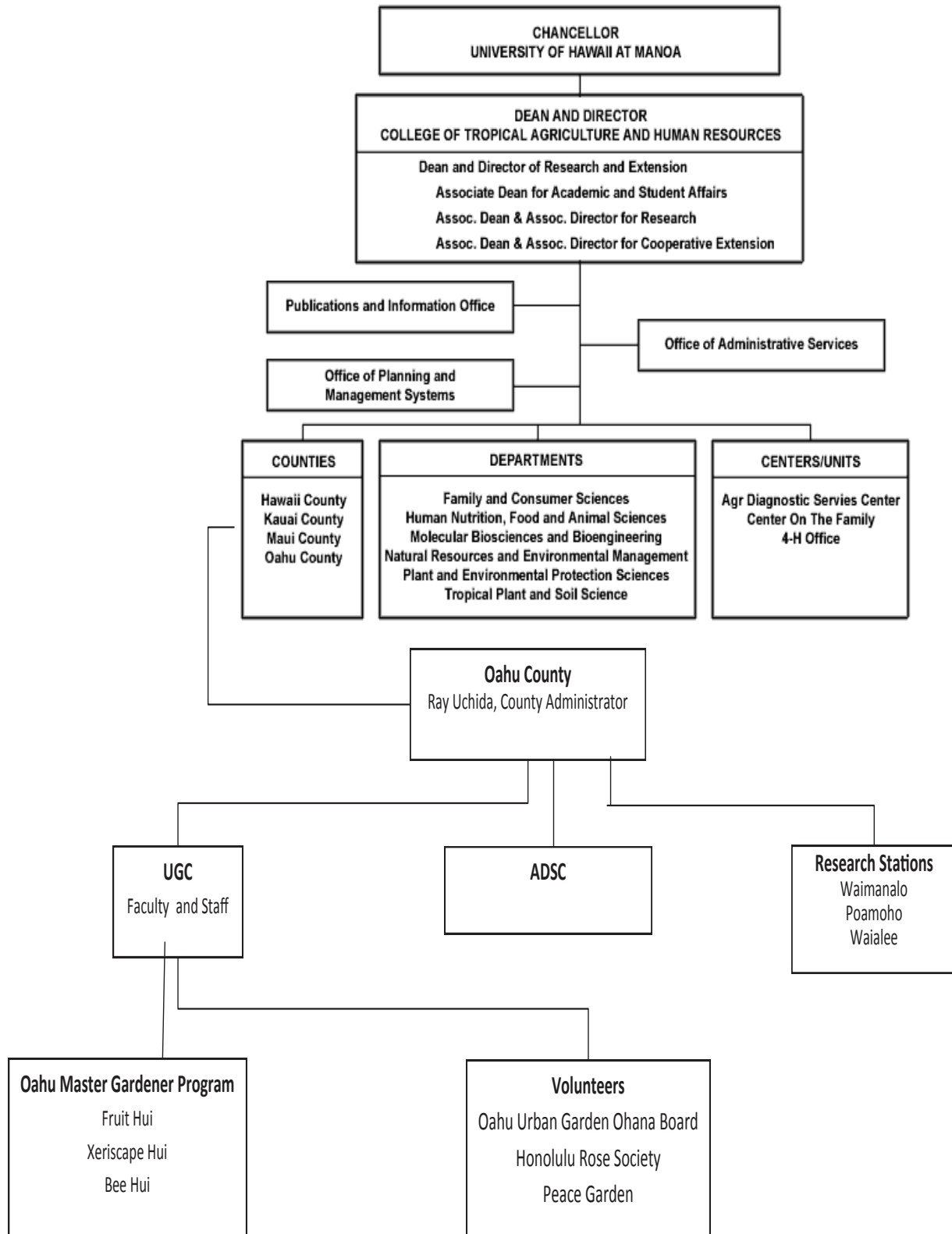
Volunteers at The UGC come for a variety of reasons. These dedicated volunteers do so much for the UGC. Often they focus on their tasks and do not think about where they fit within the overall organization that is CTAHR/Cooperative Extension/The Urban Garden Center.

The following two charts will help put our place in the organization in perspective. The first chart shows the UH organization chart for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (“CTAHR”). The second chart shows more detail of CTAHR’s

Cooperative Extension and, specifically, The UGC.

The UGC organization is most grateful to all volunteers and their many contributions of time and talents.

Mahalo!



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MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Annual M.G. Training Class
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 M.G. Helpline Office & Plant Question Booth(s)
Hui:
 Bee Grafting Organic
 Compost & Worm Hawaiian Ecosystem School Garden
 Edible Garden Herb Sprouts
 Fruit Medicinal Botanicals Xeriscap

O'ahu Master Gardener Assoc.

Certification Programs:
 School Garden Storm Water Management

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

O'ahu Urban Garden Ohana Board
 Honolulu Rose Society
 Peace Garden
 UGC Garden Docents

2014 Master Gardener Class Completes Training



On 30 May 2014 the 41 students in the 2014 M.G. class wrapped up their training with a morning of class presentations and celebration. There were five class projects:

- ~ Observation Bee Hive
- ~ Vertical Wall Garden enhanced with pollinator friendly plants
- ~ Irrigation Team
- ~ Worm Bin Enhancement
- ~ Medicinal Garden Group

and each group made a presentation of their project.

We look forward to welcoming these Intern M.G.s to the M.G. Helpline and the other areas in which they can volunteer at The UGC.

Thanks to all who submitted photos, articles & information. We appreciate all who contribute to sharing their volunteer activities with other volunteers at The UGC.

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We would like your help!

When you participate in an activity at The UGC or volunteer for one of the off-site events, please share your experiences and photos.

Some of these events are held annually and hearing about your experience will, hopefully, generate interest for future volunteers to participate.

With DETAILS from you, we can put together an article for the “News From The UGC” newsletter.

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