

Marimed and MYFS Partnership Developing Rich Results

The value of teamwork and personal growth through a sense of accomplishment are some of the outcomes of the new Marimed Foundation and Maui Youth and Family Services partnership. The six-day sailing voyages began in late January and have alternately taken groups of boys and girls, who have earned the right, on "working" excursions to the islands of Molokai and Lanai. What the teens learn varies from setting sails and tying knots, to steering the 96-foot ship Makani Olu and preparing meals for the rest of the crew.

Rick Engelman is encouraged by the results of this experiential treatment program in which in addition to learning about sailing, the groups perform a community service project and learn about the islands they visit. "You get them busy and a lot of their defense mechanisms fall away, and you can actually work on their core issues," he said. "They end up processing a lot more than they would in a lot of other environments."

The program will continue to run through the next three years as part of a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration.



Ashley Snyder ties off ropes coming into Lahaina Harbor



Above left to right: Barbara Talley, Shana Mundon and Ashley Snyder were part of the second voyage in January.



Left to right, Greg Tanonaka, Anthony Simmons (MYFS staff), and Jesse Aiona.

NEW FACES AT MYFS...



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2003-04

Maui Youth and Family Services has announced the new board roster for 2003-04. They are pictured here, back row, left to right: Gail Gnazzi, CEO MYFS; Marie Kimmey; Helen McCord, board chair; Peter Cahill; and Tom Risko. Front row, left to right are: Donald Sheridan, Doris Capanash, Pua Mahoe and Debra Smith. Not pictured are: Christine Riecke-Gonzales, Ron Williams and Tammy Ash Perkins. Mahalo to these outstanding individuals for their contributions to our organization.



Joal Dennis, new MYFS Director of Admissions

JOAL DENNIS NAMED NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Joal Dennis has been appointed to the newly created position of Director of Admissions at Maui Youth and Family Services. He has been with the organization for almost three years, working in the Independent Living Program. In his new capacity he will coordinate and assist service providers in having kids placed. He will also work on developing relationships with service providers.

"I wanted to do something that was different, and yet made a contribution. This is absolutely inspiring work, and although the hardest work...it's probably the most rewarding," said Dennis.

Prior to his work with MYFS, Dennis had 20 years experience managing a successful rental services business. He is currently working on his Master's Degree as a marriage and family therapist from Argos University.



RICK ENGLEMAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Rick Engleman has been appointed as MYFS' new substance abuse program director. He brings more than a decade of experience in working in youth services. He was previously the supervisor of Juneau Youth Services in Alaska. He has extensive experience in wilderness programs having run 30-day river and kayak trips in the Yukon.

Engleman is responsible for the MYFS programs currently being operated in conjunction with the Marimed Foundation. As part of this program, youth are invested in an experiential learning program through a series of sailing expeditions around the Hawaiian islands.

"Seeing the change in the kids as they go through these experiences is exciting... and a valuable process for them. Hawaii has tremendous growth potential in this area," says Engleman.

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Growing Dreams 2003

A "fun, flower, fashion, food, fantasy" set for July 12

What's colorful, fanciful, lively and fun . . . and becoming steeped in tradition? The third annual signature event for Maui Youth and Family Services . . . Growing Dreams 2003. Teena Rasmussen, owner of Paradise Farms in Kula, has graciously agreed to chair the third annual Growing Dreams, slated for July 12, 2003, at The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui from 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. The floral designer for the event is internationally recognized ambassador of the floral industry, Rene van Rems, AIFD, PFCL.

"I've watched Growing Dreams unfold in the past couple of years and its fast becoming one of Maui's premiere events," Rasmussen said. "Maui Youth and Family Services is one of the most worthy organizations I know and I have the utmost respect for the work they do and the children's lives they touch."

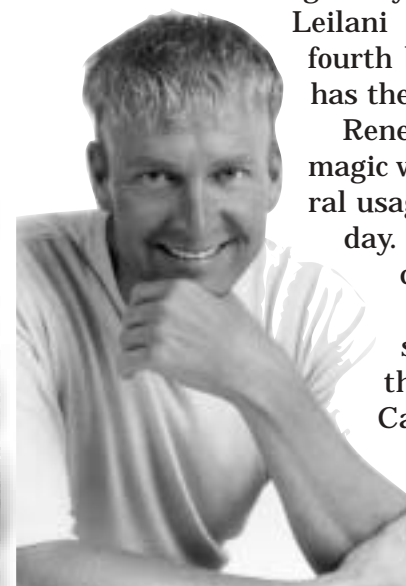
The event is billed as a "Fun, flower, fashion, food, fantasy" and will feature a sumptuous luncheon prepared by Fairmont Kea Lani chef Tylan Pang, and a fashion show featuring the designs of Harari, presented by Nell Resortwear. A special treat for Growing Dreams attendees will be four special wedding vignettes, three of them designed by Diane Lane of Leilani Silks and the



Tina Glen Jordan, who is modeling her own wedding dress, designed by Diane Lane.

fourth by Bernard Trystan Foong, who has the line of "Fire Dragon" clothing.

