

**Newsletter Articles Wanted**

If you have a story to share about your forestry-related business or project, please email it in Word format with jpg. photos attached to [hfia@hawaiiiforest.org](mailto:hfia@hawaiiiforest.org).

**HFIA Directors Tour Honua Ola Bioenergy Facility**

On August 11, 2021, HFIA Vice President Dr. Guy Cellier led HFIA Directors, staff and partners on a field trip to the Honua Ola Bioenergy plant in Pepe‘ekeo. Prior to arriving at the plant, the group met in Hāmākua at a eucalyptus plantation located next to Brandon Lee’s Berkshire pig farm. Guy barbecued some delicious home-made sausage and Dr. J.B. Friday brought sauerkraut and fixings to go with. Brandon gave all the attendees Berkshire porkchops to take home. After Brandon showed the group his Berkshire pig farm, the group headed over to Honua Ola.

Honua Ola will replace imported fossil fuel with local, renewable resources to produce energy. “Honua Ola” in Hawaiian means “living earth” and represents their commitment to:

- Creating sustainable green energy;
- Supporting local agriculture;
- Working to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels; and
- Stimulating our local economy.



▲ Guy Cellier cooks his sausage on the barbie. Photo: J.B. Friday.

Once operational, Honua Ola’s plant in Pepe‘ekeo will use state-of-the-art technology to make available 21.5 megawatts of firm, renewable power fueled by organic material grown on-island. Responsibly managed forests, including the replanting of trees, will offset the carbon emissions of the power production process. Leaders in Hawai‘i and globally have made commitments to aggressive sustainability goals, many of them centered around [renewable energy](#). The State of Hawai‘i mandates 100% renewable energy in the electric sector by the year 2045. The United Nations recently created sustainable development goals by 2030, and Honua Ola positively impacts several of those goals. Implementing the changes we need to make falls to individuals, to communities, and to projects like Honua Ola.



▲ Left to Right: Brandon Lee’s Berkshire pig; Guy Cellier presents Honua Ola educational display; Honua Ola facility tour. Photos: J.B. Friday.

**Hawaii’s Wood Products Directory**

The mission of the Hawaii Wood Utilization Team (HWUT) created the Hawaii Wood Products Directory, which connects Hawaii’s forest products businesses with buyers and sellers of a variety of wood products and services. HFIA encourages forest industry related businesses to visit the website and create a listing in the [Directory](#).