



## BISHOP MUSEUM

### AMY B. H. GREENWELL ETHNOBOTANICAL GARDEN

#### FACT SHEET

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Amy B. H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden supports Hawaiian cultural traditions of land use and plants and conserves the plant resources of traditional Hawaiian cultural activities. Established in 1974 by a bequest from Amy B. H. Greenwell, the Garden first opened to the public in 1988 and is staffed by four full-time gardeners. The 15-acre Bishop Museum site features a nursery, accessible restrooms, and a landscape of more than 200 species of native plants and Polynesian crops. These are plants that grew on the traditional farms and native forests of Kona before Captain Cook arrived in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. There are endemic, indigenous, and Polynesian introduced plants. These include the important plants in Hawaiian culture such as taro and kukui, and scores of rare and endangered native species such as the beautiful koki'o.

The Garden landscape reflects four zones of a typical Kona *Ahupua'a* (land division): coastal, dry forest, agricultural, and upland forest. The plants on the upper five acres of the Garden grow among archaeological features from the Kona Field System, a 50-square mile network of farms and gardens that dominated the landscape in the time before foreign contact.

Amy Greenwell Garden has a staff of four and offers a range of educational opportunities for adults and children alike, including self-guided and guided tours, workshops, internships, outreach programs, and special events, all of which reach nearly 14,000 people per year. In addition, the Garden has an active program of growing and distributing native plants, and takes part in habitat restoration programs, plant sales, and plant conservation. Over 5000 plants from Garden nursery were distributed throughout the community through these means in 2007

**ADMISSION:** Suggested donation is \$4.

**TOURS:** Most self-guided visitors spend a half-hour to an hour at the Garden. There are panels around a short looping trail at the center of the garden. Plants throughout the garden have labels that explore their customary uses. Graveled trails make most of the Garden easy walking. However, the trail to the upland forest

is steep. Visitors may wish to bring sunscreen, hats, water, and mosquito lotion. Guided Tours are offered on Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. and on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

In 2008, the Garden will open a new visitor center with parking, restrooms, educational and interpretive displays and gift shop.

**SCHOOL TOURS:** Teachers or students may call or email to arrange a class visit to the Garden. Classes may take part in guided tours, service learning, or workshops on their visits to the Garden. Visitors may wish to bring sunscreen, hats, water, and mosquito lotion.

**SCHOOL TOURS ADMISSION:** The 1.5 hour tour is \$3 for Hawai'i resident students, or \$5 each for non-resident students. Teachers and adult chaperones are free. The fee for a 2.5 -hour tour is \$6 for Hawai'i resident students; \$10 for non-resident students. Service learning experiences are free. For details about various workshops for students, call (808) 323-3318. Thanks to generous support from the Bretzlaff Foundation, there is no fee for students from Title One Schools.

**CLASSROOM OUTREACH PROGRAMS:** Greenwell Garden can bring science and culture to your classroom with an outreach visit. Garden educators will provide hands-on instruction in Hawaiian traditional practices from pounding *poi* to making *kapa*. Learn about seeds and how to plant them. In other programs, educators help classes or schools start their own Hawaiian gardens. Outreach programs are free of charge through support by the Education through Cultural and Historical Institutions (ECHO) and the Native Hawaiian and Art Program (NHCAP).

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:** *Ho'okupu*, an after-school horticulture program meets at the Garden on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The program is open to students in grades 4 through 8. Students learn how to propagate native plants and care for them in the nursery and in the garden grounds. Some students work on school projects in ethnobotany or natural science and meet school community service requirements.

**HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Holidays)

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Web Site: <http://www.bishopmuseum.org/greenwell/org>

**LOCATION:** Situated on the Big Island of Hawai'i, the Garden is located in Captain Cook, 12 miles south of Kailua-Kona on Highway 11. Coming from the north, look for mile-marker 110 and turn

left into the next driveway. Coming from the south, look for the Manago Hotel. The driveway to the Garden is about 200 yards north of the hotel, on the right side.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** There are always opportunities for volunteers of all ages at the Garden. Some volunteers work in the nursery, others help keep the Garden grounds beautiful, and still others lead tours and help with programs. Whatever your interests and abilities, the Garden can use your help. Call or email [agg@bishopmuseum.org](mailto:agg@bishopmuseum.org) for information. Student internships are also available.

**PLANT SALES:** The Garden sells native Hawaiian plants and Polynesian introductions. Buyers may choose from an extensive line of native ground covers, shrubs, and trees for the home gardener or commercial landscaper. Hard-to-find natives, such as endangered species and wetland sedges are also available. Many varieties of Hawaiian taro and other traditional crops for the home garden are also sold. The Garden Nursery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from plant sales help support the Garden and the educational and conservation programs. Much of the nursery work is done by volunteers and school groups and by the after-school propagation program, Ho'okupu.

**GARDEN CONSERVATION PROJECTS:** The Garden takes an active role in conserving biodiversity in Hawai'i. Garden staff and volunteers propagate and grow plants in the nursery to be used in habitat enhancement, restoration, or refuges. Staff Members also help with planning, outplanting, management, educational programming, interpretative development, and training for conservation projects. Staff and volunteers store seeds and maintain a living conservation collection at the Garden site. The Garden also works with many private landowners, community groups, non-profit organizations, and state and federal agencies to help conserve biodiversity. Among the partners are New Moon Foundation, National Park Service, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Center for Plant Conservation, Kamehameha Schools, and many others.

**GARDEN STAFF:** Peter Van Dyke, Manager; Brian Kiyabu, Horticulturist; Noa Lincoln, Ethnobotany Educator; Manuel Rego, Garden Foreman; Glenn Akamine, Grounds Assistant

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**Location:** 1525 Bernice Street in Honolulu, HI 96817-2704; **Hours:** 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.  
Closed Christmas Day; **Admission:** Adults - \$15.95; Youth (4-12) and Seniors (65+) - \$12.95;  
Kama'aina and Military with ID - Adult \$7.95; Youth (4-12) and Seniors (65+) \$6.95; (non-resident

visitors accompanied by Military or Kama'aina with ID - \$9.95) Members and Children 3 and under are always free. **Archives:** (808) 848-4182; **Library:** (808) 848-4148; **Planetarium:** (808) 848-4136; **Shop Pacifica:** (808) 848- 4158 There is no admission fee for those who wish only to shop at Shop Pacifica; **Pae'aina Café:** 848-4137; **Facility Rentals:** (808) 848-4131; **Web site:** <http://www.bishopmuseum.org>

**Hawai'i Maritime Center Information:** (808) 521-2829 ; Fax: (808) 523-6151; Email: [karla@bishopmuseum.org](mailto:karla@bishopmuseum.org) **Location:** Pier 7, Honolulu Harbor (across from Aloha Tower Marketplace); **Hours:** 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. **Admission:** Adults \$7.50; Youth (4-12) \$4.50; Seniors (65 +) \$6. Members and children 3 and under are free;

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