

## Come and join us for the 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN FAIR, Saturday, April 8, 2017 - 9:30am-2:00pm at the Kauai Community College front lawn.

Hosted by the Kauai County Farm Bureau (KCFB) and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources (CTAHR), the annual Kauai Garden Fair is one of the largest gatherings of green thumbs on Kauai, and a great way to see and share the bounty of the island firsthand.

The Fair will be buzzing with gardeners, suppliers, garden lovers and consumers there to shop for a wide variety of plants, landscape products and equipment, and to find out the latest gardening information and tips. A wide variety of tropical plants, flowers, produce and seeds will be available for purchase representing farmers, nurseries and organizations from around the island.

The theme of this year's Garden Fair is **The Island Homestead**. Local veterinarian Caroline Olausen will be our guest speaker discussing small animal health on the homestead. Also on stage will be CTAHR Kauai Extension agents Josh Silva (discussing compost and healthy soils), Laura Kawamura (nutrition from the garden), Kathryn Fiedler (homestead food safety), Richard Ebesu (insect pests and plant diseases), and the Kauai Invasive Species Committee (Planting Pono), and 4H presentations on how to make environmentally friendly newspaper pots; as well as a demonstration of hoof care for goats and lambs.

Each year at the spring Garden Fair we provide a preview of the theme for the summer Farm Fair, also hosted by the Kauai County Farm Bureau. This summer's 2017 Annual Fruit and Vegetable Show will have a special prize category for the **best eggplant** (of any variety). We will also have a special Youth Division in the Fruit and Vegetable Show, with dedicated prize money for those 15 years old and under.

At this year's Garden Fair, CTAHR's volunteer Master Gardeners will be giving away **free samples of eggplant seeds** for you to plant and tend and harvest in your home garden. Feel free to use our seeds, or use your own special varieties. Try your hand at growing eggplants at home, and enter your best produce to win prizes at the summer Farm Fair.

See you at the Garden Fair!

