

# Plantation Village News



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New Year's 2011

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Recommended for outboard engines produced by:

- \* Evinrude
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This synthetic blend is suitable for premix and injector systems and meets or exceeds the highest NMMA requirements.

More details can be found on the technical data sheet on our website:

<http://www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org/pennzoil.pdf>

**Available for sale at the Plantation Village Gift Shop for only \$4 until we run out!**

## Tell your boating & fishing friends!

## Student Volunteers @ HPV

The Plantation Village is blessed by young people that come to volunteer their time, energy, and skills to help us with various tasks. Some come with specific projects in mind, while others come with an open heart and a willingness to work.

Below are just two recent volunteers:



**Kylie Iwamoto:** The Iwamotos are frequent visitors to Hawaii's Plantation Village and various members of the family have volunteered and/or donated throughout the years. Recently, Kylie, while resting on the benches after having fed the fish in the pond, decided that we needed

more plumerias on the benches. Her aunt helped her to gather the needed materials, and Kylie stenciled more plumerias on our benches. Not entirely satisfied, she surveyed her work like any great artist and concluded it was not cheerful enough. After observing the butterflies and dragonflies fluttering about the Village, she added dragonflies and butterflies to the benches. Many thanks to Kylie for adding a festive and cheerful look to our benches and picnic areas!

**Valerie Mencias:** Valerie approached us out of the blue one day, wanting to volunteer with the grounds and gardens here at the Village. She has been a welcome addition to our Saturday crew and has been working in our Ethnic Garden since September 2010. Below are her own words:

*As a 5th grader at August Ahrens Elementary, I was a member of Mr. Stan Mesina's Technology Club. The Plantation Village had a thriving garden with taro paddies. We were tasked to pull weeds. It was fun, we were actively interacting with nature, but we were all complaining about getting dirty. I remember Mr. Mesina saying that volunteering is good because you are helping out.*



*I think it is scary that if we don't take care of the earth now, what will it be like in the future? I am working towards a degree in mechanical engineering and hope to focus later on sustainability.*



# Boy Scouts of Troop 76 to the Rescue

Senior Boy Scouts, as a requirement to earn their Eagle Scout rank, must design, fund, and execute a project that benefits the community. HPV has been the lucky benefactor of several Boy Scout projects this past year.



In December 2008, Waikele Stream overflowed its banks and flooded the parking lot of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park. After the waters had receded, we found that the foundation underneath the railroad tracks had been severely eroded. Boy Scout **Jayme Fulgencio**

undertook a project to repair the damage and rebuild the foundation. On October 2nd, Jayme and his fellow scouts and parents from Troop 76 worked most of the day to restore the foundation. As can be seen in the picture to the left, they used gravel to fill gaps under and around the tracks, and also replaced and remounted the ties. Not only are the tracks more attractive but are also safer for the school children when they walk the tracks. Many thanks to Jayme for thinking about HPV!



Boy Scout **Vien Vallesteros** had noticed during our annual Bon Dance that our picnic tables had been neglected and were in need of repair. His Eagle project proposed repairing and repainting all of the picnic tables and benches. As he writes, "I will restore these

picnic tables for everybody to enjoy the outdoor environment and have a meaningful experience throughout their visit at this historical place."

In mid-October, Vien and some parents and Scouts from Troop 76, removed the rotting wood from the picnic tables and benches, replaced it with all new wood, and repainted everything. Some of the Scouts even stenciled designs onto the picnic tables to make the area a more pleasant place to sit and rest comfortably. Thanks to Vien, schools and the general public now have a safer, more comfortable place to enjoy the park and its surroundings.



*Vien Vallesteros*

Hawaii's Plantation Village would like to thank the Scouts and parents of Troop 76, and welcome any Boy or Girl Scouts looking for community service projects to contact us at 677-0110 or email at: [hpv.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:hpv.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net).

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**Annual  
Membership  
Meeting**  
**Jan. 23, 2011**  
*(see below)*

**Mahalo to all our Community Partners!**

A non-profit operation like Hawaii's Plantation Village not only depends on the generous goodwill of its volunteers, but also on the crucial community partners who provide intangibles such as: Historical/Genealogical knowledge; Ethnic song and dance practitioners; Horticultural and Ethno-botanists; Archivists and preservationists; Food and culture cooks; and Cultural practitioners of the plantation ethnic groups: Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese, Puerto Rican, Japanese, Okinawan, Korean, and Filipino. These are but a few of the organizations that have contributed to the infrastructure of the Village:

- Alan Wong's Restaurants • Honbushin • Children's House • Castle & Cooke, Inc.
- K's Bento-Ya • Tsoong Nyee Society • Waipahu High School • Izumo Taisha Mission
- Portuguese Genealogical Society • Puerto Rican Heritage Society
- Hawaii United Okinawan Association • Aloha Termite and Pest Control

**Mark your Calendars!**

**Annual Membership Meeting**

**January 23, 2011, Sunday**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Gentry Room, Hawaii's Plantation Village**

**Entertainment • Sneak Peek at New Japanese Exhibit • Ono Food**

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