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School gardening presentations now online

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—December 6, 2010—Garden enthusiasts and supporters of the school garden movement can now view presentations on all aspects of school gardening—including food, culture, health, and environment—online at The Kohala Center’s Web site, <http://www.kohalacenter.org/smartbynature/about.html>.

The presentations were given this summer during a conference for school garden and class teachers from around the state entitled “Smart by Nature: Growing a School Garden Curriculum.” The goal of the conference, held at Mala‘ai Culinary Garden of the Waimea Middle School, was to develop a school garden curriculum that is relevant today and tomorrow.

Staff from the Center for Ecoliteracy (www.ecoliteracy.org) in Berkeley, California, partnered with the Hawai‘i Island School Garden Network (HISGN) to interweave their “Big Ideas” school garden curriculum and their “Smart By Nature” school sustainability work into a practical hands-on seminar for garden teachers.

Presenters from the Center for Ecoliteracy included Executive Director Zenobia Barlow, Director of Education Carolie Sly, and Creative Director Karen Brown. Also presenting were school garden leaders from O‘ahu and Hawai‘i Island. To learn more about the conference and see photos, visit the HISGN blog, <http://kohalacenter.org/schoolgardensblog/?p=154>.

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