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Bishop Museum to Host Native Hawaiian Plant Adoptions

In partnership with the Grow Aloha hui, and in celebration of the Year of Our Community Forests, the Museum will distribute Native Hawaiian plants at monthly Kaiwi 'ula Night Market events

Honolulu, Hawai'i — [Bishop Museum](#), the State of Hawai'i Museum of Natural and Cultural History, will host Native Hawaiian plant adoptions every third Wednesday of the month at the Kaiwi'ula Night Market events (Instagram: @kaiwiulanightmarket). The plant adoptions are in partnership with the [Grow Aloha](#) hui and in celebration of the [Year of Our Community Forests](#).

“Bishop Museum’s mission is to inspire our community through the exploration, celebration, and perpetuation of the history, culture, and environment of Hawai'i and the Pacific. An important part of our work involves preserving the rich biodiversity of our unique ecosystems, and we’re excited to share plants native to our island homes with our neighbors,” said Taylour Chang, Bishop Museum director of public programs.

“We’re appreciative of the support of Grow Aloha partners National Tropical Botanical Garden, Moloka'i Land Trust, Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, and Maui Nui Botanical Gardens in organizing these adoptions and for their work in restoring Hawaiian plants in our 'āina,” Chang said.

The Bishop Museum plant adoptions will be held every third Wednesday of the month at the Kaiwi'ula Night Market hosted on Museum grounds, at 1535 Bernice Street in Kalihi. The Markets run from 5-8 p.m. and are free to the public; those interested in adopting a Native Hawaiian plant are asked to reserve their plant online at BishopMuseum.org/GrowAloha.

Some of the representative plants available in January include 'ilima, kalo, ko, lonomea, and milo. The plants will be obtained from various local sources including Bishop Museum's [Seed Bank](#).

During the first plant adoption at the Bishop Museum tent at the Kaiwi'ula Night Market on Wednesday, Jan. 15, representatives from the Museum's Education Department and Seed Bank will be on hand to answer questions about the plants and remind guests of the monthly adoption events.

“We encourage our community to visit the Kaiwi'ula Night Market throughout the year and learn more about

our Native Hawaiian plants and the important role they play in our islands,” shared Chang. “We hope to foster interest in these plants and strengthen our relationships with them in urban areas.”

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About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History:

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum’s mission is to inspire our community and visitors through the exploration, celebration, and perpetuation of the extraordinary history, culture, and environment of Hawai‘i and the Pacific. The Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a royal descendant of King Kamehameha I. Today, the Museum thrives as an educational center for the community and is widely regarded as the world’s premier institution for Hawaiian and Pacific content.

Bishop Museum’s vast collections of more than 25 million objects and specimens represent nine disciplines and include more than 22 million biological specimens, over 2 million cultural objects, 115,000 historical publications, and 1 million photographs, films, works of art, audio recordings, and manuscripts. These collections tell the stories of the cultures and biodiversity of Hawai‘i and the Pacific as well as the proud legacy of scholarly research spanning 130 years.

Bishop Museum proudly serves more than 200,000 visitors each year, including 20,000 children on school visits.

To learn more about the Museum’s research, collections, exhibits, and programs, visit [BishopMuseum.org](https://www.bishopmuseum.org), follow @BishopMuseum on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), become a fan of Bishop Museum on [Facebook](#), visit Bishop Museum’s [YouTube](#) channel, or call (808) 847-3511. Bishop Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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