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## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Mahalo to David, Gail, and Terese for our October programs.

David reported on his trip to "Golden Broms," the 20th Australasian Bromeliad Conference, hosted by the Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society of Queensland, Australia. The event featured an international group of speakers; visits to nurseries, gardens, and scenic spots; a judged plant competition; and of course, a huge plant sale.

Gail explained what she and her team had planned for the East-West Center's 18th Annual Holiday Craft Fair.

She and Terese brought in a variety of items to showcase the range of plants that will be for sale. Highlights included wood-mounted *Neoregelia*, such as those made by Ed, and creatively potted or displayed *Tillandsia*, such as Dolores's wreaths. Gail and Terese thanked Dolores and Jaime, Ed, David, Larry, Karen and all who donated plants, and encouraged everyone to come and support HBS's main annual fundraising event.



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## JANUARY MEETING

This Saturday, January 25,  
we meet at **Lyon Arboretum**  
at **12:30.**

Our hospitality hosts are  
**Gail for food and Shar for drinks.**

## REPORT OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2019

Lyon Arboretum

**ATTENDING:** Susan Andrade, Dina Chuensanguansat, David Fell, Naty Hopewell, Elsie Horikawa, Gail Ishihara, John Ishihara, Karen Kim, Huang-Chi Kuo, Jeanie Li, Terese Leber (presiding), Judy Nakamura, Ed Nishiyama, Karen Rohter, Dolores Roldan, Jaime Roldan, Stanley Schab, Randy Wong, Val Wong, and Shar Yoshida.

**CONVENED:** 12:50; **ADJOURNED:** 2:25.

Terese welcomed everyone, and thanked Elsie and Karen for the food and drinks.

**HOSPITALITY:** Susan circulated a sign-up sheet for hospitality for 2020. Our hosts for January are Gail and Shar.

**TREASURER:** Dolores reported that our current balance is \$14,643.27.

**PROGRAMS:** Terese asked for (begged for?) suggestions for programs and activities for 2020. All ideas are welcome.

**OLD BUSINESS—LYON ARBORETUM:** Terese reported on her meeting with Liloa Dunn, Arboretum grounds manager, and Dylan, the student worker currently assigned to help out in the bromeliad garden. She noted that he is assigned to the garden for three or four hours a week. The HBS volunteers currently working in the garden will try to synchronize their schedules with him so that we can better coordinate with his work and maximize our efforts. Terese will check with the Arboretum's fiscal officer to see if our most recent donation of \$1,000 to fund student help has been expended, and when our next payment should be made. Liloa noted that Arboretum staff will be working on the trails leading to and beyond the garden, and that he hopes that next year we can help the staff in preparing signs identifying the bromeliads.

**OLD BUSINESS—BROCHURE:** Naty circulated HBS's new informational and promotional brochure, which she designed and saw through production. Members were impressed and pleased with the quality of the brochure, which was printed by Office Depot at a cost of about 80 cents each. The brochures will be distributed at shows and sales, including the upcoming Fall craft fair.

**OLD BUSINESS—WINDWARD ORCHID SHOW:** Dolores and Karen K. reported that the 2020 Windward Orchid Society show will be held the third week of March, during spring break, with the set up on Thursday, March 19, and the show running Friday through Sunday, March 20, 21, and 22. Dolores has already prepared a preliminary design for what will be our first floor display.

**OLD BUSINESS—CRAFT FAIR:** Terese confirmed that the East-West Center craft fair will be Thursday and Friday, December 5 and 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., although sales usually begin and end early, and that she will start setting up around 10. She noted that parking will be available on the lawn for \$5.

**OLD BUSINESS—HOLIDAY PARTY:** Terese reported that she was able to reserve a pavilion at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden for Saturday, December 7, for our annual holiday party. Susan will coordinate the pot luck—please let her know what you'll be bringing—and Lynette Wageman will oversee the plant exchange (bring one, take one) and giveaway.

**OLD BUSINESS—OFFICERS AND CHAIRS:** Terese thanked the members who volunteered to serve as officers and chair for 2020, including Dolores as treasurer, Susan as hospitality chair, Stan as newsletter editor, Mischa Kobayashi and Karen K. as social media chairs, Karen R. as corresponding secretary, Leslie Morishige as librarian, and Chris Taylor as membership chair. The position of vice president/program chair is still vacant, and could be served by a team of members.

**AUCTION:** Thanks to David for serving as auctioneer, and to all who contributed plants to the auction, including specimens of the Lisa Vinzant cultivar *Neoregelia* 'Popoki' and Ed's wood-mounted plantings of the Chester Skotak cultivar *Neoregelia* 'Zoe.'



## 2019: HBS YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 was an active, educational, and profitable year for HBS, as new members joined old friends in a variety of activities contributing to our goals of promoting knowledge about and enjoyment of bromeliads. Great program speakers informed and entertained us, including *Tillandsia* specialist and “Bromeliad addict” Jerry Domingo (thank you, Larry, for organizing that program), and our own members Elsie Horikawa, Mischa Kobayashi and Brian Taylor, Naty Hopewell, Merrill Cutting, Lynette Wageman, and especially David Fell, who took us from bromeliad basics to the nitty-gritty of bromeliad sex. Three members hosted meetings this year: thank you, Karen, Larry, and Naty for welcoming us to your homes and gardens. We continued our community service in the bromeliad garden (special thanks to the mud warriors Karen, Stan, Terese, Lynette, and Randy), and Gail oversaw our beautiful display in the Windward Orchid Society spring show.



## END OF THE YEAR CRAFT FAIR AND PARTY

Our final activities for 2019 were our successful participation in the East-West Center's holiday craft fair, and our year-end celebration at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden. The craft fair proved to be a financial and educational success, as we raised enough money to continue to fund a student worker to help maintain the Arboretum bromeliad garden, and we got to talk about bromeliad cultivation with interested customers (some of whom promised to join!). Many thanks to all who contributed plants, to Gail, Terese, and Val for organizing our participation, and especially to Santa's invaluable helpers Leslie and Chris, Dolores and Jaime, and Molly and Shar.

Besides enjoying great pot-luck food and scenery at our holiday get-together, members exchanged plants, and every member received a free donated plant! Thanks to Lynette for acquiring the plant donations, and to all for sharing great food and good cheer.

