

## Everything you wanted to know about Ohia...& More !!!



On June 17, 2006 the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens will hold a classroom presentation and mini-plant sale at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens on Ohia lehua. This event will be more than a class about growing Ohia and will look at the many different aspects of this beautiful and significant plant.

This seminar will explore the importance of Ohia in the Hawaiian culture, as it relates to music, dance and legends. Kumu Hula Michael Casupang and Karl Veto Baker from Halau I Ka Wekiu, will present songs and dance as it relates to Ohia, Native propagator Dennis Kim will present information on propagating, growing and caring for Ohia, and a visual presentation on the many different forms of liko and flowers will be made by Nathan Yuen a noted naturalist photographer. Mr. Bill Char will present the final segment on how Ohia is used in lei making, followed by small group demonstrations.

Capping off this event, will be a mini-native plant sale that will highlight Ohia. A new giant form of Ukiuki and four new Kokio cultivars of Hibiscus St. Johnianus will also be available for the first time at this event. The colors range from a salmon orange, to a florescent dark orange, and.....a beautiful light pink. These hibiscuses are vigorous vertical growers that can be planted in narrow spaces.

Registration begins at 9:00am with the class starting at 9:30, and the plant and photograph sale from 11:00 to 12:00. Seating is limited to the first 100, and prior registration through the Friend's office at is highly recommended.

Make checks payable to: The Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens  
180 North King Street, Honolulu 96817  
\$20.00 for Members; \$25.00 for non-members  
Receipt of your check, on a first come, first serve basis, confirms your registration.  
For more information, call the Friend's office at 537-1708