

FRIENDS OF MAUI BOTANICAL GARDENS

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 1983

RARE PLANT SANCTUARY

Through the efforts of the Friends and with the cooperation of Maui Land and Pine Company, a Rare Plant Sanctuary is being established in West Maui. An area has been set aside for low cost above one of the pineapple fields in Kahana area. The sanctuary is on an isolated ridge and fairly well protected from wild pigs and cattle. The vestiges of native plants are already there. In this natural setting it is hoped that threatened native species can be propagated. The Friends have used a donation from the Mary C. Neal Memorial Fund to purchase hand tools to be used for the project.

\* \* \* WORK PROJECT FOR RARE PLANT SANCTUARY \* \* \*

Lend your hands in kokua to the Sanctuary in a work party planned for September. Bring your tools and meet at the Maui Zoo and Botanical Gardens at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11, 1983. Four wheel drive vehicles are needed for access to the area. If you can help and/or provide a four wheel drive vehicle, please call Mary Evanson at 572-9724 and plan to come. Many hands make light work!!

MONTHLY MEETINGS \*\* DUES

Members meet at the Botanical Garden the first Thursday of every month at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch and participate in the activities of your group!

If you have not paid dues for 1983, please send your \$5 to the Friends at P. O. Box 5046, Kahului, Hawaii 96732.

AMPHITHEATRE

In a colorful celebration ceremony and program on August 2, 1983 the amphitheatre was dedicated. The affair showed what a truly beautiful setting that has been created and which can serve many uses for the community. Already a group used the facility and a partial donation of the receipts went for charity. Other requests for the use of it are coming. Plans are underway for the provision of permanent electrical wiring to service the area. Rules and regulations governing the use of the amphitheatre have been drafted by an ad hoc committee from the Friends. These conform to the new county ordinance and have been submitted to the county for their approval.

If you haven't seen the amphitheatre, you are in for a real treat. Come visit it and admire the results of the energies of Rene and many volunteers!!