



Hana Hou
‘Do It Again’

28th ARS Western Regional Conference
4th Bi-Annual Vireya Conference
September 24 – 28, 2008

Come see the beautiful island of Hawai`i.

**We will be headquartered at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
located on Hilo Bay with views of the Pacific Ocean
and Mauna Kea.**

**We invite you to become friends with Hawai`i - her
people, her plants and her animals.**

***E komo mai* (come on over) and enjoy the land of
Vireya, Pele and Aloha.**

Schedule Of Events

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 a.m. – Registration Table Open

11:00 a.m. – Hospitality Room Open

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 a.m. – Registration Table Open

8:30 a.m. – Hospitality Room Open

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tour – Hi`iaka's Puna (The district of Puna was sacred to Pele's sister, Hi`iaka)

Puna is a district of beauty and contrast: Rainforests and lava deserts; groomed estates and wild gardens, black sand beaches and rocky shorelines. This tour which will take you to White Cloud Nursery, one of Puna's newest nurseries which specializes in vireyas with native companion plants; Josanna's Hawaiian Garden, a wild garden of flowers and fruit; Lundkvist's Palm Garden, 5 acres – 5000 palms; you will ride through tree tunnels, past commercial papaya orchards, and along the coastline to Isaac Hale State Park and the black sand beach which has returned after it's destruction by Pele. Lunch and Snacks provided. Wear walking shoes. Price \$50.00.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Welcoming No Host Bar with Pupus (appetizers) The wonderful Taiko Drummers will return for an encore.

Thursday, September 25

8:30 a.m. – Registration Table Open

8:30 a.m. – Hospitality Room Open

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ARS Board Meeting

12 noon Directors Lunch - \$15.00

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tour – Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park

Home of Pele, the volcano goddess, the Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park allows you a unique chance to see the beauty of this creative and destructive force. You will be touring many sites within the park and the trip back to the hotel will include a stop at Akatsuka Orchid Gardens. Includes lunch at the historic Volcano House and park fees. Price is \$50.00

Friday, September 26

8:30 a.m. – Registration Table Open

8:30 a.m. – Hospitality Room Open

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tour of Private Gardens

Variety is the theme for this tour to the gardens of Hawai`i Chapter members. You will be traveling from close to sea level to around 2000 feet; seeing mature gardens and those that are just hitting their stride. You will see tropical and semi-tropical plants of all varieties including many varieties of Vireya. This is your chance to see how our gardens grow up close and personal. Lunch and snacks provided. \$50.00

5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Dinner In The Park

Join the members of the Hawaii Chapter of ARS in a fellowship dinner in the park. This will be a time to get to know your fellow attendees and renew old friendships. This event was the hi-light of the 24th Western Regional Conference. It will be a laid back time of fun, good food and great entertainment. Price is \$15.00.

Saturday, September 27 - 4th Bi-Annual Vireya Seminar

Conference Schedule

8:15 – Registration Opens In Conference Room

8:45 – Welcome To Attendees

9:00 – 9:45 Fred Renick - California

Fred is a long time member of the American Rhododendron Society and has grown Vireya in southern California for many years.

10:00 – 10:45 Kaye Hagen – Tasmania Australia

Kay Hagen's garden in Tasmania offers a great contrast in growing conditions to Fred Renick's and will showcase other great Vireya and their landscape possibilities.

11:00 – 11:45 Erik Nilsen, Phd Virginia Tech.

Erik is one of those rare research scientist who can make their information interesting to the layman. He has been studying Vireya for years, including a year in Hawaii, and his talks always enlighten.

12 Noon – 1:15 Lunch

A luncheon buffet will be set up in the meeting room. Cost \$18.00

1:30 – 2:15 Richard Marques

Mr. Marques is a charter member of the Hawaii Chapter of ARS. He owns and operates a commercial nursery specializing in vireya. He will be speaking on Vireya in Hawai'i.

2:30 – 3:00 Kimalia Garden Preserve – Introduction – Sherla Bertelman, Mitch Mitchell

An exciting introduction to a wonderful gift.

3:00 – 4:00 Questions & Answers

6:00 - 9:00 Aloha Banquet

No host bar

Aloha Banquet featuring Lomi Lomi Salmon, Kalua Pork, Family Style Lau Lau, Huli Huli Chicken, Mahi Mahi, Roast Beef and all the accompaniments. Price \$40.00

Silent Auction and Entertainment

Aloha and Farewell – A Hui Hou

Sunday, September 28

8:30 – 4:00 – Post Conference Tour

This tour will take you to the private gardens of Mitch & Sandy Mitchell and Charles & Marina Trommer. You will also visit the Vireya and other tropical gardens at the Pana`ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens.

Lunch is provided. \$40.00

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Name(s): _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Arrival date: _____ Time: _____ Departure date: _____

Please indicate number of people in room: _____

STANDARD GARDEN VIEW: _____ Special Rate: \$90.00 plus tax, per night
Regular Rate: \$190.00 plus tax, per night
Bedding: 1 King or 2 Doubles
Maximum persons: 4 with existing bedding

DELUXE OCEAN VIEW: _____ Special Rate: \$115.00 plus tax, per night
Regular Rate: \$240.00 plus tax, per night
Bedding: 1 King or 2 Queens
Maximum persons: 4 with existing bedding

ON REQUEST BASIS: SMOKING: _____ NON-SMOKING: _____

- ** All rooms include: Refrigerator and Coffee maker
- ** Rates are net, non-commissionable
- ** Roll-away: Please add \$30.00 plus tax, per day. Roll-away(s) needed: _____
- ** All rates subject to 11.4166% GE and Transient tax. Taxes subject to change without notice.
- ** Cancellation Policy: 72 hours cancel notice required for refund or no charge to your credit card.

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Signature on credit card: _____

**Requests for room must be received by August 23, 2008 or subject to rate and space availability.

Registration Form – 2008 ARS Western Regional Conference

Please Print Clearly

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Name 3: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Badge Comment: _____

To Attend ARS Conference Activities, You Must Be Registered

Please note that additions or changes in the program may occur.

- Please print the name of each member of your party below as he or she wants it to appear on his/her name badge.
- In the column beneath each name, check the block opposite each event for which that person is registering.
- Enter the number of blocks checked for each event in the Number Column
- Multiply this number by the price per person for each activity and enter the result in the Total Column.
- Add the numbers in the last column and enter that total amount in the Total Block

Makes Checks Payable in U.S. funds To Hawaii Chapter ARS

Send Check With Completed Form To

Jane Adams, Registrar

PO Box 1387, Pahoa HI 96778, 808-345-0959

Online at <http://www.hawaiivireyaars.org/>

Name 1						
		Name 2				
		Name 3				
		Day	Event	Number	Price	Total
		Conference	ARS Conference Registration		\$40.00	
		Conference	ARS Conference After September 1, 2008		\$50.00	
		Wednesday	Tour - Hi'iaka's Puna		\$50.00	
		Thursday	Director's Lunch		\$15.00	
		Thursday	Tour – The Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park **		\$50.00	
		Friday	Tour – Private Gardens		\$50.00	
		Friday	Fellowship Dinner In The Park		\$15.00	
		Saturday	Buffet Luncheon		\$18.00	
		Saturday	Aloha Banquet		\$40.00	
		Sunday	Tour - Post Conference		\$40.00	
Total Amount						

** Tours are available on a first come, first served basis & are subject to prescribed minimum & maximum number of participants. If you wish to be considered for alternate tours in the event tours are under or over subscribed, you must provide an email address. Tour buses are not ADA accessible.