

**The Queen's Challenge Taro Competition\***  
**April 2018 at the East Maui Taro Festival!**

The Queen's Challenge is **open to all taro farmers on Maui** growing **Hawaiian taro varieties in two categories - wetland or dryland**. Entries must be Hawaiian taro varieties found in *Bulletin 84: Taro Varieties in Hawaii* (1939) and a two point advantage will go to taro grown organically in honor of Queen Emma's proficiency in growing kalo and caring for the soil. Maui Lehua, other hybrids and non-Hawaiian varieties *will not* qualify for this competition. To confirm your kalo variety check with the descriptions in Bulletin 84. You can find Bulletin 84 at <https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/B-084.pdf> You can find photographs of many of the varieties listed in the Bulletin at [www.kupunakalo.com](http://www.kupunakalo.com) which may help you verify your varieties prior to entry (hint - not all varieties in Bulletin 84 are Hawaiian!).

There is no cost to enter. If you can not be there, you may have someone represent you with your kalo provided they list your name as the grower (it is your responsibility to get the kalo to the festival). *Entries misrepresenting who the real grower is will be disqualified if discovered prior to final judging or the prize forfeited if discovered after the contest.* The taro farming community in Maui is small. Entrants are expected to uphold the integrity of Queen Emma.

The whole plant will be judged. Do not separate the corm from the stem. The corm must be free of 'ohā, roots and dirt. The hā and lau (stems and leaves) should be free of insects and soil.

**You or your representative will need to provide the following information at entry no later than 11am to the E kūpaku ka 'āina contest table:**

1. Name of the grower, mailing address, phone and email contact
2. Place the taro was grown/ahupua'a
3. Soil inputs and/or fertilizers used to grow the kalo entered in the contest
4. Wetland or dryland
5. Age of the taro at harvest (months), and, answer the following question:
6. Why do you grow kalo?

**Anything received after 11am will not be accepted in the competition.**

Questions can be directed to E kūpaku ka 'āina at:

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