

# Rudy's Trail

One of the things we've been blessed with here at the Health Center is our beautiful grounds with 1.5 miles of walking trails, more than 1,020 trees (30% are fruit trees), thousands of tropical plants and tranquil water features. The trail was created to recognize our Facilities Department and its extraordinary groundskeepers, gardeners, welders, carpenters, designers, artists and management team that create and maintain this beautiful oasis nestled among the Health Center's state-of-the-art clinic facilities. Without their efforts over the past two decades, these beautiful walking trails and gardens would still be a barren hillside dotted with huge boulders and covered in dry grass and Keawe trees. Rudy's Trail was named for our current Facilities Manager, Rudy Guerrero.



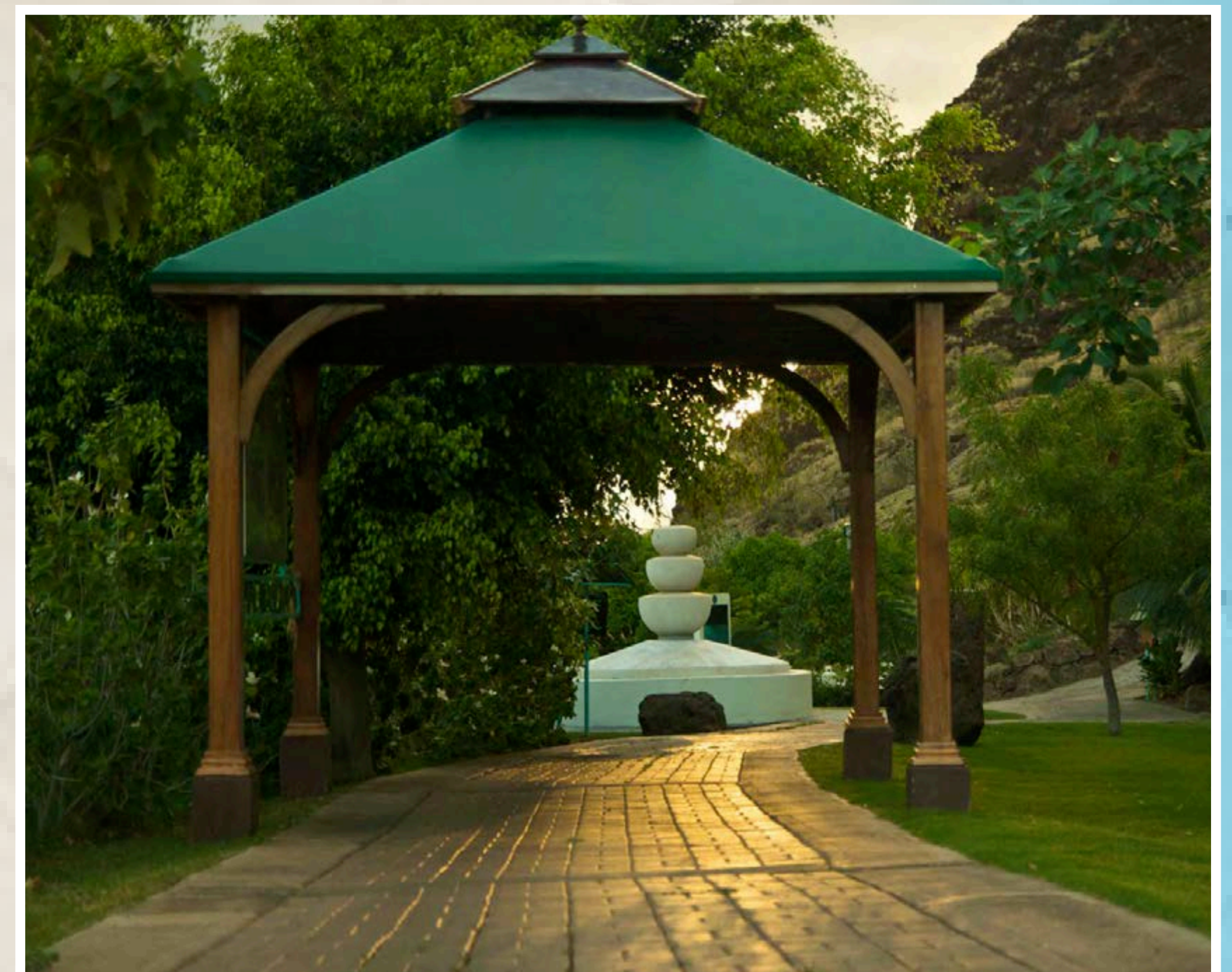
(Left to Right) Loushell Mahoe, Sooriya Kumar, Rudy Guerrero, Marianne Glushenko, John Griego and Daniel O'Brien



(Left to Right) Hermogenes Atienza, Lambert Cahola, Walter Muscheck, Jason Mize, Eduardo Maganis, Ronie Carlos, Reynaldo Pulido, Virgilio Quimoyog and Luvimin Mercado



(Left to Right) Ambrose Duropan, Carlos Estrellon, Florendo Felix and Arnold Velasco. Missing from photo: Lloyd Magat



