

## PEA Committee

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**From:** Barbara Barry <begoniabarry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 11:13 PM  
**To:** PEA Committee  
**Subject:** Kula Ag. Park Commission Nominee

Aloha Chair Sugimura and Committee Members,

I am honored and excited about the prospect of serving the Citizens of Maui County as a member of the Kula Agricultural Park.

I have worked in many aspects of the horticultural industry over the last 46 years and have started a farm in Ha'iku on former pineapple land.

I was assisted and guided in this process from a Native Hawaiian friend with the emphasis on canoe crops. I have learned many valuable things from



him. We planted Bananas, Kalo, Sweet Potato, Breadfruit, Sugar Cane, Coconuts as well as Citrus trees and other food crops. I have spent the last 4 years developing our farm and learning from the plants. Many crops are providing food for us to eat and share.

As a regenerative farmer, I am always looking for ways to deal with the challenges of working with the 'Aina to produce healthy food for humans as well as protecting our pollinators and our precious resources like water and and restoring the microbes in our depleted soil.

I truly believe that we can help young farmers with providing secure land for them to grow food on. This is more important than ever since the average age of many farmers is around my own age.

I have kept honey bees, chickens, grown flowers for florists, worked in all aspects of the interior and exterior landscape design and maintenance business, run 2 florist shops as a small business owner and know how to preserve foods and composted. I currently manage and I'm in the process of developing a 1 acre farm in Ha'iku. I have taught classes in aspects of floral design.

I bring problem solving skills, 46 years experience working in the commercial interior and exterior landscaping design, maintenance, retail florist business, food crop production as well as my innate intuition and a passion for assisting farmers to produce their best crops.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Ms. Barbara Barry