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NO JUNE MEETING, BUT WE'RE SET FOR JULY 24

As you all know, the City and County of Honolulu has made it to Tier 4 of Covid protocols, which means parks and gardens are open to outdoor gatherings—so we will be taking advantage of the opportunity to have our first in-person meeting since last July. We have reserved a date at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden for **July 24**, in the same pavilion where we have had our end of the year parties. If you remember the pavilion, you know that there is plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the fresh air and company. As the map shows, the pavilion is at the end of the park road. Ho'omaluhia was booked for the last weekend in July, so we will be getting together one week early. There will be a meeting to catch up on business, a welcome back program, and of course, an auction. Hope to see you there.

HOURS DAILY:
9:00am to 4:00pm

CLOSED:
Christmas Day,
New Year's Day

THE BUS:
No. 55 (Kaneohe) and
No. 56 (Kaliua-Kaneohe)
both serve Windward
City Shopping Center.
Visitor Center is
2 miles from Bus Stop.

Plant List:
1. Stinging nettle palm
2. Ligularia plant
3. Heliconia
4. Rubber tree
5. Canna lily
6. Peach palm
7. Manisopa
8. Blue maroon
9. Noodle flower tree
10. Coral tree
11. Quercus
12. Mangrove
13. Cordoned
14. Pinus tree
15. Cashew
16. Dandelion leaf
17. Washington palm
18. Oil palm
19. Eucalyptus
20. Low cream bean tree
21. Hale
22. Rubberwood
23. Star palm
24. Lycopodium tree

SPEED LIMIT: 15mph
No driving or parking
on the grass.
No dogs allowed

LEGEND

Access road - dirt road
wide path - access path
narrow path - not maintained path
building - restrooms - pavilion
grassy area - featured trees
pond - stream
outlook - road sign - bridge
gate - no trespassing
parking area - off limits area

Honolulu Botanical Gardens © 2017
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*Ho'omaluhia means
"to make a place of peace and tranquility"*

HBS Pavilion

K. NUI
Sausage tree
Colville's glory
Tamarind
African gardenia
Mimusops
Albizia trees

Parking

Restrooms

Park entrance is by Luluku Road, off Kamehameha Highway (by Windward City Shopping Center/ Windward Nissan)

Plant List:
1. Flame tree
2. Umbrella palm
3. Star Hibiscus
4. Hibiscus tree
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PLEASE DO NOT HANDLE THE PLANTS. NEVER PUT ANY PLANT OR PLANT PART IN YOUR MOUTH. SOME PLANTS ARE POISONOUS AND/OR MAY CAUSE ADVERSE REACTIONS TO YOU.

During your visit you may encounter slippery surfaces, loose rocks, falling branches, thorny plants and exposed roots. For your safety, walking shoes are recommended.

ALWAYS EXERCISE CAUTION.

Picking/gathering of fruits, flowers, seeds and other plant parts is prohibited.

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NO JUNE MEETING

But we will meet on
Saturday, July 24, at
Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens,
at **Noon**.
Our hospitality hosts are
Terese and Stan.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF MAY 29, 2021

On Zoom

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, David Fell, Terese Leber (presiding), Wendie Liu, Larry McGraw, Bob Moffitt, Karen Rohter, Stanley Schab, Lynette Wageman, Randy Wong, and Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:35; ADJOURNED: 1:20.

Terese thanked everyone for reserving their time on the last Saturday of the month for the HBS meeting, and in particular, welcomed Bob, who was Zooming in from California, and Larry, who got up at dawn with the monkeys to dial in from a jungle surf camp in Java.

She reported that she talked to the staff at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden about reserving a pavilion for an outdoor meeting, and was told that they were only making reservations for groups of ten. She was told that she could try to make reservations for two groups, but that there would be no guarantee of shared space. However, if the City and County of Honolulu moves to Tier 4, which appears likely, Ho'omaluhia will allow outdoor gatherings of twenty-five. She noted that she will contact the Garden again and try to make a reservation for ten, in the hope that by the date of the meeting, we'll have reached Tier 4 (so urge everyone you know to get vaccinated, so we can meet in person!).

Terese also reported that Lyon Arboretum will be opening its grounds to the general public, by reservation, but that classroom meetings will still be limited to ten. If the University of Hawai'i goes back to in-person classes this Fall, the Arboretum rooms should again become available for our meetings

David and Larry graciously noted that later in the year, as things progress, it might be possible to meet at their homes. While Larry's away, he assured us, he does have a gardener coming in and a friend watering as needed, so he won't have to rebuild his collection based on what he can bring back from Indonesia.

TREASURER: Terese reported that the First Hawaiian Bank balance is \$12,580.01, the same as last month, but that proceeds from the Lyon Arboretum plant sale had not yet been deposited.

LIBRARY: Terese noted that, with the Arboretum opening up to the public again, we should be able to access our Library in the Arboretum classroom, and add the materials that have accumulated over the year.

PLANT SALE: Terese thanked everyone for all the contributions of time and effort and plants that led to our very successful participation in the Spring plant sale at Lyon Arboretum. We sold about 80 percent of the donated items, raising \$1,514.25 for HBS. Wendie noted that that was a good amount, considering that customers had to make online appointments to attend, and remarked that it had been fun talking to the people. Terese said that she liked the challenges involved in participating, but acknowledged that the sale was a lot of work. A couple of customers expressed interest in joining HBS, but no new members have signed up yet.

Terese reported that sale manager Tim Kroessig, the Arboretum's horticulturist, was already making plans for a Fall sale in November. She asked if we want to reserve a spot, considering the amount of money we currently have, the amount we would likely make from another sale, and the amount of work involved. David suggested that two consecutive plant sales are enough. Terese agreed that a third sale in less than a year could burn us out. If one goal is to increase members, David suggested that it might be more productive to find a public venue where we could put up a nice display, which would also take work but of a different kind.

BROMELIAD GARDEN SIGNAGE: Terese reported that Jesse Adams, of the Grounds and Collections staff at Lyon, had approached her about updating signs for the garden. The Arboretum now has the equipment to make its own signs, and he wants to update both the larger directional signs to the garden, and the signs identifying individual plants. She and Stan will meet with Jesse to discuss how to proceed. Members voted to

donate \$300 to the Arboretum to help pay for supplies for the new signs.

THE FOUNDING OF HBS: So how did a biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service become the founding president of the Hawai'i Bromeliad Society? Bob Moffitt provided some fascinating details of the creation of HBS. As late as the 1970s, there was no bromeliad club or organization in Hawai'i, but Bob had become interested in the plants through his father-in-law, Richard Lum (check out the Lisa Vinzant hybrid *Cryptanthus* 'Richard Lum'), and Bob also knew Elmer Lorenz, a founding board member and president of the Bromeliad Society International and a friend of Moffitt's parents. From Lorenz, Bob got names of people in Hawai'i interested in bromeliads, contacted them, and started the club. With Bob as the first president, HBS received its affiliate charter from BSI. Another founding member, Yoneo Sagawa, was director of Lyon Arboretum, which had only recently been opened to the public, and that connection led to the planting of the bromeliad garden at Lyon. We look forward to learning more from Bob about the early days of HBS.