



## Newsletter of the

# *Hawai'i Bromeliad Society*

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## BACK TO THE GARDEN

This March, HBS will return to our “home base,” Lyon Arboretum, for our first meeting there since January 2020. Following current University of Hawai'i protocols, the Arboretum is still closed to the public on Saturdays, but they are opening up specially just for us. A staff member will unlock the gate, and close it behind us—so don't be late, or you may have to jump the fence!

The meeting will focus on our various connections to the Arboretum. During the business portion, we will need to decide if we want to participate in the May 2022 Spring Plant Sale (see page 4). We will visit our Library, so members can refamiliarize themselves with the variety of resources they can borrow. And we will go to the bromeliad garden, so members can see what's been growing over the past few years—it's in surprisingly good shape, thanks to the dedicated work of Karen, Aziz, Terese, and Stan. **We will be able to drive close to the garden**, so you won't have to trek through the jungle. We will drive to an area that's about a 75-yard walk to the garden, uphill but not very steep, on a well paved trail.

HBS's connection with the bromeliad garden goes back over forty years; members have been donating plants and organizing and maintaining the site since 1980. Long-time members will remember regular work sessions on Saturday mornings, before meetings. (We're not going to ask you to weed next Saturday, but if you want to bring your clippers . . .). This will be a good chance for members to see the results of the work, time, and money HBS has dedicated to the garden.



### 2021 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS OF THE HAWAI'I BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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## MARCH MEETING

We will meet  
**Saturday, March 26,**  
at **12:30 p.m.,**  
at **Lyon Arboretum.**

## REPORT OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2022

At Hawai'i Kai Retirement Community

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Vanda Gill, Naty Hopewell, Michelle Jang, Terese Leber (presiding), Wendie Liu, Diana Miyasato, Leslie Morishige, Judy Nakamura, Karen Rohter, Dolores Roldan, Jaime Roldan, Stanley Schab, Chris Taylor, Lynette Wageman, Randy Wong, and Val Wong. Special Guest: Marie Grininger.

CONVENED: 12:20; ADJOURNED: 2:20.

Terese welcomed everyone to our first ever meeting at the Hawai'i Kai Retirement Community, with particular thanks to Judy for suggesting the venue and helping organize our visit, and to Community staff members Valery O'Brien, the Resident Experience Coordinator, Jonathan Hughes, the Assistant General Manager, and Adam Czmowski, the Community Advisor, for facilitating our visit (and for providing pitchers of cold water and cookies!). Adam also graciously offered a tour of the facilities following our meeting. Terese gave a brief explanation of the purpose, history, and activities of HBS for the Community residents who were able to attend the meeting, and she welcomed and introduced long-time HBS member and Community resident Marie Grininger.



TREASURER: Dolores reported that our current bank balance is \$16,227.36, which does not include an outstanding payment of \$1,300 to Lyon Arboretum—\$1,000 to fund student help in the Bromeliad Garden, and \$300 for use of facility spaces for meetings and our library.

LIBRARY: Leslie reported that she needs a key to the library cabinet; Terese said that she will have a copy made.

MEMBERSHIP: Terese circulated the updated membership list, and reminded members to give any corrections to Chris and Stan. For copies of the list, email Stan at [hawaii.bromeliad.society@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.bromeliad.society@gmail.com).

PROGRAMS: Terese asked members to let her know about any suggestions for meeting programs, particularly if they involve field trips, which everyone seems to enjoy.