Rene van Rems will weave his floral magic while demonstrating wedding floral usages, as well as flowers for everyday. Though Dutch-born, Rene has called San Diego home for over 20 years. He has led design shows, workshops, and seminars throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia on fresh and silk flower styling. He is the author of the book, European Flower Styling. He promises an engaging and informative presentation.



Rene van Rems, International Floral Designer

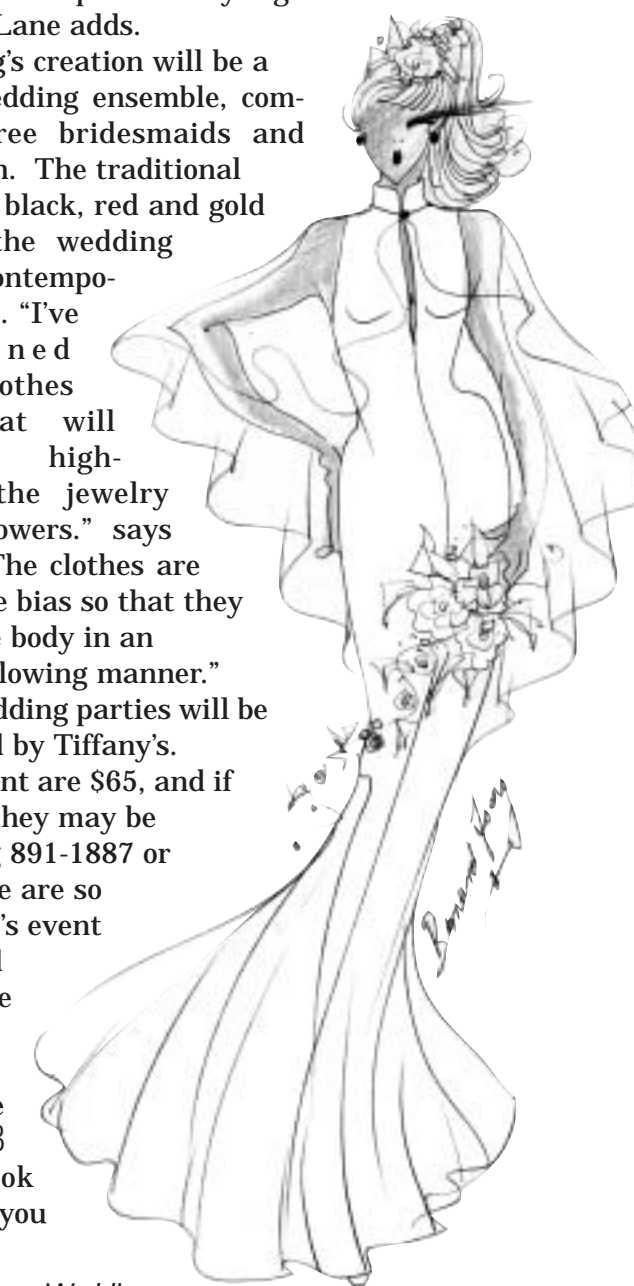
Ms. Lane's work will feature a 1920's wedding and a garden wedding, both of which promise to be "off the map" of traditional weddings. "In 20's wedding vignette, the bride's dress belongs to my mother-in-law who was married in it in 1924," said Lane. "Nearly 80 years later, it's still gorgeous and provides the inspiration for the rest of this wedding theme." The garden wedding will feature an original hand-painted silk design of Lane. "Not all brides want to wear white. In our beautiful tropical environment, a floral gown can be a particularly significant choice," Lane adds.

Mr. Foong's creation will be a Chinese wedding ensemble, complete with three bridesmaids and bride and groom. The traditional colors of white, black, red and gold will envelop the wedding party in a contemporary portrayal. "I've

designed my clothes so that will simply highlight the jewelry and flowers," says Foong. "The clothes are cut on the bias so that they drape the body in an elegant, flowing manner."

The wedding parties will be bejeweled by Tiffany's.

Tickets for the event are \$65, and if any are remaining, they may be purchased by calling 891-1887 or 579-8414, ext. 39. We are so honored by this year's event chair, designers and volunteers and are grateful for their talent and willingness to make Growing Dreams 2003 spectacular! We look forward to seeing you there!



Chinese Wedding Bride, an original design of Bernard Foong.

We gratefully acknowledge this year's Growing Dreams 2003 Major Sponsors:

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