January / February, 2013

The keiki of Hua o Ke Ao were the first to huki kalo from our kihapai (section / patch) of kalo that was planted on May 1st 2012. We were able to harvest the i’o (corms) to make pa’i ‘ai (hard pounded taro) and the lau (leaves) were used to make soup. Kalo Mana ‘Ulu makes yellow poi that is so ‘ONO!

Our kalo project helps to preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian varieties of kalo and providing huli to our community. So far in our first kihapai we have harvested 165 pounds of kalo, provided over 400 huli of 14 different varieties to participants in a kalo workshop, 10 different farmers, 4 different schools and 3 community organizations.

Following the Hawaiian moon calendar Kāne is a good night to kanu (plant) our next kihapai.

Nui nā lima, liʻiliʻi ka hana, plenty hands make for little work
Mahalo to Aunty Chantal, we have started an i’a project. Āholehole and ‘Ama‘ama have been converted over time from salt water to fresh water. These types of fish are among several varieties that were traditionally found in lo‘i systems. In three months they have doubled in size. We are in need of bigger tanks for them and to create an area to continue caring for and studying these i’a.

In the kitchen with Aunty Chantal is always exciting! These boys did an awesome job helping to prepare and serve homemade noodles w/ vejis, oranges and ‘uala.

Mahalo nui to ‘Anakala Alika and ‘Anakē Anne Marie for being our guest chefs last week! You guys rock! We got to make pumpkin pasta w/pumpkin from our māla. Our keiki really enjoyed rolling out the dough and using the pasta maker! They made noodles and raviolis stuffed with ricotta cheese!! Sorry I didn‘t get any pictures!!

**Coming up…..**

Friday, February 22nd from 1 – 4pm we will have our annual ku‘i kalo activity with ‘Anakala Jerry Konanui

Saturday, February 23rd is the 9th Annual Grow Hawaiian Festival at the Amy Greenwell Garden

Wednesday, February 27th Hua o Ke Ao will have a special guest teaching us about Bees and their importance

Wednesday, March 6th we will begin a kapa project with ‘Anakala Ka‘uhane

**There will be no Hua o Ke Ao on March 20, 27 and April 3rd. We will see you back on April 10th!**