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ELSIE'S FAVORITE TOOLS

Our featured speaker for July will be Elsie Horikawa, long-time member of the Hawai'i Bromeliad Society (as well as past director of the Anthurium Society and Cactus and Succulent Society). She will be sharing a list of her "indispensable" tools, including where to get them (cheaply) and how to use and take care of them.



The Bromeliad Society International's World Bromeliad Conference 2020, marking the 70th Anniversary of the BSI, will be held in Sarasota, Florida, from Tuesday, June 9, through Saturday, June 13, 2020. Registration, program, venue, tour, and hotel information is now available. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota, and events will include tours of two renowned bromeliad nurseries—Michael's Bromeliads, which includes Don Beadle's "Los Milagros" nursery, and Tropiflora, which was started by David and Linda Cathcart about the same time David and Sandi began growing bromeliads in Hawai'i—and a visit to the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, in addition to the usual array of distinguished speakers, a judged plant show, plant sale, and banquet with a rare plant auction.

BSI members can now register for the conference on the web site (www.bsi.org). The cost for members is \$295, and BSI has arranged for a \$149 room rate at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. An online link will be added soon for hotel reservations

To learn more about the conference, and keep informed about the latest updates, check out the Conference Corner on the BSI web site.

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JUNE MEETING

Saturday, June 29,
we meet at **Lyon Arboretum**
at **12:30.**

Our hospitality hosts are
Leslie and Chris and Susan.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2019

Lyon Arboretum

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Merrill Cutting, Naty Hopewell, Elsie Horikawa, Michelle Jang, Ed Nishiyama, Karen Rohter, Stanley Schab, Tom Stuart, Lynette Wageman (presiding). GUEST: Judy, Jean, and Hwang-Chi.

CONVENED: 12:40; ADJOURNED: 2:00.

Lynette welcomed everyone, and patted herself and Susan on the back for the food and drinks.

In particular, Lynette was pleased to welcome our guests—and now new members—Judy (a friend of long-time member Marie Grininger), and Jean and Hwang-Chi, who met Elsie at Karen Kim's recent plants and pottery sale, and were inspired to join.

HOSPITALITY: Our June hosts will be Leslie and Chris (food) and Susan (drinks).

PROGRAMS: Elsie will be the featured speaker at the June meeting. She will talk about her favorite gardening equipment.

OLD BUSINESS—HBS BROCHURE: Naty reported that she got some information from Brian about a very inexpensive brochure producer—under a dollar a piece—but it would mean ordering 2,500 copies for a price of about \$2,000, which would be more copies than we would need (and more money than we would want to spend). A decision on producing the brochure was put off to the next meeting when more members should be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS—LYON ARBORETUM BROMELIAD GARDEN: Karen and Stan described the work that (the few, the proud, the muddy) members are currently doing in the garden, and the discussed options for purchasing the needed supplies—specifically, weed cloth. Members voted

to reimburse garden crew members for expenses for supplies.

(Naty moved; Susan seconded; unanimous).

AUCTION: Thanks to all who donated items for the auction, including a healthy *Canistrum* from Tom, and specimens of *Aechmea gamosepala*, mini-*Neoregelia* 'Popoki,' Red Waif,' and 'Zoe,' and *Tillandsia bulbosa*, *capitata* (peach and yellow varieties), *concolor*, *latifolia*, *rayonesensis*, and *funckiana* (mounted in a coconut shell).

Kudos to Merrill and Stan for providing a short program on where to go to get information about bromeliads. The first place, of course, is our Society's own library, kept in the downstairs meeting room at Lyon Arboretum. Merrill brought in samples of the journals, pamphlets, and books that members can borrow (no charge if you return them!), with information on how to identify plants as well as grow and care for them, while Stan highlighted a few handy web sites, including those of the Bromeliad Society International (www.bsi.org), with its information on events, affiliates members like HBS, and the official BSI cultivar registry; the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (www.fcbs.org), with its excellent photo gallery; how-to videos on YouTube, such as those put up by Paul Isley at Rainforest Flora; and plant identification aides, such as the Facebook page Planet Bromeliad, and the app PlantSnap.

