

O'AHU SEED BASIC WORKSHOP FOR FARMERS & GARDENERS



**Saturday, March 24th & Sunday March 25th at the
University of Hawai'i Lyon Arboretum**

**Monday March 26th, an optional farm tour with Dr. James Brewbaker at the Waimanalo Farm
and Hawai'i Foundation Seed Lab (HFS), Waimanalo Station.**

**Cost of the workshop is \$50 for all 3 days. This includes a Seed Manual, lunch on Saturday & Sunday
and the optional farm tour on Monday.**

Registration deadline is March 19, 2012. Space is limited to 30 participants.

These two-day workshops are designed to create a practical working knowledge of seed growing, botany and biology, plant selection, seed harvesting, cleaning, and saving. Lecture presentations and hands-on fieldwork will focus on growing lettuce and tomato to seed and taro propagation. Participants will be able to practice harvesting and cleaning seed as well as learn how to select, prepare and, store fresh seed. Strategies to account for differences in elevation, weather patterns, and rainfall and disease resistance will also be discussed.

Optional Farm Tour: Dr. James Brewbaker will share with us some of the knowledge attained through five decades of careful classical plant breeding. We will tour the unique varieties he has growing in the field and visit his extensive seed storage collection he has developed through the years. We will then have the opportunity to tour other projects on the farm.

Following the farm tour we have invited Dr. Brewbaker for lunch at Sweet Home Waimanalo. The cost of this lunch is not included in the workshop fee. Each person would pay their own cost. If you would like to join us please RSVP to Lyn Howe <mailto:seedproject@kohalacenter.org>.

O'AHU PRESENTERS WILL INCLUDE:

- *Hector Valenzuela, Ph.D., CTAHR Extension - Vegetable specialist.*
- *Russell Nagata, Ph.D., CTAHR County of Hawai'i Extension Administrator- Lettuce propagation and seed production specialist.*
- *Glenn Teves, CTAHR Moloka'i Extension Office - taro and tomato propagation specialist.*
- *Alvin Yoshinaga, Seed Conservation Laboratory-Restoration Ecologist at UH Mānoa - seed storage.* Recently retired, we are pleased he will be on the island to share his wealth of knowledge.

Five youth Scholarships will be offered to students interested in agriculture from grade 11-college level. We encourage the teachers on the island to notify their students about this opportunity.

*For more information about these workshops contact Lyn Howe at; <mailto:seedproject@kohalacenter.org>
Online payment, registration and scholarship forms can be downloaded at:
<http://www.kohalacenter.org/seedbasicsworkshop/about.html>*