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MEMBERS ENJOY VISIT TO THE FELLS' HOME AND GARDENS

Last month's tour of David Fell and Sandy Kasman's house and gardens truly proved to be a highlight for HBS members. Sloping down from the foot of the Ko'olau mountains, the Fells' five-and-a-half acre property includes manicured lawns and landscaped areas; three-quarters of an acre of

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RIGHT: The Fells combine bromeliads with other plants, sculptures, and found objects to create expressive scenes and landscaped niches.

BELOW: Sandy regales HBS members with the saga of her "\$100 wheelbarrow," now a stunning planter in one of her flower gardens.



MAY MEETING TO FOCUS ON PLANT HEALTH

Unfortunately, not all our plants look as good as David and Sandy's. For our May program, Lynette Wageman will discuss sick and damaged plants—some of the causes (illness, insects, grower abuse!), and some of the things we can do to help our ailing plants get better.

PLEASE bring in samples of sick or damaged plants, especially if you don't know what may be causing the problem.

The meeting will also feature a slide show of photographs from our April visit to the Fells.

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MAY MEETING

This Saturday, May 26,
we meet at **Lyon Arboretum**
at **12:30.**

Our hospitality hosts are
Stan and Ed.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2018

David and Sandy Fell's home

ATTENDING: Susan Andrade, Dina Chuensangueonsat, Merrill Cutting, David Fell, Naty Hopewell, Mischa Kobayashi, Terese Leber (presiding), Leslie Morishige, Karen Rohter, Stan Schab, Tom Stuart, Brian Taylor, Randy Wong, Val Wong.

CONVENED: 12:50; ADJOURNED: 2:45.

Terese welcomed everyone, and expressed our heartfelt thanks to David and Sandy for inviting us into their home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mischa reported that about 180 people have signed up for our Instagram account; if members have any questions about how to sign up or how to post photos, she'll be happy to help.

TREASURER: Our April bank balance was \$12,656.

LIBRARY: Merrill will compare the new copies of bromeliad guides by Jack Kramer and Victoria Padilla, donated by Lynette Wageman, to the existing copies in our library; she will keep the ones in the best condition, and offer the other copies to members to purchase.

HOSPITALITY: Our hospitality hosts for May are Stan (food) and Ed (drinks).

"ROOTED IN PARADISE" FEATURED AWARD-WINNING BROMELIADS

On May 11–13, the Garden of Club of Honolulu sponsored "Rooted in Paradise," a Garden Club of America competitive flower show, at the Honolulu Museum of Art. The wide range of categories encouraged exhibitors to make varied and creative use of bromeliads, in displays of individual plants, such as the *Tillandsia xerographica* (right), which was named best single specimen in the horticultural category of plants owned and grown by an exhibitor for over five years, and in displays, artwork, photographs, and the many large-scale arrangements designed to honor May Moir, director of the floral program at the Honolulu Academy of Arts from 1963 to 1998.



What's New at the Arboretum? Neither trick photography nor CGI-enhanced super-plants, these bromeliads really are currently in bloom at Lyon Arboretum. Name these plants! And win a chance to come work in the garden with Aziz, Brian, Terese, Stan, Karen, Randy, Lynette, the Professor and Mary-Ann.



ENJOYING THE FELL'S' GROUNDS AND HOSPITALITY

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peach palms, cultivated for hearts of palm; rows of white pineapple, whose taste, members agreed, put to shame the usual store-bought varieties; lychee, avocado, curry leaf, clove, nutmeg, and fruit trees; as well as shadehouses containing thousands of bromeliads and other plants, such as

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RIGHT: Terese convenes the business meeting on the Fell's lanai.

MIDDLE LEFT: Sandy introduces HBS members to jabotica berries.

MIDDLE RIGHT: A tray of Sandy's gourmet appetizers, featuring home-grown hearts of palm, guacamole, and edible flowers.

BOTTOM LEFT: HBS members sample the herb garden.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A variegated *Alcantarea glaziouana*.



TOURING THE SHADEHOUSES

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anthuriums and philodendrons. Over the twenty-five-plus years that David and Sandy owned and operated Hawaiian Sunshine Nursery, David ran the Hawai'i Island facilities and provided technical support for Sandy, who managed the O'ahu nursery. Similarly, in their home and grounds today, David's horticultural expertise complements Sandy's artistic flair (and shared grunt work) to create memorable garden areas.

Thanks, David and Sandy, for welcoming us into your home, and sharing what you have learned and created.

RIGHT: David shares some of his techniques for bromeliad cultivation.

BELOW RIGHT: The shadehouses are divided into dedicated areas for growing particular *Tillandsia*, *Neoregelia*, *Vriesea*, and other cultivars.

BELOW: Sandy demonstrates how to strangle unruly *Tillandsia*.