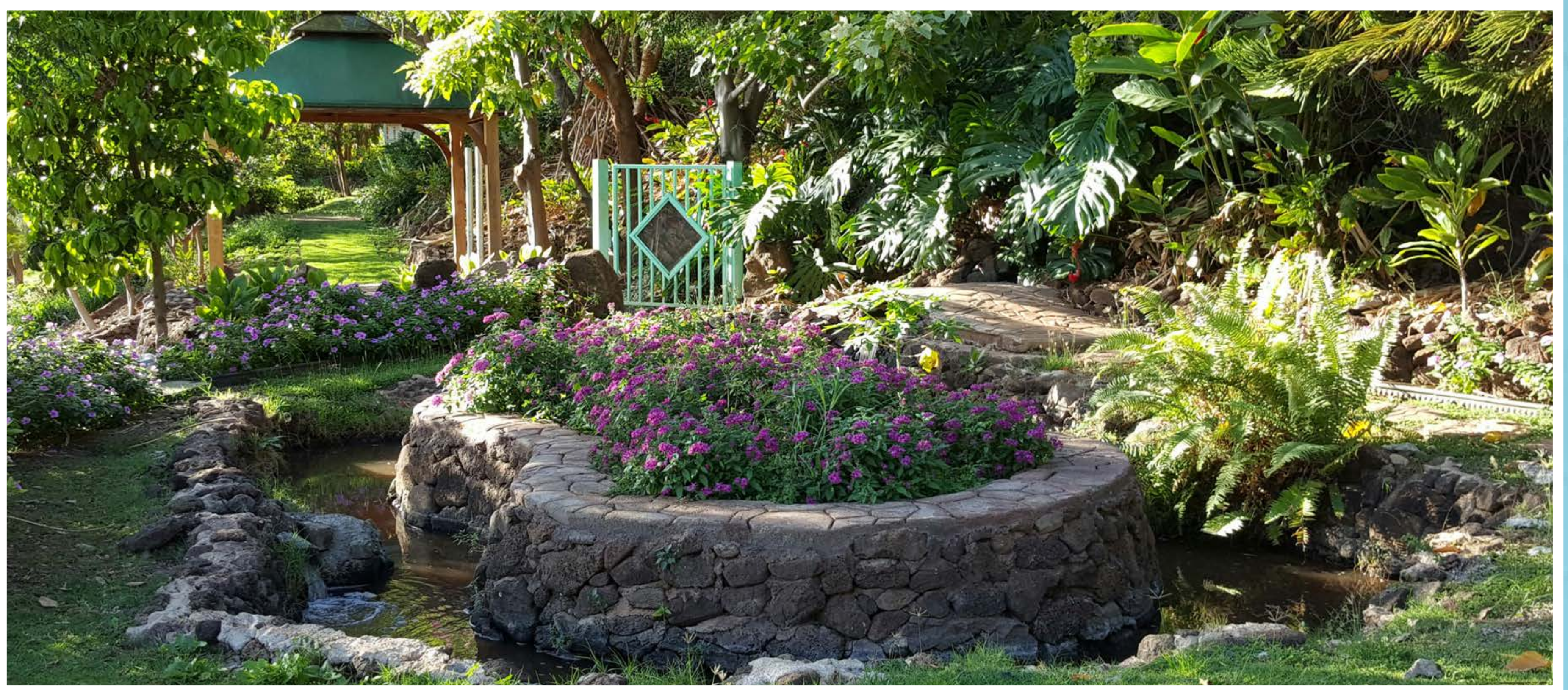
(Left to Right) Karen Young, Mel Yamamoto and Marianne Glushenko

## Mel Yamamoto

Mel "Uncle Mel" Yamamoto was the Facilities Department Manager for 27 years from 1973 to 2001. He holds a special place in the hearts and minds of those fortunate to have known him. Always being there was one of Mel's creeds. Whether it was 2 AM in the morning because there was a break in the water service, or Sunday afternoon because the AC went down or even when hurricanes Iwa and Iniki hit, Mel was there doing whatever was needed to keep the doors of service open to our community. Mel touched people in big and small ways, always making things better for others. His mischievous grin and contagious laugh could diffuse even the most stressful situation. Mel loved the Health Center and his many contributions will always be remembered for making it what it is today.

## Ambrose Pond

To the right of this information kiosk is Ambrose Pond, named about Ambrose Duropan who was our lead gardener for more than a decade until he retired in early 2017. Ambrose really loved the plants and gardening and our lush gardens are evidence of that. During his time with us, Ambrose grew hundreds of trees and other plants from seeds or small seedlings. Ambrose was also a master at creating beautiful water features on the trails including several waterfalls, so it seemed fitting to create this small pond to honor him for his contributions.



## Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company

Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company (HDCC) deserves a special mahalo. Since 1993, HDCC staff and their family and friends have volunteered on a Saturday to work alongside the Health Center's Facilities Department staff, family and friends for the annual "A Day of Caring". Over the years, with the support of corporate sponsors to provide the supplies, they have tackled many projects including walkways, parking lots and rock walls to name just a few. The true significance of this event is witnessing the growth over the years of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations of HDCC staff and family members as they carry on the values of their elders who initially started this memorable contribution.



## Stone Masonry Features

Alan and Brenda Moniz of M & M Trucking have been working with the Health Center since 2001 creating hillside rock walls along the trails using a special technique that does not require use of cement. This stone masonry is similar to that found in Hawaii's heiau (temples) that were built centuries ago. As you walk along the trails, take a moment to appreciate the intricate rock walls with stones fitting together like pieces of a puzzle.

