

Mahalo ‘Āina Silent Auction Raises Money for Hawaii’s Woodshow

The Hawai‘i Forest Institute (HFI) raised \$4,628 for the 2021 Hawaii’s Woodshow through the Mahalo ‘Āina: *Give Back to the Forest* Silent Auction. Paul Arinaga, HFI Fund Development Coordinator and auction organizer received 45 items from the following donors C. Barton Potter, Café Pesto, Elizabeth Kent, Everyday Better by Green Meadows, Forest Bathing Hawaii, Hāloa ‘Āina, Hawai‘i Forest Institute, Hawai‘i Forest & Train, Hawaiian Koa Company, HiClimb, Hui Ku Maoli Ola, Kahi Ching Gallery, Laulima, Little Outcrop, Mānoa Cliffs Restoration Area at Pu‘u ‘Ōhi‘a-Sebastian Marquez (O‘ahu), Mei Day, O‘o Hawaii, Smart Trees Pacific, Sunny Savage, Tree Hoo Hawaii Neighborhood Forests, Uloha, Waimanalo Lumber, and Winkler Woods.



▲ Jill Wagner, Future Forest Nursery named Forester of the Year by NRCS for her conservation work at Pāalamanui Dry Forest Preserve.

Komo Koa-Woodsmen Jewelry Supports HFI’s Mahalo ‘Āina: *Give Back to the Forest* Initiative

Ché Garcia, [Komo Koa-Woodsmen Jewelry](#) CEO- Chief of Entrepreneurial Operations has donated to [Mahalo ‘Āina](#) for many years. Komo Koa works with customers and nonprofit organizations towards the common goal of healthier forest and aquatic ecosystems in Hawaii. “We use responsibly sourced woods, reclaimed lumber or wood scraps for our wood inlays”, says Ché. “We use a state of the art, eco-friendly wood finishing system and our titanium bands yield substantially less waste in production compared to traditional methods. As a small family owned and operated business, we are committed to quality and customer satisfaction”.



▲ Hawaiian Koa Heart Necklace