OLD BUSINESS—OFFICERS FOR 2022: Terese again urged members to consider volunteering to serve as an HBS officer or chair, and explained the responsibilities of the positions, as laid out in the HBS bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS—STIPENDS FOR OFFICERS: Naty suggested that officers such as the president could be paid for performing their duties. This would recognize the work and time involved, and might encourage more volunteers to consider filling the positions. She also pointed out that, given the state of our finances, HBS could easily afford modest payments to the officers. Wendie noted that the officers and chairs are not employees of HBS, so any money should be considered an honorarium or stipend, rather than pay; she also mentioned that in other organizations, officers might receive a gift of appreciation rather than a payment. In response to the suggestion that HBS pay the annual dues for officers and standing committee chairs, it was pointed out that the dues are only \$15 a year. Suggested amounts for honoraria ranged from \$100 to \$300. Referencing the HBS by-laws, Stan reported that members may be reimbursed for any authorized expenses, but that Article 9, Section 2 of the by-laws prevents any HBS assets to be used for “personal advantage or benefit of, or be distributable to” its officers. Members voted

**to amend the by-laws to allow the payment of \$100 stipends to officers and chairs of standing committees, to be given at the beginning of their terms.**

(Naty proposed; Chris seconded; Motion passed 8 to 5; Stan and Terese abstained).

Stan observed that the thirteen votes cast constituted a quorum, and therefore the by-laws would be so amended. For a copy of the by-laws, email Stan. Karen noted that officers and chairs can always return their honoraria to HBS, if they would rather not accept them.

AUCTION: The meeting concluded with a spirited auction, including purchases by a few curious Community members. Thanks to everyone who donated plants, especially Dolores and Jaime for the *Neoregelia*.



## MEETING FOCUSES ON POPULAR BROMELIAD VARIETIES

For our meeting, the Community staff set up the spacious open-air lanai by their main entrance (staff members also expressed an interest in hosting a bromeliad display in their central atrium—if we want a future project!). Stan provided a brief program on the variety and identifying characteristics of a few popular genera: *Aechmea*, *Guzmania*, *Neoregelia*, *Vriesea*, and *Quesnelia* (at right).





## LYON ARBORETUM MAY PLANT SALE

It may seem as if we just completed a successful plant sale—we did, earning almost \$1,500 at the December event—but Lyon Arboretum is now planning for its Spring sale. We have received an invitation to participate, and the main business of the meeting will be to decide if we want to take part. We need to let the organizers know our decision by April 1.

The Arboretum has made some changes for this event. It will be held on **two days**, not three: **Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7**, just before Mother's Day. The sale will still run from 9 AM to 5 PM each day, and the event layout will be similar to the last sale. Lyon will again have a centralized cashier station run by Arboretum staff for any vendors.

They still plan to keep the attendance-by-reservation system, but the goal is to accommodate more customers, especially given the changes in COVID restrictions. The main parking lot will be reserved for customer parking. Vendors and volunteers can use the lot during setup and breakdown before and after the event, but not during sale hours. If space is available, we will be able to park on the gravel trail that leads out of the parking lot; otherwise, we will have to be dropped off, or park in upper Mānoa, where we can catch a shuttle.

We have the same issues to consider for this sale that we had last year. **1. Do we have enough plants?** At the three previous events, we had about 200 plants for sale. Given a realistic look at our gardens, would we have enough cleaned, labeled, inventoried plants ready to sell? **2. Do we have enough volunteers?** At the previous sales, we had about a dozen volunteers, many serving multiple three-hour shifts over the three days. For this sale, we would need to cover setup on Thursday afternoon, and the Friday and Saturday sale hours. Do members want to make this commitment for May, or hold off until the Fall sale?

We earned about \$1,800 at the Fall 2020 sale, \$1,600 at the Spring 2021 sale, and \$1,500 in December 2021, money that we used to fund a student worker in the bromeliad garden, as well as the usual HBS expenses. Our bank balance is currently over \$14,000, and because the Arboretum has not able to hire a student helper for this Spring, the money that we recently donated will carry over to Summer or Fall hires.

Please let Terese know what you think about our participating, particularly if you won't be able to attend the meeting on Saturday. We do need to reach a decision by the end of our meeting.

## SAMPLES FROM THE GARDEN

Anyone who can identify either of these plants (genus and species), gets a free cutting from the Bromeliad Garden.

