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Invitation to the UH MG Program 2018-2019

Aloha O'ahu Community Member,

Thank you for your interest in the University of Hawai'i Master Gardener (UH MG) Program on O'ahu, a Volunteer Program of the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources & UH Cooperative Extension Service.

The UH Master Gardener Program on Oahu hosts its introductory training class every Friday (except holidays), 9AM -12PM from January 2018 – May 2018. Please read through this invitation carefully before confirming your interest with us. This program depends on your volunteer commitment to fulfill your certification. If accepted into the program as a volunteer of the University of Hawai'i Master Gardener Program, you will be expected to sign a contract with us to fulfill **50 volunteer hours** within the **first year** of completing the training course (**June 2018-May 2019**).

In exchange for volunteer hours, Master Gardeners receive a minimum of 42 hours of tropical horticultural training provided by University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH CTAHR) faculty, Extension Specialists, County Extension Agents and recognized horticultural leaders in the community. Extension Master Gardeners experience the camaraderie of learning and working with experienced gardeners.

Your commitment includes:

- Attendance to all scheduled training sessions
- Achievement of 80% or higher cumulative average on all exams (total of 3 exams)
- Completion of class project
- Signed contract agreement to serve 50 hours to the O'ahu Master Gardener Program within your first year of completing the training course.
- Course fee for materials and Master Gardener Manual \$TBD

The Master Gardener application process involves:

- 1) Please confirm your interest with us after reading through this invitation. We send out applications to those listed in our database in October 2017.
- 2) We will contact you to schedule an in-person interview to assess your interest of the program and to offer you time to ask questions of us about the opportunities in the UH Master Gardener program.
- 3) After the interview process is complete, we contact you in December of your acceptance.
- 4) Enrollment is limited and decisions of your acceptance are made by assessing the needs of the O'ahu Master Gardener Program.

To confirm your interest, please send your contact information (full name, mailing address, and phone number) to kalanitm@hawaii.edu

Thank you again for your interest. We are excited to meet with you.

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