



# Cooperative Extension Service

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources  
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# WAIMANALO TARO COLLECTION

# 2008-2013



# MAHALO

We would like to say a special MAHALO to Jerry Konanui and Penny Levin of *E kūpaku ka 'āina*, for graciously donating their time each year to travel to Oahu to verify the CTAHR taro germplasm collection at Waimānalo. Thank you to Roger Corrales and Waimānalo Research Station crew, Alton Arakaki of the Molokai Experiment Station, Kauai Experiment Station, Ernest Tottori of Honolulu Poi Company, Waimea Valley, Anthony Deluze, John Cho, Eduardo Trujillo, and Clifford Wong, for the taro germplasm which makes up the 74 variety collection at Waimānalo.



## TODAY'S AGENDA

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- 1:45 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.**      **Registration and Agricultural Tradeshow**  
(USDA FSA, HDOA Marketing and Pesticide Branches, Hawaii Farm Bureau, CTAHR Aquaponics, CTAHR Office of Communication Services)
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- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **A Hawaiian welcome by Kumu Kalani and Waimānalo students, Jari Sugano / Ted Radovich-Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program (SOAP) / Local and Immigrant Farmer Education (LIFE) event organizers, and Dean Maria Gallo**  
  
**History of the Taro (Kalo) Collection at Waimānalo and Kalo ID 101**  
Jari Sugano, Alton Arakaki (CTAHR County Extension Agent-Oahu and Molokai), and Jerry Konanui, Kalo mahi'ai (farmer) and statewide taro expert
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- 2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.**      **Introduction of the Taro Task and Purity Force**  
Dr. Carl Evensen (CTAHR Interim Associate Dean of Extension)
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- 2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**      **Taro Bio Security: Phytosanitation and Apple Snails Infestation Prevention**  
Penny Levin of *E kūpaku ka 'āina*
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- 2:50 p.m. -3:00 p.m.**      **Overview of Conventional Breeding in Taro**  
Dr. Susan Miyasaka (CTAHR Agronomist)
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- 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.**      **Composting Invasive Seaweed**  
Fred Reppun (Hui Ulu Mea 'Ai in partnership with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii)
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- 3:10 p.m. 3:40 p.m.**      **TRADESHOW BREAK**  
Observe different taro varieties in the collection, watch Kui Kalo (taro pounding) demonstration by Oahu kalo mahi'ai, Anthony Deluze and Hui Mālama O Ke Kai - community members, visits with agricultural agencies (USDA FSA, HDOA Marketing and Pesticide Branches, Hawaii Farm Bureau, & CTAHR), then transition over to the organic taro plots
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- 3:40 p.m.-3:50 p.m.**      **Sustainable Dry-land Taro Production Strategies**  
Glenn Teves (CTAHR County Extension Agent-Molokai & Taro Task Force Member)
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- 3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**      **Management of Organic Taro Collection at Waimānalo**  
Dr. Ted Radovich (CTAHR Associate Professor of Sustainable and Organic Agriculture)